

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

**Interactive Stories from
the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum**



**4 Bible Truths from Big Question 1:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?**
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Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the “Bits and Pieces” section of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene is printed on the bottom of each scene.

Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and take home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home and in many classroom teaching situations.

Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4-6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

About Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Detective Dan's Big Question Box introduces children to the key concepts of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids and the Deep Down Detective curriculums in more of an interactive storybook format. It was created to be used with very little prep and is especially good for your youngest kids with the least attention span, and, for teaching situations where there is no time to prepare or your teachers have very little experience teaching. It is similar to Simple Story Scenes, but the concepts have been simplified and the stories shortened. Also, the music is woven into the format, instead of having to access it separately.

Format Overview

Every Detective Dan story follows the same, three-part format.

Part 1: The Kids and Detective Dan's Big Question

The kids receive a Big Question to solve from Detective Dan. They look in their Bibles and find the answer. They ask Detective Dan to tell them a Bible story related to what they are learning. (The QR codes to some of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids songs are also included on these pages, if you want to use them here.)

Part 2: The Bible Story

This is a shorter version (often much, much shorter) of the stories found in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, suitable for your youngest children. (Note: story texts in Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes resource is the same as the curriculum story text, if you want the full version.) There are listening questions that give the children something to listen for as they hear the story. (Note: there are two options of these questions: one for younger kids and one for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. After the story, the questions are answered, then there is a choice of two closing prayers: one for younger kids and another for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. There is also an optional gospel page that ties the gospel directly into the Bible truth/story, best for older kids. You can alternatively use the gospel songs to incorporate the gospel into every session via Wiggle and Worship Time music instead of this gospel text page. This is usually better for younger kids' attention spans.)

Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

The session ends with Wiggle and Worship Time, in which the kids sing songs related to what they are learning. (The Big Question and Answer song, the Bible verse song, and other songs.) QR codes allow teachers to directly access the songs with a smart device. Or, you can always download the songs onto a device in advance.

Why I Created This New Version

Post-Covid, our volunteer numbers of experienced teachers are still low. We needed a new version of the curriculum, so that even these very inexperienced teachers could easily teach the kids. Detective Dan fits this bill.

How We Use This Detective Dan's at CHBC

Currently, we are using all three parts, plus the briefcase and props, with our 4 and 5 year olds. But, we are only using Parts 2 and 3 with our three year olds; and only Part 3 with our two year olds. This has each group of kids learning what seems best suited for their age in our large, classroom settings. We don't use any of the questions/prayers for older kids, just the more simpler ones for younger kids.

Available Formats

Print Version

You can also choose to download or to purchase from Amazon, the regular, 8.5" x 11" size of Detective Dan. This will work just fine for smaller teaching situations.

Screen Version

You can also download Detective Dan and show on a screen. This is a very inexpensive way to make a large version of the curriculum with the printing expense. And, without having to decide where to store curriculum when not in use.

Need More?

Add in any of the games, coloring sheets, and other elements of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, as found on the praisefactory.org website. Deep Down Detectives Bits and Pieces section is best for this.

Using Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Prepare Your Materials

1. Choose a Big Question "Case" story to teach the kids.

2. Choose how you want to present the curriculum.

Print out/purchase from Amazon hard copies. Or, if displaying the curriculum on a screen, download the materials to a computer (or teach directly from the Praise Factory website -- Bits and Pieces section.) Connect your computer to the screen.

3. Choose which parts you want to use with your kids.

See previous page for a description of each part and what might be most suitable for your kids. Here's what we do:

2's Introduce the Big Question, then use Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

3's: Part 2: Introduce the Big Question and Answer, then use the Bible Story and Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

4's and older: Parts 1,2,3 as written, and we incorporate the props and briefcase, as mentioned below in #5 optional props.

OTHER, OPTIONAL PREPARATIONS

4. Prep for the music.

If using the music, you will need to connect to the internet or download the songs. You will likely want to get a portable bluetooth speaker to connect to your device to better amplify the songs. This is especially important if you are teaching a larger classroom of kids.

5. Prep the optional props.

You can simply read the story from the pages, without any additional props. However, we find our kids (older 3's, 4's, 5's and up) LOVE to be part of the story by use of a "real" briefcase and "real" props, mirroring those used in the stories. We purchase a child's size briefcase, then, cut out and laminate the detective props, found in the back of this book. Put the Big Questions inside the corresponding props. The kids will get to pick out the prop and pull out the Big Question during that part of the story.

6. Other resources we find useful.

A bell: We find a bell is a helpful way to call the kids gather for Bible Time.

Egg shakers: kids to enjoy shaking as they sing the songs during Wiggle and Worship Time.

Get Ready to Teach

1. Choose which "Case" you are teaching.

2. If using the music, connect your device to the internet. If amplifying the music through a speaker, connect your phone to the speaker via bluetooth or cord.

3. Put your resources in place.

- Story
- Bell
- Mp3 player and speaker
- Big Question Box
- Music Shakers

4. Pray.

Calling the Kids to Bible Time

1. Ring the bell.

2. Play the Gathering Song.

3. Ask kids to "park their toys" and join you in the Bible Time area.

4. Use the Criss-Cross Applesauce song to help kids to sit down and settle.

5. Pray the Opening Prayer.

6. Use the curriculum, whichever parts you are using with your kids. (See above)

Optional Briefcase and Props

Kids, ages 4 and up, love being a part of the story with the use of an actual briefcase and props. Here's how to make these props. Each pair of props form the front and back of a finished prop. There are 16 props, one for each Big Question. The Big Question is slipped inside the opening in each prop.

Assembling the Optional Props for the Big Question Briefcase

1. Go to praisefactory.org and download the Prop Pictures and Big Questions file from the Deep Down Detectives Bits and Pieces section on praisefactory.org.

This file will be located next to the Detective Dan Big Question Box files for each Bible Truth.

2. Pair Up.

Some are already attached and you cut them out as one and fold. Others, are two pieces that you will put together.

3. Cut out each pair of props.

Fold or piece back to back with picture sides outward.

4. Laminate each pair together, leaving one edge of the assembled piece un laminated, forming a pouch opening.

Do this by placing that edge along the side of the laminating sheet so that it doesn't seal when it goes through the laminator. You can also create the pouch opening by simply snipping one area of lamination. You can also enlarge your pouch opening this way, if you accidentally formed too small of an opening.

5. Cut out the Big Questions and laminate them.

6. Fold and place each Big Question in the props as follows:

Big Question 1	Clue Jar
Big Question 2	Magnifying Glass
Big Question 3	Shoe
Big Question 4	Sunglasses
Big Question 5	Invisible Ink Jar
Big Question 6	Bow Tie
Big Question 7	Badge
Big Question 8	Sock
Big Question 9	Camera
Big Question 10	Detective Hat
Big Question 11	Flashlight
Big Question 12	Watch
Big Question 13	Notepad
Big Question 14	ID Card
Big Question 15	Walkie-Talkie
Big Question 16	Wallet

7. Tip: We used a sharpie to write the number on the prop, too, so we didn't have to remember which Big Question goes into each prop, if one fell out.

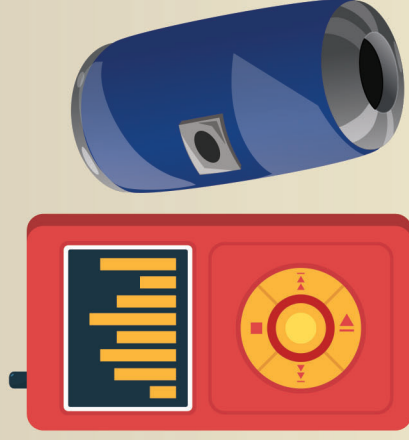
8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

Get Ready to Teach

1. Look on the title page for which Big Question you're teaching.



2. Power up the mp3 player & speaker. Open the playlist for your Big Question.



3. Put your resources in place:

- Bell
- Story
- Mp3 player and speaker
- Big Question Box (optional)
- Music Shakers (optional)



4. Pray!



Transition to Bible Time

1. Ring and Sing

Ring Bell

Sing "The Gathering Song"



The Gathering Song

"Let's gather together
to worship God,
Let's gather together
to worship God.
Come gather here with me."



2. Park and Come

"It's Bible Time, kids.

Park your toys, and
join me on the mat."



3. Settle with Criss Cross

Sing "Criss Cross
Applesauce Song"
to help kids settle.



