



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!



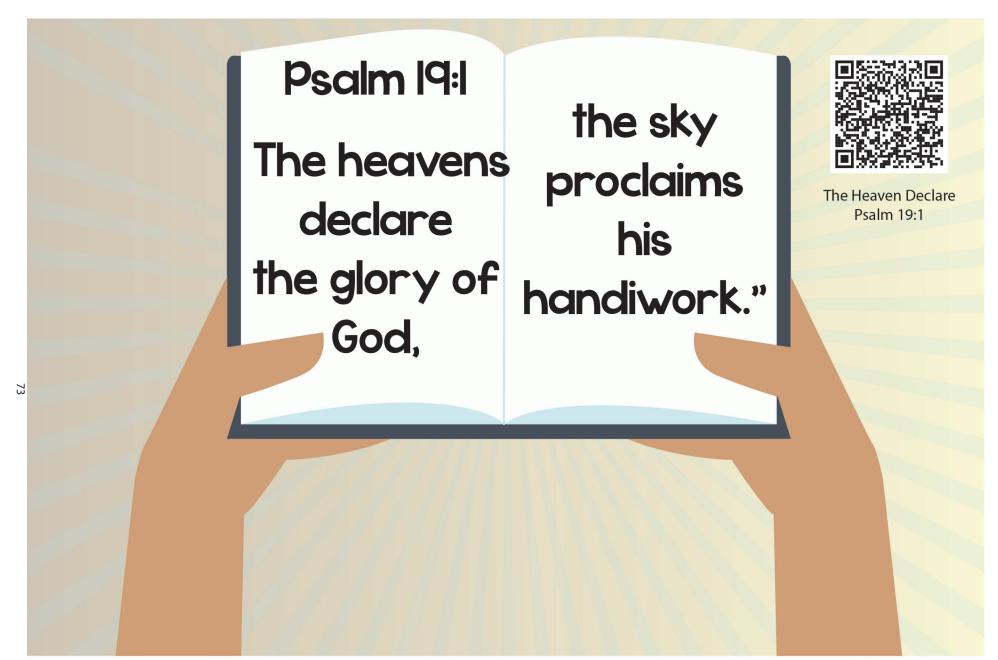
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. His Big Question is 'How Can I Know What God Is Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



"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!"



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?"



The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 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."



"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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

- I. 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?

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."

- I. 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?

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

Something to Grow Into



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.



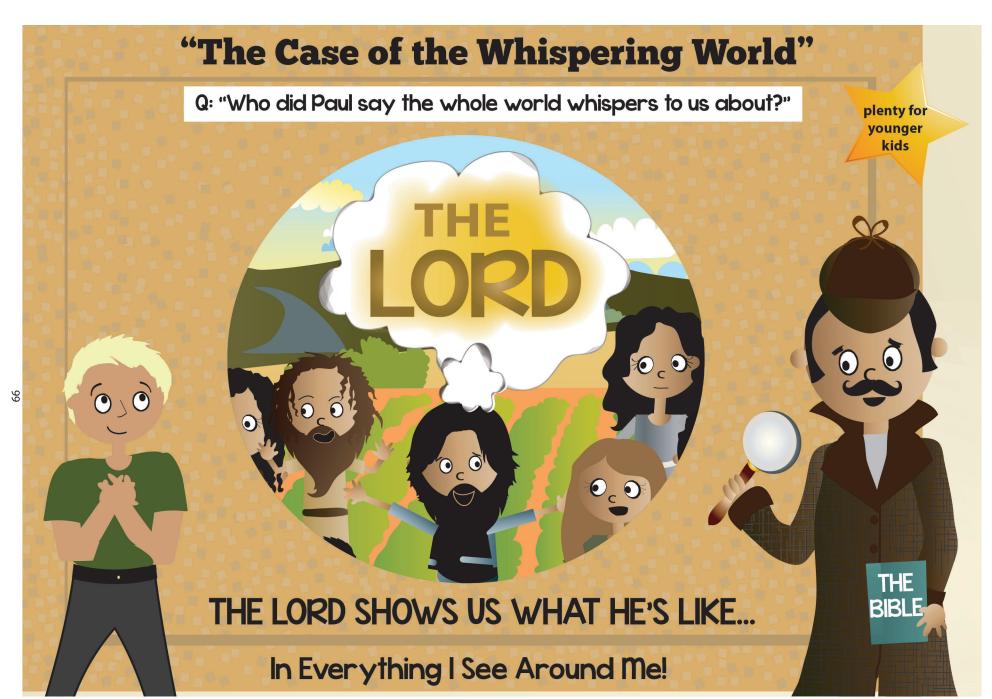
6. Just then, enemies came. They told the crowd lies about Paul and Jesus, and made them angry. They threw stones at Paul, and dragged him out of the city. They thought he was dead.



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!



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

The Case of the Whispering World Acts 14

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I. 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 Lystra about Him. He hoped that they would turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

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

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 Lystra, 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 Lystra, 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!





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

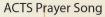
Work in our hearts. Show us more of You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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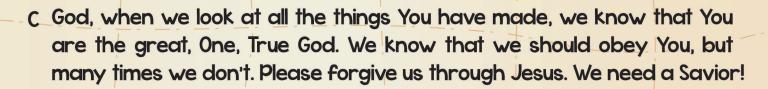


Something to Grow Into

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!



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





"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 #I 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 I:

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.

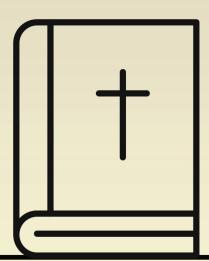
Big Question #I, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

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.



Big Question #I Hymn
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse I
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
Hearts 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 #I Praise Song
Oh, Oh, Oh, How Good Is the Lord

Verse I

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.

