



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #2 Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed**



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. His Big Question is 'What's So Special about the Bible?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



"Deep Down Detectives! This is your third of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my hat. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word... God Uses It to ???? His People! 1 Peter 1:23. Hint: What's the Bible word for God forgiving our sins and making us His people? It rhymes with 'brave'."

1 Peter 1:23
**“You have
been born
again,**

**through the
living and
abiding
word of
God.”**



**For You Have Been
Born Again
1 Peter 1:23**

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to 1 Peter 1:23, and read: “You have been born again... through the living and abiding word of God.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the third way God's Word, the Bible, is so special?" he asked. "We think so! God uses His Word to work in our hearts, that we might be saved. This is called being born again because it's how we become part of God's family."



Q: WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE BIBLE?

A: IT ALONE IS GOD'S WORD...

GOD USES IT TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.

1 PETER
1:23

"Our Big Question is: What's So Special about the Bible? And the answer is: It Alone Is God's Word... God Uses It to Save His People!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 2
Tell Me More
Song



We read the Bible to learn about God and His plans. But God has also made His Word powerful to DO wonderful things inside of us. The Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and change us as we hear God's Word. He helps us turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through His Word and save us, too. Ask Him to help you!



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed"

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25



"Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word."

"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed.' Listen for who God's Word worked inside of and helped become followers of Jesus."

The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who were the fishermen?
2. What happened to them as they heard God's Word?
Who did they follow?

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1 Peter 1:23, ESV

"You have been born again... through the word of God."

When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, this is called being born again. That's because this is how God gives us a new life as one of His people. God uses His Word, the Bible to do this wonderful thing inside our hearts.

1. What happened as the fishermen listened to Jesus teach from God's Word, the Bible?
2. What did God's Holy Spirit help some of the fishermen write down?
Which of the fishermen wrote down the words to our Bible verse?

(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

Something to Grow Into



I. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen. Most every night, they went fishing on the Sea of Galilee. "Whoosh," they threw out their nets, then "grrrrrunt," they pulled them in filled with fish. Catch fish at night. Sell fish by day. That's what fishermen did.



2. But one night, the nets went out empty and came BACK empty... every single time! Sad Peter, Andrew, James, and John rowed their empty boat back to shore. No fish meant no money. They would just clean their nets and go to bed. Ugh! This was the worst night ever!



3. But then, someone came who would turn that worst NIGHT ever into the best DAY ever for those men. It was Jesus! He led a crowd of people near to where Peter, Andrew, James, and John worked. Jesus had come to teach God's Word, and He wanted these fishermen to hear.



4. As Jesus taught, God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of Peter, Andrew, James, and John. This was just as Jesus had planned. These men would become His disciples. He would teach them God's Word and prepare them to tell the whole world the good news of salvation.



5. When Jesus finished teaching, He said, "Get into your boat and row out onto the lake. Throw out your nets again." This was silly. Everyone knew fish only come out at night. But Peter grumpily obeyed, "We caught nothing all night, but because you say so, we will go back out."