Criss Cross Applesauce

(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down, please,
Hands in your lap.
Shhh... Look at me.





Let's Pray
Song

Let's Pray Song

1,2,3

Close your eyes,
Bow your head,
Fold your hands,
Let's pray!

Opening Prayer

Lord,
Work in our hearts.
Help us to listen and learn about You.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

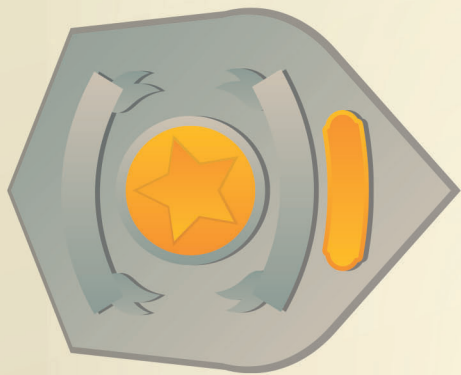


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #1, Bible Truth 1:

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside



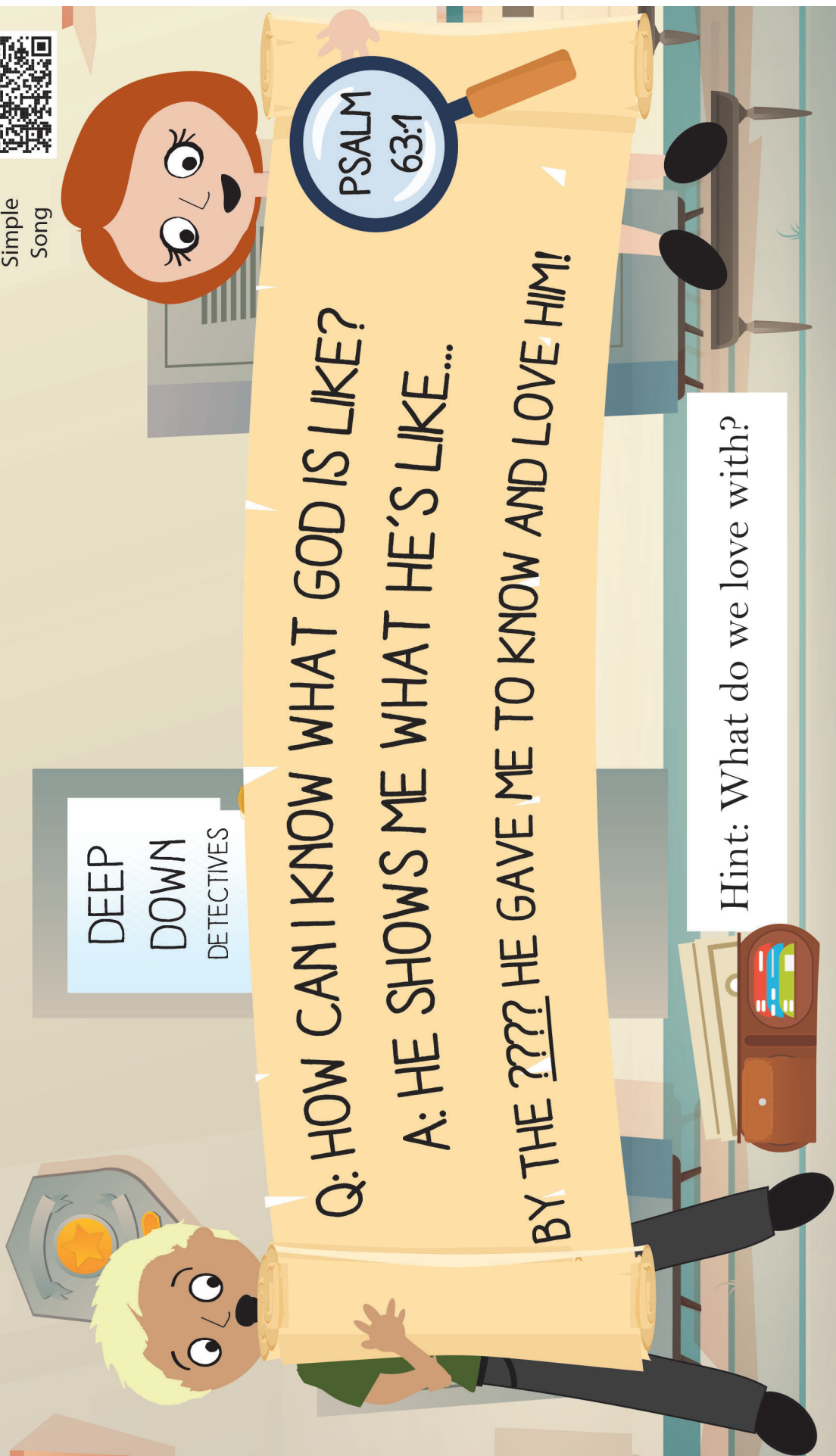
Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!



“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a **new** Big Question for us. It says, ‘How Can I Know What God Is Like?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



"Deep Down Detectives! This is your first of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my wallet. 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: "How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like... By the i?? He Gave Me to Know and Love Him! Psalm 63:1." Hint: What do we love with? It rhymes with cart."

Psalms 63:1

**O God...
earnestly I
seek You;
my soul
thirsts
for You."**



O God, You
Are My God
Psalms 63:1

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalms 63:1, and read: "O God...earnestly I seek You; My soul thirsts for You."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the first way God shows us what He's like?" he asked. "We think so! 'Soul' is the Bible word for the heart God gave us to seek Him and know Him. And a heart is what we love with."



Big Q & A 1
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: How Can I Know What God Is Like? And the answer is: He Shows Me What He's Like... by the HEART He gave me to know and love Him!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 1
Tell Me More
Song



“God made people with a special heart, so they could know and love Him. This isn’t the heart that pumps blood through our body. This is something very different. We can’t feel this heart inside of us like we can feel the heart that beats in our chest. This heart is even more amazing! THIS heart will never die—it lives forever! The Bible also calls this heart a spirit or a soul. And it’s with this very special heart that God shows us what He’s like.”



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside”

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23



“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 Young Man with Something Special Inside.’ Listen for the something special in this young man that helped him know and love God.”

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside

| Samuel 17:1-II, 34-58, Psalms 19,23

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the young man?

2. What was the something special he had inside?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 63:1,5, ESV

"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water..My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips."

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God?

2. How did God satisfy his heart?

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

Something to Grow Into



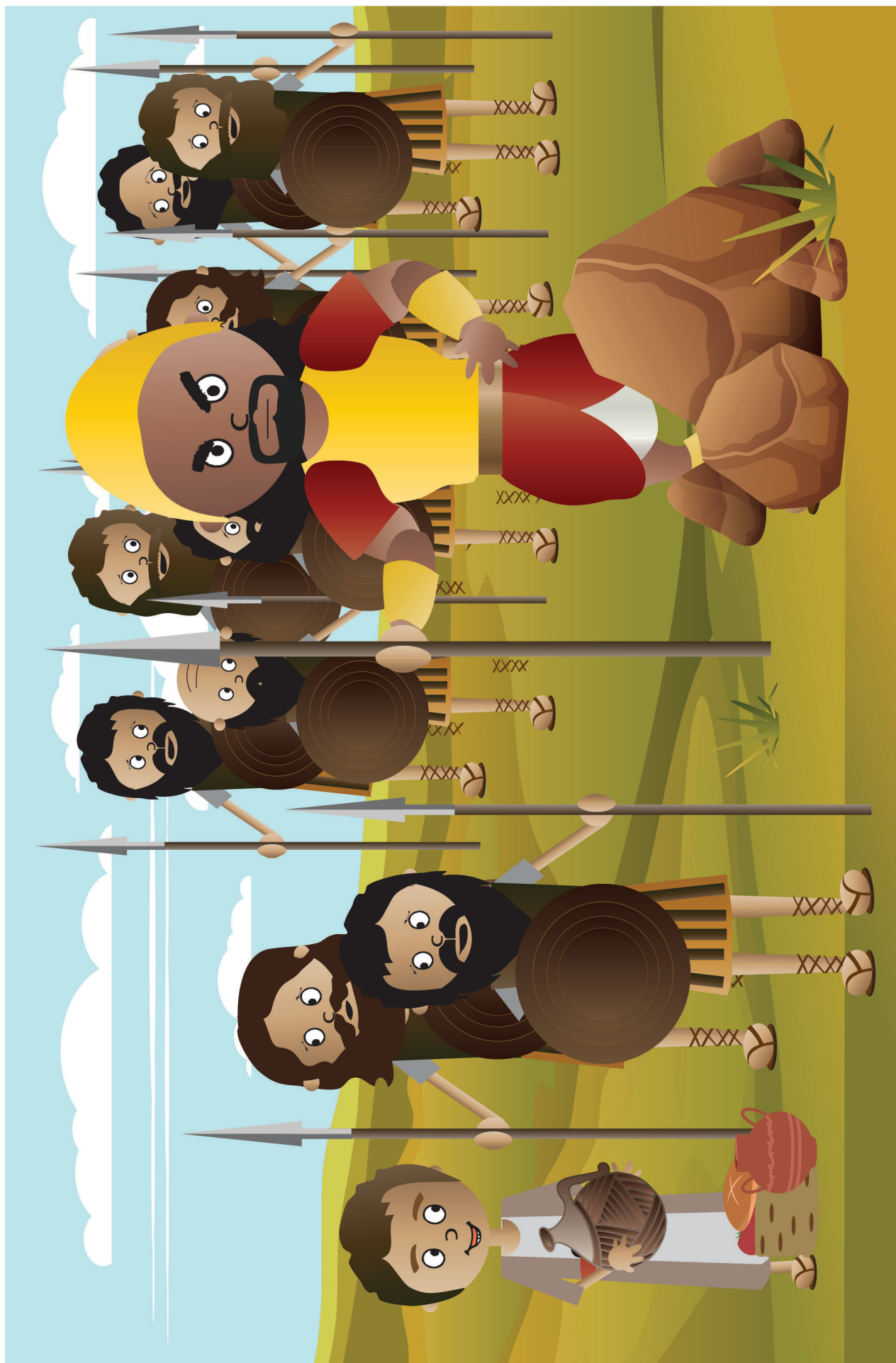
1. David was a shepherd boy. He loved God and sang songs to Him. God spoke to David in his heart as David prayed to God and thought about His Word.



2. Sometimes, a hungry lion or bear would come to eat a sheep. God gave David courage in his heart. He helped David fight off the animal with his sling, and sometimes, with his bare hands!



3. David praised God for his help!



4. One day, David took food to his brothers. They were supposed to be fighting off their enemies, the Philistines, but they were too scared of Goliath. He was nine feet tall and had a huge sword.



5. WHO could beat a giant like Goliath with his big sword? David knew who: God could!
"Let me fight him!" David told King Saul. "God will help me beat Goliath!"



6. "The LORD helped me fight lions and bears. Goliath is no different," David told King Saul.

"You can't beat me!" Goliath laughed at David. "You are too small."

"I come in the name of the living God," David told Goliath. "He will help me strike you down."



7. David went down to the stream and gathered stones for his sling.



8. David put a stone from the river in his sling. He swung it round and round, then let it go... THUD!
Down went Goliath!



9. David knew God in his heart. Now, everyone could see that the LORD was the one, true living God, too. Together, they all praised the LORD.

“The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside”

Q: “What was the something special inside David that helped him know and love God?”

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kids



THE LORD SHOWS US WHAT HE'S LIKE...

By the Heart He have us to know and love Him.

A: “David knew and loved God with the special heart God puts inside every person... even you!”

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the young man? David.
2. What was the something special he had inside?
A heart to know and love God, given to him by God. A heart filled with the special happiness that only God can give.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God has given us a heart to know and love Him. We can ask God to show us what He's like and help us to know and love Him. We can ask God to give us His special kind of happy like He gave David.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 63:1,5, ESV

"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water...My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips."

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God? David did.
2. How did God satisfy his heart? David spent time learning about God, thinking about God, talking to God, and living for God. As he did, God worked in David's heart, satisfying him, giving him the special kind of happy that comes only from God.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God wants us to learn about Him, think about Him, talk with Him and live for Him. He wants to satisfy our hearts with Himself and His special kind of happy like He gave to David. We can ask Him to help us.

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
By the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

The Gospel

God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. But sadly, we all have chosen to turn away from God and live life our own way. This sin separates us from God.

Only with God's help, we can know Him or be His people.

But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for people to know and love God once more. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people!

God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now.

And one day, go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

“The LORD can show us what He’s like, too. He loves to help us. Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You show us what You are like!

Thank You for giving us a heart to know and love You.

Work in our hearts. Show us more of You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

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A Prayer

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A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!

C In our hearts, we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don't want to. Please forgive us. Please change our hearts so that we want to know and obey You.

T Thank You for helping us to learn more about You. Thank You for wanting us to know You.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Put in our hearts the special kind of happy that only You can give. Help us to go and tell others what we've learned.

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!)

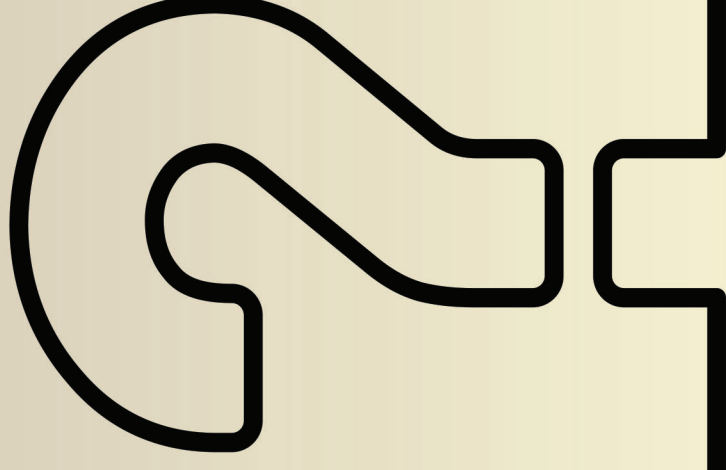


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #1 Simple Song

**How can I know what God is like?
God is like? God is like?**

**How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!**



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

Big Question #1 Tell Me More Song

I have a very big question,

a big question 'bout God,

I have a very big question,

It's Big Question Number One,

I wanna know...

Refrain:

How can I know what God is like?

How can I know what God is like?

How can I know what God is like?

He shows me what He's like!

Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,

He made everything I see.

Big tall mountain, galloping horses,

Every little bird and bee. Refrain

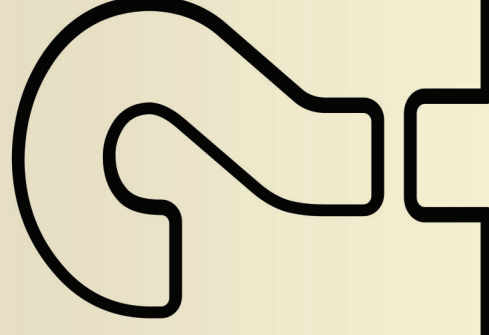
Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,

To learn of His might deeds,

But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,

God shows Himself to me. Refrain



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

Big Question #1, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:

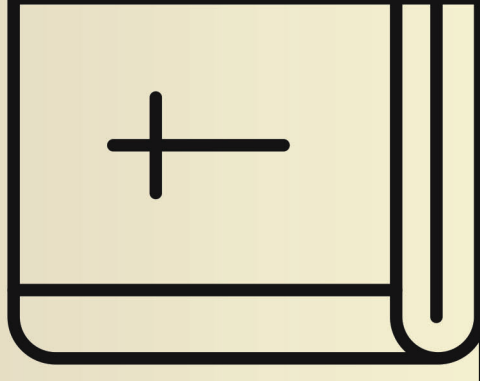
O God, You Are My God, Psalm 65:1,5

Refrain:

O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You,
O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You,
earnestly seek you.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.
Refrain

My soul shall be, My soul shall be satisfied,
Satisfied, as with rich food, and my mouth will praise you,
My soul shall be, My soul shall be satisfied,
Satisfied, as with rich food, and my mouth will praise you.
Refrain
Psalm Sixty-three, one and five.



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

Big Question #1 Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
Heart's unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Heaven an earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.



Big Question #1 Praise Song

Oh, Oh, Oh, How Good Is the Lord

Verse 1

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
I never will forget what He has done for me.