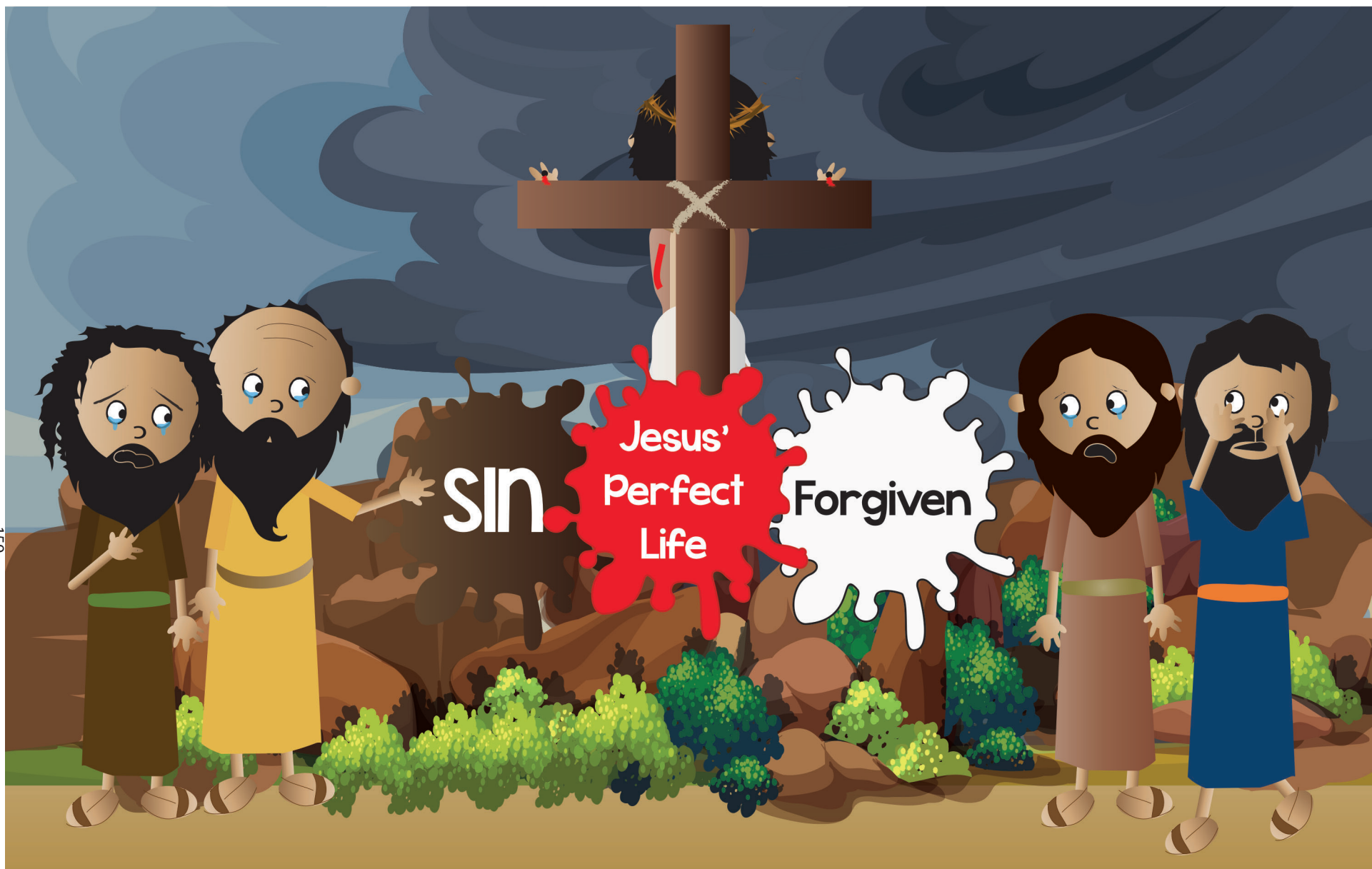
6. It was a good thing those fishermen DID obey Jesus, as they soon found out! They threw out the nets, then pulled them back so full of fish that they couldn't lift them into the boat!