Verse 2

He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
I never will forget what He has done for me

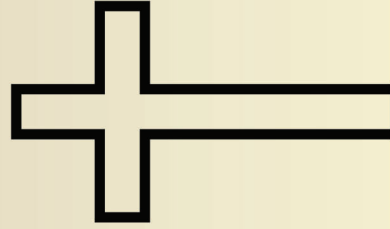


"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He shows us what He's like!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,
But God sent His Son to save,
All who turn back to Him, and pray:
"Jesus, be my Savior,
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L?
What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?
What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is!
Salvation through faith in Christ,
That's what the gospel is.

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd won the fight,
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.

"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus."

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. David was a shepherd boy. He loved God and sang songs to Him. God spoke to David in his heart as David prayed to God and thought about His Word.**
- 2. Sometimes, a hungry lion or bear would come to eat a sheep. God gave David courage in his heart. He helped David fight off the animal with his sling, and sometimes, with his bare hands!**
- 3. David praised God for his help!**
- 4. One day, David took food to his brothers. They were supposed to be fighting off their enemies, the Philistines, but they were too scared of Goliath. He was nine feet tall and had a huge sword.**
- 5. WHO could beat a giant like Goliath with his big sword? David knew who: God could!**
"Let me fight him!" David told King Saul. "God will help me beat Goliath!"
- 6. "The LORD helped me fight lions and bears. Goliath is no different," David told King Saul.**
"You can't beat me!" Goliath laughed at David. "You are too small."
"I come in the name of the living God," David told Goliath. "He will help me strike you down."
- 7. David went down to the stream and gathered stones for his sling.**
- 8. David put a stone from the river in his sling. He swung it round and round, then let it go... THUD! Down went Goliath!**
- 9. David knew God in his heart. Now, everyone could see that the LORD was the one, true living God, too. Together, they all praised the LORD.**

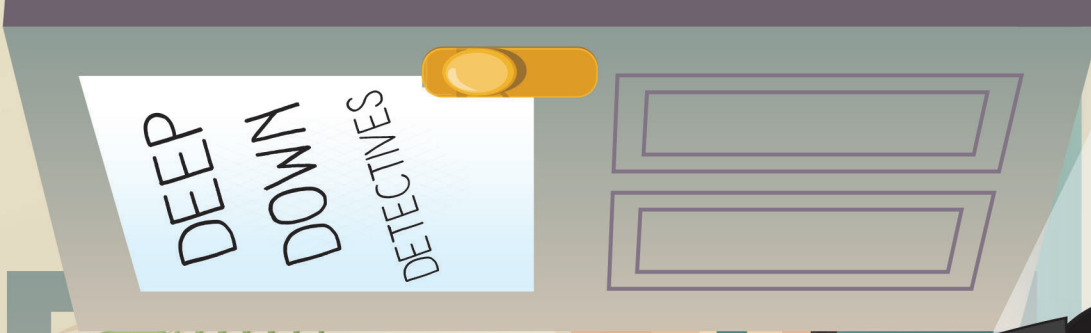


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #1, Bible Truth 2:
The Case of the Whispering World**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



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 ‘How Can I Know What God Is Like?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what clue he gives us.”



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



DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE?

A: HE SHOWS ME WHAT HE'S LIKE...

IN ???? I SEE AROUND ME!

Hint: "What did God make
that we see around us?"



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like... In ???? I see around me! Psalm 19:1." Hint: "What did God make that we see around us?"

Psalms 19:1

**The heavens
declare
the glory of
God,**

**the sky
proclaims
his
handiwork.”**



The Heavens Declare
Psalms 19:1

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalms 19:1, and read: “The heavens declare the glory of God, the sky proclaims his handiwork.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this way God shows us what He's like?" he asked. "We think so! God made the sky and everything else in our world. They all show us something about His goodness, greatness and beauty. That's how they tell us what He's like."



“Our Big Question is: How Can I Know What God Is Like? And the answer is: He Shows Me What He’s Like... in **EVERYTHING** I see around me!” “Great job, kids! You did it!”



“God made everything. When we look at all the wonderful things He’s made, God shows us what He is like. I look at the mountains God made, and I see that God must be very powerful. I look at the sky full of stars, and I know God must be very great. I look at the beautiful flowers, and I know God must love beautiful things. I look at a mother gently taking care of her children, and I see a little bit of God’s love and tenderness. Everything that God made tells me about Him.”



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Whispering World”

Acts 14



“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 Whispering World.’ Listen for who Paul says the whole world whispers to us about.”

The Case of the Whispering World Acts 14

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?
2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 19:1-4, ESV:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made?
2. What did he want those people to know and do?

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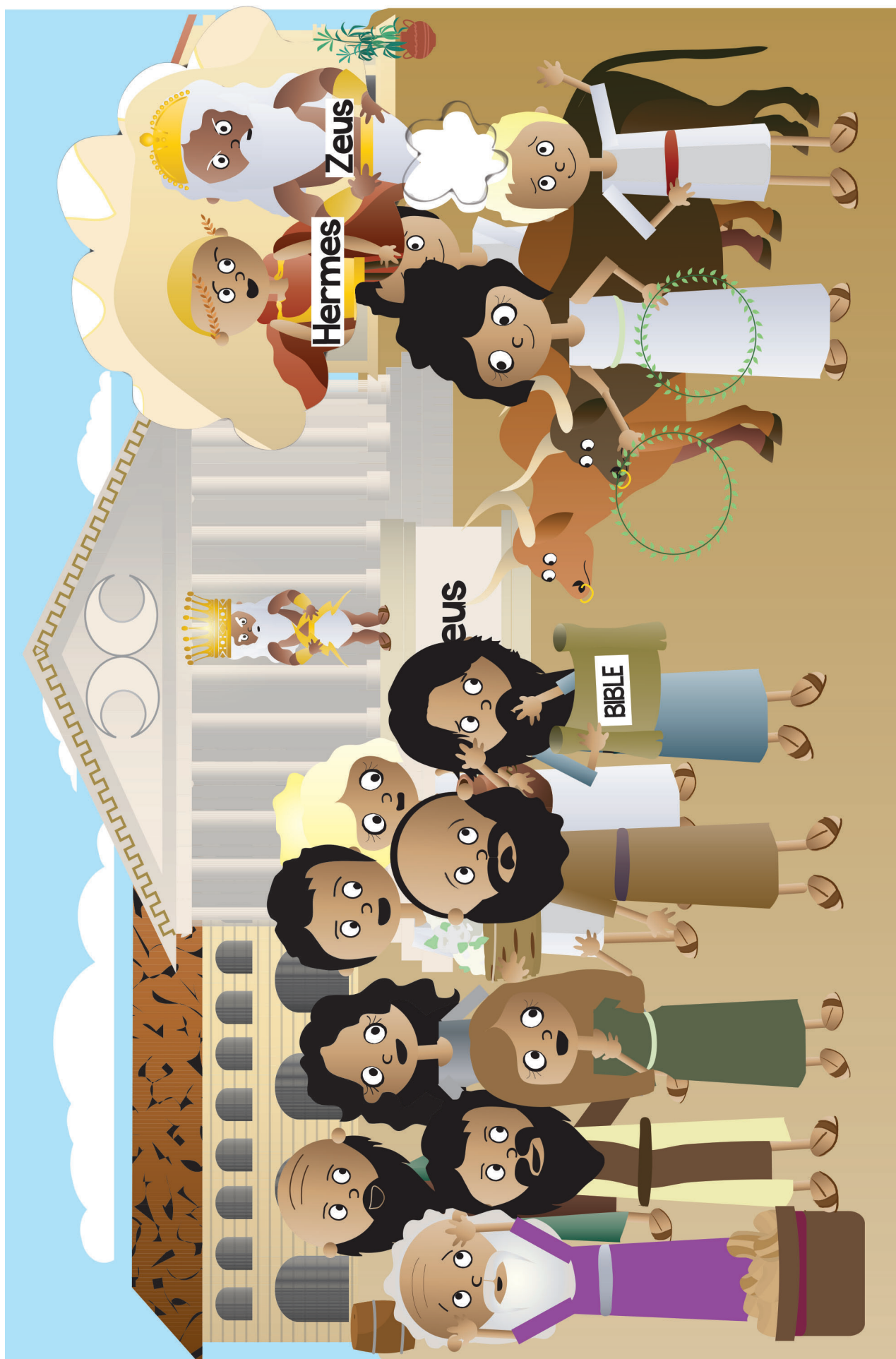
I. Paul and Barnabas went to a town called Lystra. No one in Lystra knew about Jesus. They worshipped fake gods. So, Paul and Barnabas shared the good news of Jesus with them.



2. A lame man heard the good news of Jesus. His legs didn't work, but his ears did! The Holy Spirit worked in his heart, and he believed! Paul and Barnabas were so excited!



3. Then, God used Paul to give the lame man another gift. "In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk!" Paul told the man. The man believed in Jesus and obeyed Paul. He sprang up and walked!



4. "These must be gods!" the crowd shouted. "Let's worship them.!" the people said. They made leafy crowns and brought fat bulls to give Paul and Barnabas as worship gifts.



5. "Don't worship us!" Paul said. "Worship the one, true God, the maker of everything in this world you see and enjoy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to save you from your sins."



6. Just then, enemies came. They told the crowd lies about Paul and Jesus, and made them angry. They threw stones at Paul, and dragged him out of the city. They thought he was dead.



7. But Paul wasn't dead! And not everyone hated Paul and Jesus. Some, like the healed, lame man, believed God's message about Jesus. They carried Paul to their home to care for him.



8. As Paul and Barnabas left Lystra, Paul was hurting on the outside, but happy on the inside. Now, there were believers in Lystra who could keep telling others the good news of Jesus!

“The Case of the Whispering World”

Q: “Who did Paul say the whole world whispers to us about?”

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THE LORD SHOWS US WHAT HE'S LIKE...

In Everything I See Around Me!



A: “The LORD is the maker of our world and everything He made tells us something about Him.”

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SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who is the great Creator that the world whispers to us about?
The LORD, the one, true God.

2. Who did Paul tell about this great Creator? What did he hope they would do?
Paul told the people of Lysira about Him. He hoped that they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:
Like the people of Lysira, we can look around us and learn about the LORD, the one, true God who made everything. We can see how good and great He is.

And, like the people of Lysira, the best thing we can do to know God is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people. This is how we can know God and His wonderful love for us!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 19:1-4, ESV:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

1. Who did Paul want to learn about God by looking at the sky and everything else that God had made? The people of Lysira.

2. What did he want those people to know and do?
Paul wanted them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, so they could be saved and could be God's dearly-loved people forever.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Lysira, we can look around us and see what God is like. How good He has been to us! How many ways He has cared for us and given us good things to enjoy. Best of all, God has told us the good news of Jesus. Like the people of Lysira, He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can be His people who know Him and His wonderful love for us.

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
in everything I see all around me!



Gospel Songs

The Gospel

All around us, we see the good things God made. They tell us about Him. They remind us that He is our Maker and the King of the whole world. We should worship and obey Him. Sadly, we have each chosen to live life our own way, instead. We deserve His punishment because of this. How terrible!

But God is so kind to us! He has made a way for us to be saved from our sins and to become His people! How? By sending Jesus to live a perfect life, then give it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus did this as He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus died, but He didn't stay that way. On Day Three, He rose from the grave. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people.

We can become God's people, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, God will forgive our sins, and we can enjoy wonderful, special closeness with Him in our hearts, now. And one day, we will get to live with Him forever. How wonderful that will be! Ask God to help you trust in Jesus. He loves to answer this prayer!



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“The LORD can show us what He’s like, too. He loves to help us. Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You show us what You are like!

Thank You for showing us what You are like as we look at all You’ve made in the world around us.

Work in our hearts. Show us more of You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We look all around us at the wonderful things You have made and we see how wonderful You are!

C God, when we look at all the things You have made, we know that You are the great, One, True God. We know that we should obey You, but many times we don't. Please forgive us through Jesus. We need a Savior!

T Thank you for wanting us to know You. Thank You for all the beautiful things that You have made and all they tell us about You!

S Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to think about You and know what You are like, as we look at everything You have made. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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!)

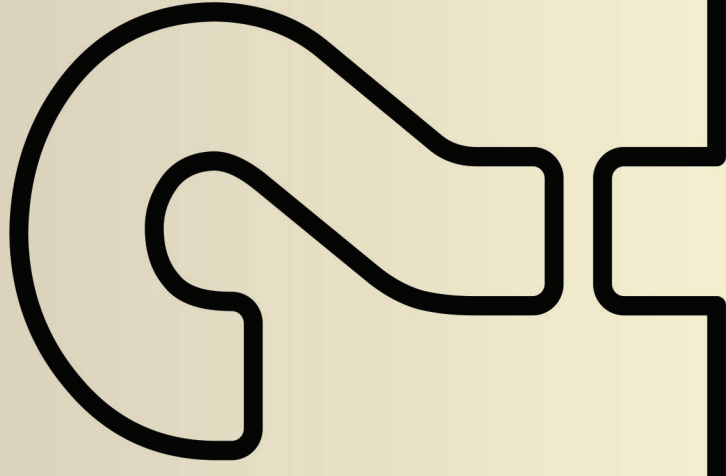


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #1 Simple Song

**How can I know what God is like?
God is like? God is like?**

**How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!**



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

Big Question #1 Tell Me More Song

I have a very big question,

a big question 'bout God,

I have a very big question,

It's Big Question Number One,

I wanna know...

Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,

To learn of His might deeds,

But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,

God shows Himself to me. Refrain

Refrain:

How can I know what God is like?

How can I know what God is like?

How can I know what God is like?

He shows me what He's like!

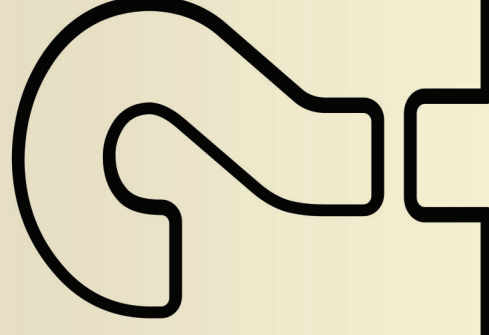
Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,

He made everything I see.

Big tall mountain, galloping horses,

Every little bird and bee. Refrain



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

Big Question #1, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

The Heavens Declare: Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God,

The sky proclaims His handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,

Night to night reveals knowledge,

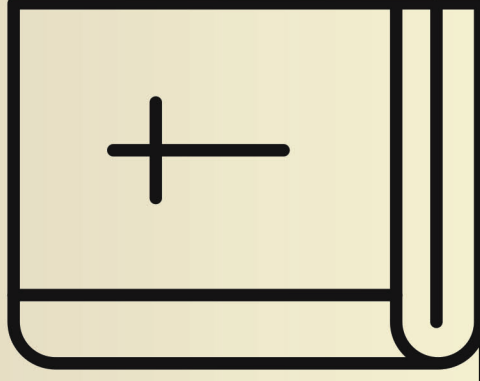
There is no speech who's voice is not heard,

Their words go out to the end of the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

The sky proclaims His handiwork.

Psalm Nineteen: one through four.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #1 Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
Heart's unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Heaven an earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.



Big Question #1 Praise Song

Oh, Oh, Oh, How Good Is the Lord

Verse 1

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
I never will forget what He has done for me.

Verse 2

He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
I never will forget what He has done for me

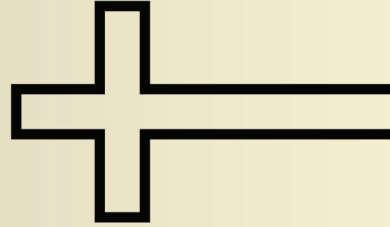


"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He shows us what He's like!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,
But God sent His Son to save,
All who turn back to Him, and pray:
"Jesus, be my Savior,
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L?
What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?
What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is!
Salvation through faith in Christ,
That's what the gospel is.

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd won the fight,
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.

"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus."