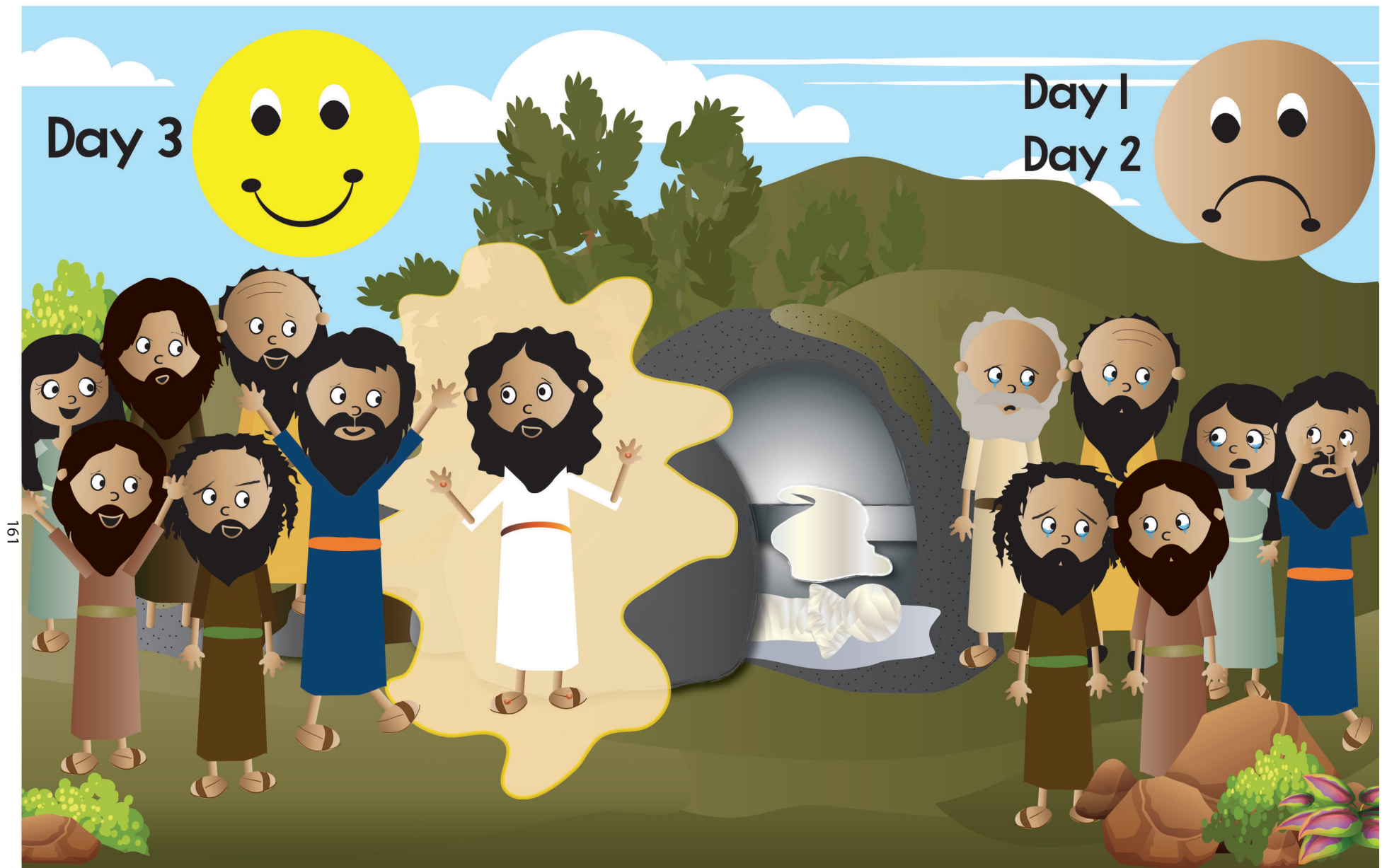
7. Once more, the Holy Spirit worked in those fishermen's hearts. Jesus had done something only God could do. "Leave your fishing nets and come follow Me," Jesus told them. "I'm making you fishers of men. You will bring God's Word to people, so they can learn about Me, the Savior, and be saved from their sins."



8. And that's what Peter, Andrew, James, and John did for three years. They listened to Jesus preach God's Word. They watched Him do many amazing things by God's power. Yes, Jesus **WAS** the Messiah, the Special One sent by God.



9. But what Jesus did at the end of those three years, was most amazing thing of all. Jesus choose to suffer and die on the cross. He gave up His life to pay for the sins of God's people. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were sad and confused. Was the Messiah supposed to die?



10. Jesus was buried in a cave-grave that day, but He didn't stay there. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory! How happy Peter, Andrew, James, John, and the others were! Yes! Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior! He had beaten sin and death for God's people!



II. For forty, wonderful days, Jesus taught His disciples from God's Word. Then, He gave them work to do: "Go into the whole world and teach everyone about Me!" The disciples were happy to obey. They watched many people trust in Jesus as their Savior.



12. God used these men not only preach His Word, but also to write it down. It was Fisherman Peter who wrote the words to our Bible verse. God has used the words they wrote down to help many people believe in Jesus and be saved. He can even use them to save you. Ask Him!

"The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed"

Q: "Who did God's Word work inside of, helping them become followers of Jesus?"

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ONLY THE BIBLE IS GOD'S PERFECT WORD...

God Uses His Word to Save His People



"God's Word worked inside of the four fishermen, helping them become followers in Jesus."

The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who were the fishermen? Peter, Andrew, James, and John.
2. What happened to them as they heard God's Word? Who did they follow?
God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and they began to believe in Jesus. They became Jesus' disciples, His special friends who followed Him as He taught God's Word and did amazing things.

For You and Me:
God can work in our hearts, too, when we hear God's Word. We can ask our teachers and our parents to help us understand what we hear. We can ask God to work in our hearts and help us to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Peter 1:23, ESV

"You have been born again... through the word of God."

1. What happened as the fishermen listened to Jesus teach from God's Word, the Bible?
God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts, and they began to believe in Jesus. They became Jesus' disciples, His special friends who followed Him as He taught God's Word and did amazing things.

2. What did God's Holy Spirit help some of the fishermen write down? Which of the fishermen wrote down the words to our Bible verse?
He helped them write down parts of His Word, the Bible. Peter did.

For You and Me:
God can work in our hearts, too, when we hear God's Word. We can ask our teachers and our parents to help us understand what we hear. We can ask God to work in our hearts and help us to believe in Jesus as our Savior. He can give us this special "new birth" from God.

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Something to Grow Into

What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...
God uses it to save His people!

The Gospel



God loves to use His Word to save people. He can use it to save us and make us His people. Take time to listen to God's Word. You can even listen to the stories of Jesus that God used Fisherman John and Fisherman Peter to write down.

Read about how Jesus offered up His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Read about that amazing third day, when Jesus rose up from the dead in victory, beating sin and death for God's people!

Because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven and we can become God's people! Ask God to help you to turn away from your sins (repent) and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



“God gives us His Word that we might be saved. Let’s pray to God now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You give us the good news that we can be saved from our sins!

Thank You for sending Jesus that we can become your people.

Work in our hearts as we hear Your Word. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love and obey You.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.

C God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.

T Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for what You tell us about You and about ourselves in it. Thank You for how You use it to save people like us from our sins, so we can be Your people.

S Work deep inside our hearts as we listen to Your Word, the Bible! Use it to help us turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)



“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #2

Simple Song



What's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word!
It alone is God's Word!
It's always true,
It can make you wise,
It can work pow'rfuly in your life.
It alone is God's Word!
It alone is God's Word!



Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught us today.

Big Question #2 Tell Me More Song

Refrain

What's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word, W
hat's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word.
There are millions and millions
of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
There are millions and millions
of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word.

Verse 1:

God's Word was written down
perfectly,
By godly men long ago,
The Holy Spirit worked through them,
Inspiring every word they wrote. Refrain

Verse 2:

God's Word is powerful and living,
It changes us, deep inside,
The Holy Spirit uses it
To make God's people like Christ.

Refrain

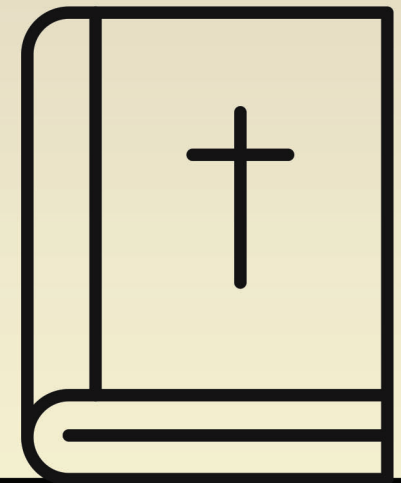


Here's a song that let's us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #2, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:
For You Have Been Born Again: 1 Peter 1:23



You have been born again, not of perishable seed,
But through the living and abiding word of God.
You have been born again, not of perishable seed,
But through the living and abiding word of God.
First Peter One, verse twenty-three.



"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

Big Question #2 Hymn

How Precious Is the Word Divine, v.1

Verse 1

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.



Big Question #2 Praise Song

The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.



"Let's praise the Lord for His wonderful Word, the Bible!"

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,
diggin' deep in God's Word,
For truths about God and His
plans for this world,
We're seeking to love Him, with
all of our heart,
We're Deep Down Detectives!
Come on! Let's start!



Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,
Raise your hand,
if you have something to say,
Don't touch your friend,
sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
These are our classroom rules,
These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,
Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.