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the Whispering World Acts 14

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. Paul and Barnabas went to a town called Lystra. No one in Lystra knew about Jesus. They worshipped fake gods. So, Paul and Barnabas shared the good news of Jesus with them.**
- 2. A lame man heard the good news of Jesus. His legs didn't work, but his ears did! The Holy Spirit worked in his heart, and he believed! Paul and Barnabas were so excited!**
- 3. Then, God used Paul to give the lame man another gift. "In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk!" Paul told the man. The man believed in Jesus and obeyed Paul. He sprang up and walked!**
- 4. "These must be gods!" the crowd shouted. "Let's worship them.!" the people said. They made leafy crowns and brought fat bulls to give Paul and Barnabas as worship gifts.**
- 5. "Don't worship us!" Paul said. "Worship the one, true God, the maker of everything in this world you see and enjoy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to save you from your sins.**
- 6. Just then, enemies came. They told the crowd lies about Paul and Jesus, and made them angry. They threw stones at Paul, and dragged him out of the city. They thought he was dead.**
- 7. But Paul wasn't dead! And not everyone hated Paul and Jesus. Some, like the healed, lame man, believed God's message about Jesus. They carried Paul to their home to care for him.**
- 8. As Paul and Barnabas left Lystra, Paul was hurting on the outside, but happy on the inside. Now, there were believers in Lystra who could keep telling others the good news of Jesus!**

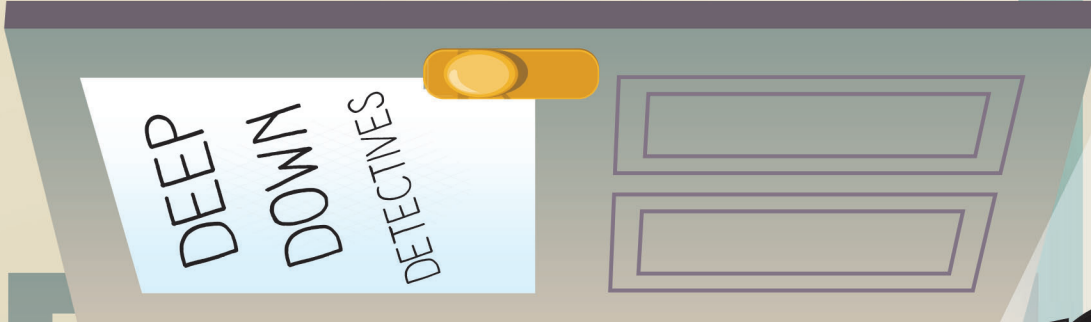


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #1, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Word on Wheels**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



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 'How Can I Know What God Is Like?' 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 ID card. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”

Big Q & A 1
Simple
Song



Q: HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE?
A: HE SHOWS ME WHAT HE'S LIKE...
IN THE ???, THE PERFECT WORD OF GOD!



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Hint: "What's the name of the
book that is God's Word?"



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like... In the ???, the Perfect Word of God! Psalm 119:18." Hint: "What's the name of the book that is God's Word?"

Psalms 119:18

**“Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of
your law.”**



Open My Eyes
Psalm 119:18

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 119:18, and read: “Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this way God shows us what He's like?" he asked. "We think so. Only the Bible is God's Word. We can ask God to show us what He's like as we read about Him and His good rules (laws.)"



"Our Big Question is: How Can I Know What God Is Like? And the answer is: He Shows Me What He's Like... in the BIBLE, the Perfect Word of God!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 1
Tell Me More
Song



“The Bible is God’s Word. God used many people to write down His Word just right. The Bible is filled with stories about God, His plans, and the wonderful things He has done for us. When we read the Bible, God shows us what He is like and fills our hearts with truth about Him. We see how great God is, how good God is, and how wonderful is His love for people like you and me!”



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Word on Wheels”

Acts 8



“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 Word on Wheels.’ Listen for who the man on wheels was, and what God used the Bible to show the man.”

The Case of the Word on Wheels Acts 8

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was on wheels?

2. Whose word was he reading? What happened when he read it?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 119:18, 72-73, ESV

"Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law."

1. This Bible verse is a prayer for God to help us understand His Word. Who wanted to understand God's Word in our story?

2. Who helped him understand God's Word? What happened?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. God's Holy Spirit helped people write down His promises and laws and good works in the Bible. This is where we read the good news that Jesus came to pay for God's people's sins, so they could know God, and one day, live with Him in heaven forever.



2. Philip heard Jesus teach from the Bible, and saw the amazing things He did. When Jesus died on the cross, and rose from the dead, Philip believed Jesus was God's Son, the Savior God promised in the Bible to send.



3. Now, it was time to share the gospel of Jesus with everyone. Philip and Jesus' other followers started telling the good news to the people in Jerusalem; but, they didn't stop there.



4. Many went to faraway places to share the gospel. Philip went to a land called Samaria.



5. God sent an angel to give Philip a special job: "Go down the old road to Gaza." Philip obeyed. Soon, he saw a chariot with an important, African man in it. He was reading the Bible!



6. "Go talk to that man," the Holy Spirit told Philip. The man was reading one of God's promises about Jesus, but he didn't understand it. So, Philip got in the chariot and told him about Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in the man's heart as he listened, and he believed.



7. "Here's water," the man said as they passed a stream. "Please baptize me! I choose to live a new life for God," the man said. Philip and the man waded into the water and Philip baptized him.



8. The African man was so happy! He understood the promises of God's Word. He believed in Jesus and had become one of God's people. He would go home and tell others about Jesus, too.

“The Case of the Word on Wheels”

Q: “Who was the man on wheels? What God used the Bible to show him?”

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THE LORD SHOWS US WHAT HE’S LIKE...

In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God!



A: “God used the Bible to tell the African man the good news of Jesus. He heard and believed!”

The Case of the Word on Wheels Acts 8

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. Who was on wheels?
The African man.

2. Whose word was he reading? What happened when he read it?
He was reading God's Word, the Bible. He didn't understand who the promises were about until God sent Philip to help him understand. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart and he was saved.

For You and Me:
Like the African man, God has given us His Word, the Bible. We can read it and learn about God's promises about Jesus in it. We can ask our teachers and our parents to help us understand what we hear. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 119:18, ESV

"Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."

1. This Bible verse is a prayer for God to help us understand His Word. Who wanted to understand God's Word in our story?
The African man.

2. Who helped him understand God's Word? What happened?
Philip and God's Holy Spirit. Philip helped the man understand that these promises were about Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart and helped him trust in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:
God wants us to understand His Word, too. He wants us to see how Jesus came and made all these promises come true. We can ask God to help us to understand His Word; and, help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior, too.

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
in the Bible, the perfect Word of God!

The Gospel

The man from Africa was so excited to hear about Jesus from God's Word, the Bible! He rejoiced to hear that God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, and offer it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus did this as He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

The African man turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior that day. He became one of God's people. This is how we can become one of God's people, too. And if we do, God will forgive our sins and we can know God in our hearts now. And one day, we will go to live with Him in heaven forever.

That will be best of all! Ask God to help you trust in Jesus.

He loves to do this.

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

“The LORD can show us what He’s like, too. He loves to help us. Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You show us what You are like!

Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible, so we can know You and how to obey You.

Work in our hearts. Show us more of You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise you for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.

C God, You show us in the Bible who You are and how You want us to live, but many times we don't act like we want to know You. Many times we don't obey Your good ways. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us the Bible to know You and Your good ways better.

S Work deep inside our hearts, so we can know more and more of You! Help us to know what You are like when we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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!)

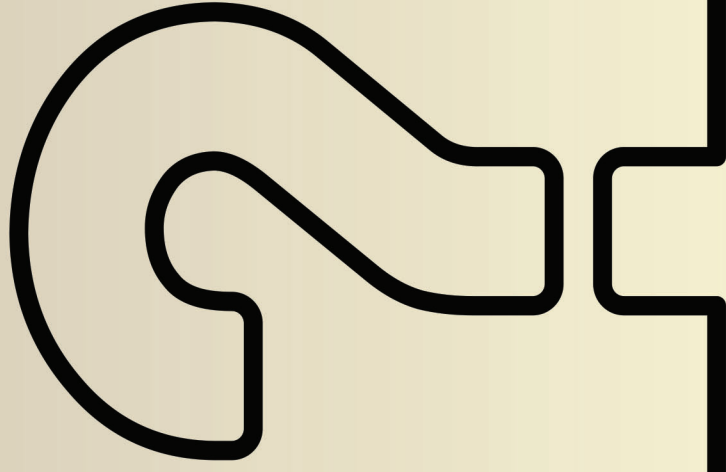


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Big Q & A #1 Simple Song

**How can I know what God is like?
God is like? God is like?**

**How can I know what God is like?
He shows me what He's like!**



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

Big Question #1 Tell Me More Song

I have a very big question,

a big question 'bout God,

I have a very big question,

It's Big Question Number One,

I wanna know...

Verse 2:

He gave us the Bible, His Word,

To learn of His might deeds,

But most of all, through Jesus, His Son,

God shows Himself to me. Refrain

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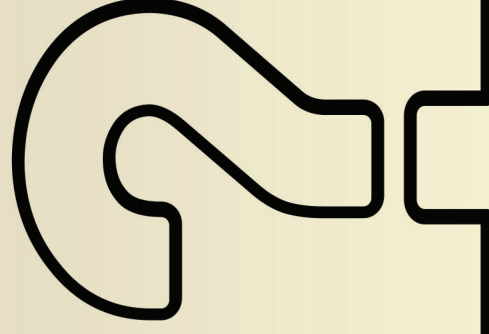
Verse 1:

My heart can know and love God,

He made everything I see.

Big tall mountain, galloping horses,

Every little bird and bee. Refrain



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

**Big Question #1, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:
Open My Eyes: Psalm 119:18,72-73**

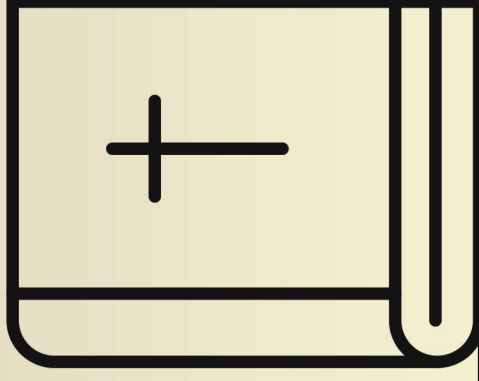


Open my eyes that I may behold,
Wondrous things out of your law.
Open my eyes that I may behold,
Wondrous things out of your law.

The law of your mouth is better to me,
Than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.
Your hands they made me and fashioned me.
Give me understanding,
That I may learn your commandments.

Open my eyes that I may behold,
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Psalm One-nineteen, eighteen, seventy-two and three.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #1 Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
Heart's unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Heaven an earth reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.



Big Question #1 Praise Song

Oh, Oh, Oh, How Good Is the Lord

Verse 1

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord,
I never will forget what He has done for me.

Verse 2

He shows Himself to me, How good is the Lord,
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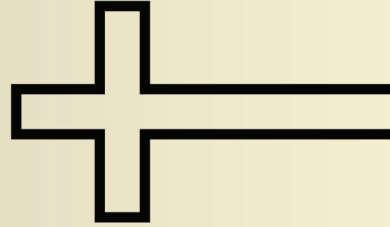


"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He shows us what He's like!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,
But God sent His Son to save,
All who turn back to Him, and pray:
"Jesus, be my Savior,
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L?
What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?
What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is!
Salvation through faith in Christ,
That's what the gospel is.

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd won the fight,
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.

"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus."

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Word on Wheels Acts 8

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. God's Holy Spirit helped people write down His promises and laws and good works in the Bible. This is where we read the good news that Jesus came to pay for God's people's sins, so they could know God, and one day, live with Him in heaven forever.**
- 2. Philip heard Jesus teach from the Bible, and saw the amazing things He did. When Jesus died on the cross, and rose from the dead, Philip believed Jesus was God's Son, the Savior God promised in the Bible to send.**
- 3. Now, it was time to share the gospel of Jesus with everyone. Philip and Jesus' other followers started telling the good news to the people in Jerusalem; but, they didn't stop there.**
- 4. Many went to faraway places to share the gospel. Philip went to a land called Samaria.**
- 5. God sent an angel to give Philip a special job: "Go down the old road to Gaza." Philip obeyed. Soon, he saw a chariot with an important, African man in it. He was reading the Bible!**
- 6. "Go talk to that man," the Holy Spirit told Philip. The man reading one of God's promises about Jesus, but he didn't understand it. So, Philip got in the chariot and told him about Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in the man's heart as he listened, and he believed.**
- 7. "Here's water," the man said as they passed a stream. "Please baptize me! I choose to live a new life for God," the man said. Philip and the man waded into the water and Philip baptized him.**
- 8. The African man was so happy! He understood the promises of God's Word. He believed in Jesus and had become one of God's people. He would go home and tell others about Jesus, too.**

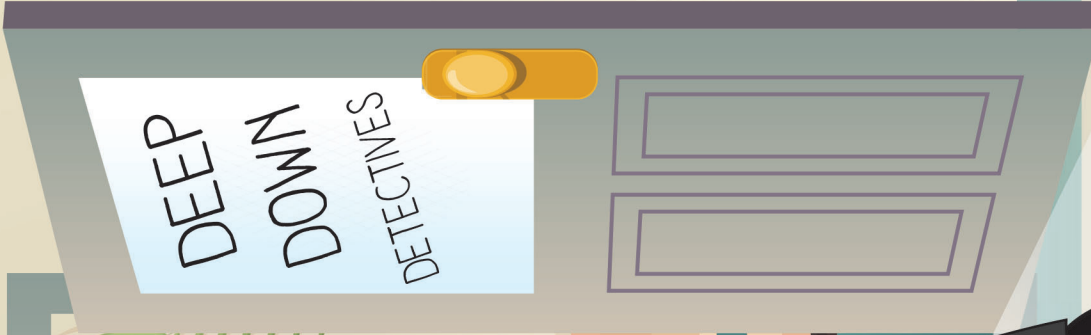


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #1, Bible Truth 4:
The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



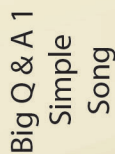
Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. His Big Question is 'How Can I Know What God Is Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



“Deep Down Detectives! This is your last of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my notepad. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”



DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Q: HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE?

A: HE SHOWS ME WHAT HE'S LIKE...

THROUGH HIS VERY OWN SON, zzz zzz!

Hint: “What’s the name of God’s very own Son?”

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like... Through His Very Own Son, ??? ???! John 14:9." Hint: "What's the name of God's very own Son?"

John 14:9

**“Whoever
has
seen me**

**has seen
the Father.”**



Whoever Has Seen Me
John 14:9

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to John 14:9, and read: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this way God shows us what He's like?" he asked. "We think so. This Bible verse is about Jesus. He is telling us that God shows us what He's like through Jesus, because Jesus is God's Son. He IS God!"



Big Q & A 1
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: How Can I Know What God Is Like? And the answer is: He Shows Me What He's Like... through His Very Own Son, JESUS CHRIST" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 1
Tell Me More
Song



“Jesus shows us what God is like. He never disobeyed God --He showed that God is perfectly good. He always told what was true and right - He showed that God is perfectly wise. He could heal people and calm big storms by just His word --He showed us that God is all-powerful. He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God’s people --He showed that God hates sin, but is full of love and mercy. Jesus shows us what God is like most of all because Jesus is God.”



“The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man”

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25



“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 One-of-a-Kind Man.’ Listen for who was the One-of-a-Kind Man, and why He could show us what God is like, most of all.”

The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man?
2. What made Him so different from everyone else?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 14:9, ESV

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like?
2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?

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

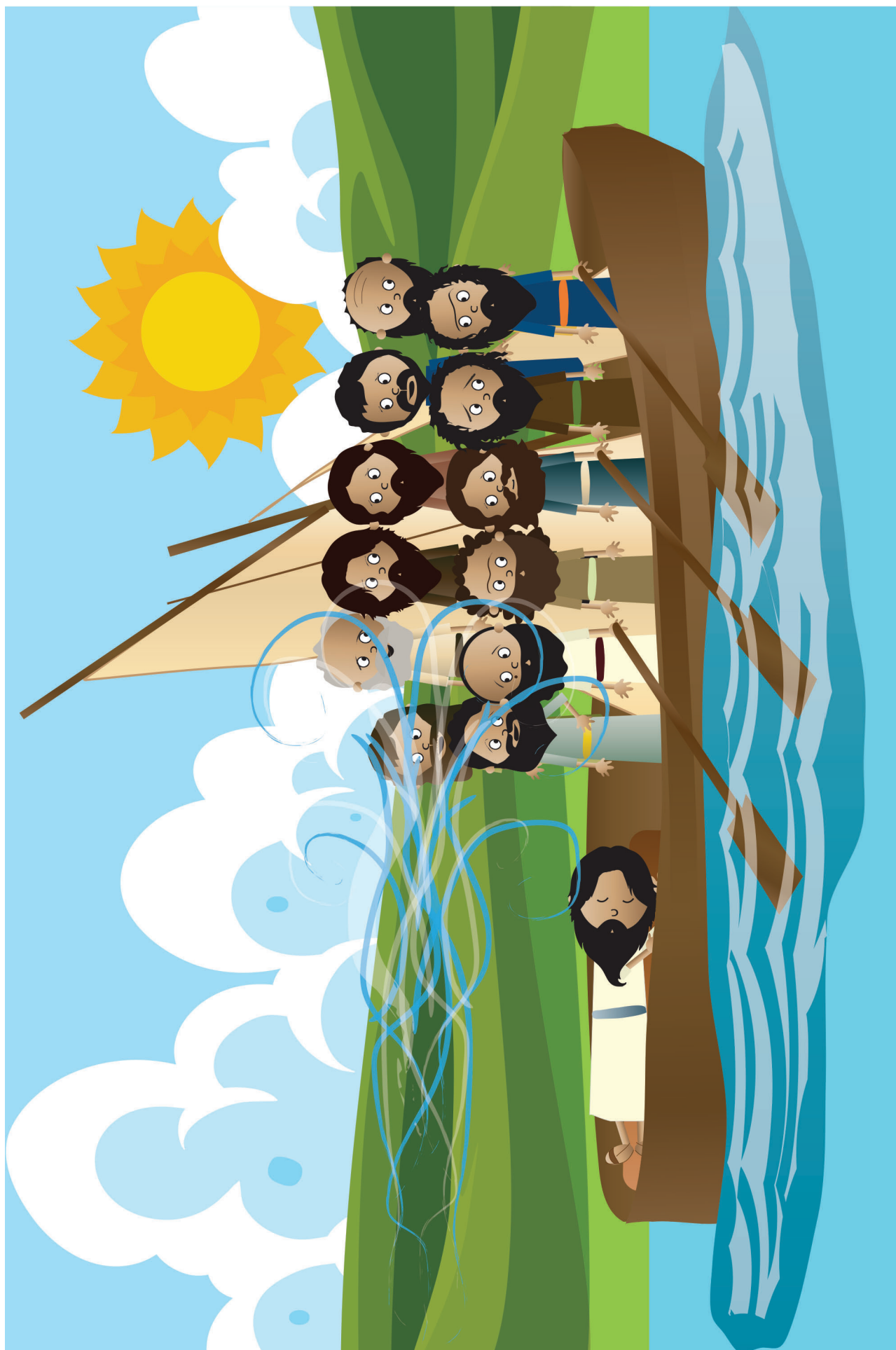
Something to Grow Into



I. Jesus' disciples and many others went to hear Jesus teach by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus sat in a boat out on the water, so everyone could see and hear Him. All day long, Jesus taught them.



2. They listened to Jesus because He was a One-of-a-Kind Man. He told them about God and did amazing things by God's power. He even forgave sins. Jesus was God's Son, perfect and powerful!



3. At the end of the day, Jesus and His disciples went sailing in the boat. The wind blew gently, and the water was calm. Jesus was very tired after all His work. He lay down and went to sleep.



4. Suddenly, a strong wind began to blow. "Whoosh!" It stirred up big waves. "Crash!" went the strong waves against the boat. Soon, water started splashing into the boat. Oh, no! Would it sink?



5. The scared disciples woke up Jesus, and shouted, “Do something, or we will drown!” Jesus stood up, and did something unbelievable. He simply spoke to the storm, saying, “Peace, be still.”



6. And right then, the storm stopped. “Who is this that the wind and waves obey His word?” the disciples asked. But they knew: only God could do this. Jesus really was a One-of-a-Kind Man. He really was the Son of God.

“The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man”

Q: “Who was the One-of-a-Kind Man? Why He could show us what God is like, most of all?”

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THE LORD SHOWS US WHAT HE'S LIKE!

Through God's Son, Jesus Christ!

A: “Jesus is! He's God's perfect Son, sent to show us what God is like and save us.”



The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the One-of-a-Kind man?

Jesus.

2. What made Him so different from everyone else? Jesus was the only man who never disobeyed God. And Jesus was not just a man. He was the Son of God, too.

For You and Me:

Jesus shows us what God is like most of all because He is God's Son. There is no one like Him! And what did Jesus come to do? He came to save sinners from their sins and bring them to God. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can become God's people!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 14:9, ESV

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

1. The Father is a special name for God. Who did people see who showed them what God the Father is like? Jesus.

2. Why did this One-of-a-Kind man show them so much about what God the Father is like?

Because Jesus is God! Yes, Jesus is God's Only Son.

For You and Me:

How amazing that God would send His only Son to show us what He's like... and to do even more than that! God sent Jesus to bring us to God--that is, to save us from our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. He saves all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He can save us, too. We, too, can become God's people!

Something to Grow Into

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
through His very own Son, Jesus Christ!

The Gospel

Jesus showed God's mighty power when He calmed the storm with just His words! But Jesus did something that showed **EVEN MORE** of God's mighty power! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as our Savior to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death. Now that's mighty power!

If we turn away from our sins (repent) and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can receive this wonderful of salvation from God.

This is how we become God's people. We can know special closeness with God in our hearts now. And one day, we will get to live with Him in heaven forever.

That will be best of all!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

“The LORD can show us what He’s like, too. He loves to help us. Let’s ask Him now. Let’s pray.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You show us what You are like!

Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and to show us what You are like, most of all.

Work in our hearts. Show us more of You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! We praise You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show us what God is like: so good, so powerful, so loving, so perfect!

C God, when we think about Jesus, we know that You want us to live like He did; but, we do not. We disobey You and do things our own way, instead of Your good way. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for wanting us to know You. Thank You for giving us Jesus, so we can know what You are like. Thank You for sending Him to save all who turn to You for forgiveness and trust in Him as their Savior.

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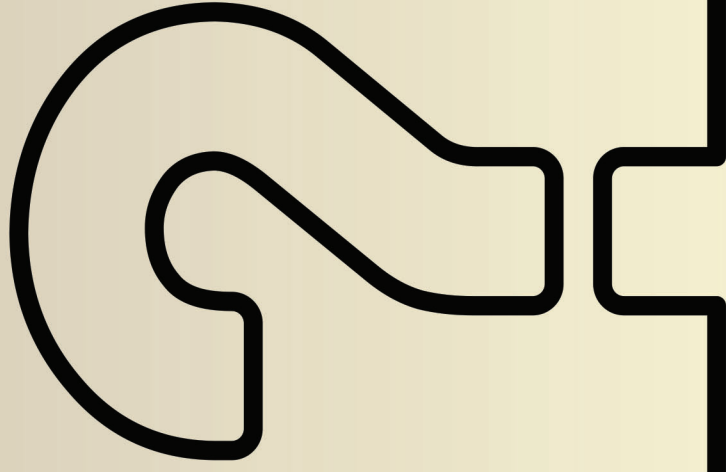


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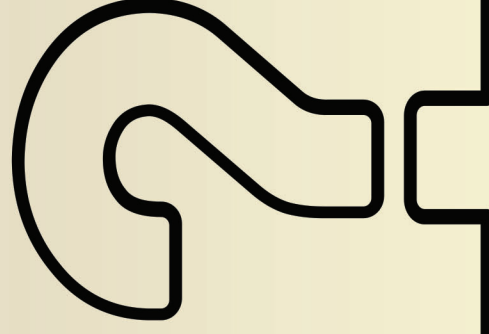
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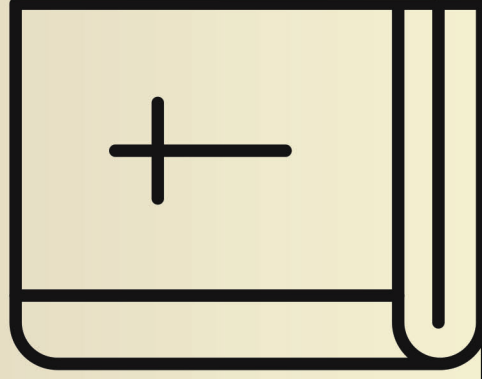
Whoever Has Seen Me: John 14:9

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Has seen me,
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John Fourteen, verse nine.



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Verse 1

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I never will forget what He has done for me.

Verse 2

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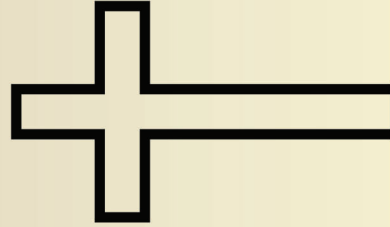


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The Gospel Song (Short)

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Then on the 3rd day...
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The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 4

The Case of the One-of-a-Kind Man *Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25*

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- 4. Suddenly, a strong wind began to blow. "Whoosh!" It stirred up big waves. "Crash!" went the strong waves against the boat. Soon, water started splashing into the boat. Oh, no! Would it sink?**
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