



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #2 Bible Truth 4:
The Case of the Marvelous Mess**



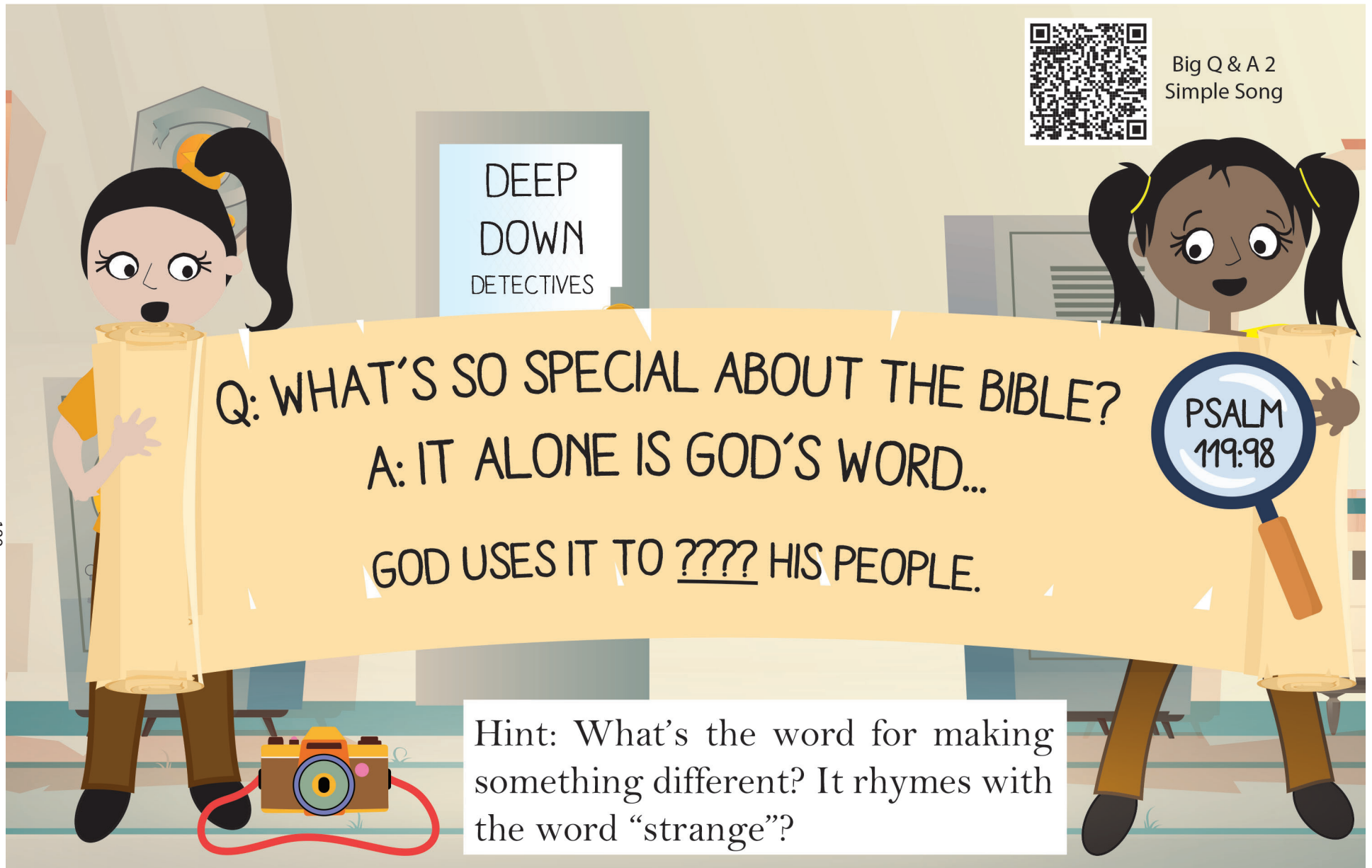
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"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 last of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my camera. 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! Psalm 119:98. Hint: What's the word for making something different? It rhymes with the word 'strange'?"

Psalms 119:98

**Your
command-
ment**

**makes me
wiser...**

**for it is ever
with me."**



Oh, How I Love
Your Laws
Psalm 119:97-98

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 119:98, and read: "Your commandment makes me wiser... for it is ever with me."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the fourth way God's Word, the Bible, is so special?" he asked. "We think so! When we read God's laws in the Bible, the Holy Spirit can use them to change us and make us wise to live God's good way."



Q: WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE BIBLE?

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

GOD USES IT TO CHANGE HIS PEOPLE.

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"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 Change His People!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



God's Word can work powerfully inside of us. God can use it to save us and make us God's people. And then, He can use it to keep on changing us, once we become His people. The Holy Spirit can help us understand God's Word, so that we can know how God wants us to live. He can use God's Word to show us ways we are disobeying God, and help us turn away from them. He can comfort us when we are sad. He can help us live and love the way God wants us to.



“The Case of the Marvelous Mess”

Acts 19; Ephesians



“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 Marvelous Mess.’ Listen for how God’s Word messed up the bad things going on in Ephesus and brought good to so many.”

The Case of the Marvelous Mess Acts 19; Ephesians

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What caused the mess in Ephesus?
2. What made it so marvelous?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Psalms 119:97-98, ESV

"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.
Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me."

1. Who learned to love God's laws and wanted to live by them?
2. What did they stop doing because they loved God's laws and wanted to live by them?

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

Something to Grow Into



2. Then, Paul came to Ephesus. "Turn away from Artemis. She's just a fake goddess. Put your trust in Jesus," Paul told everyone. "He is God's Son who came and died for the sins of God's people. He will forgive your sins and give you eternal life, if you turn and trust in Him as your Savior."



3. God helped Paul preach boldly. God even healed sick people who came to Paul. As they heard the good news and saw God's amazing power, the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts, and they believed!

GOOD NEWS

Love
the LORD

God!

Love
Each Other

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4. Paul gathered the new believers together and taught them more about Jesus, God's great plans, and how to love God and one another. As they listened, the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts. They wanted to live for Jesus! They wanted to live by God's Word!



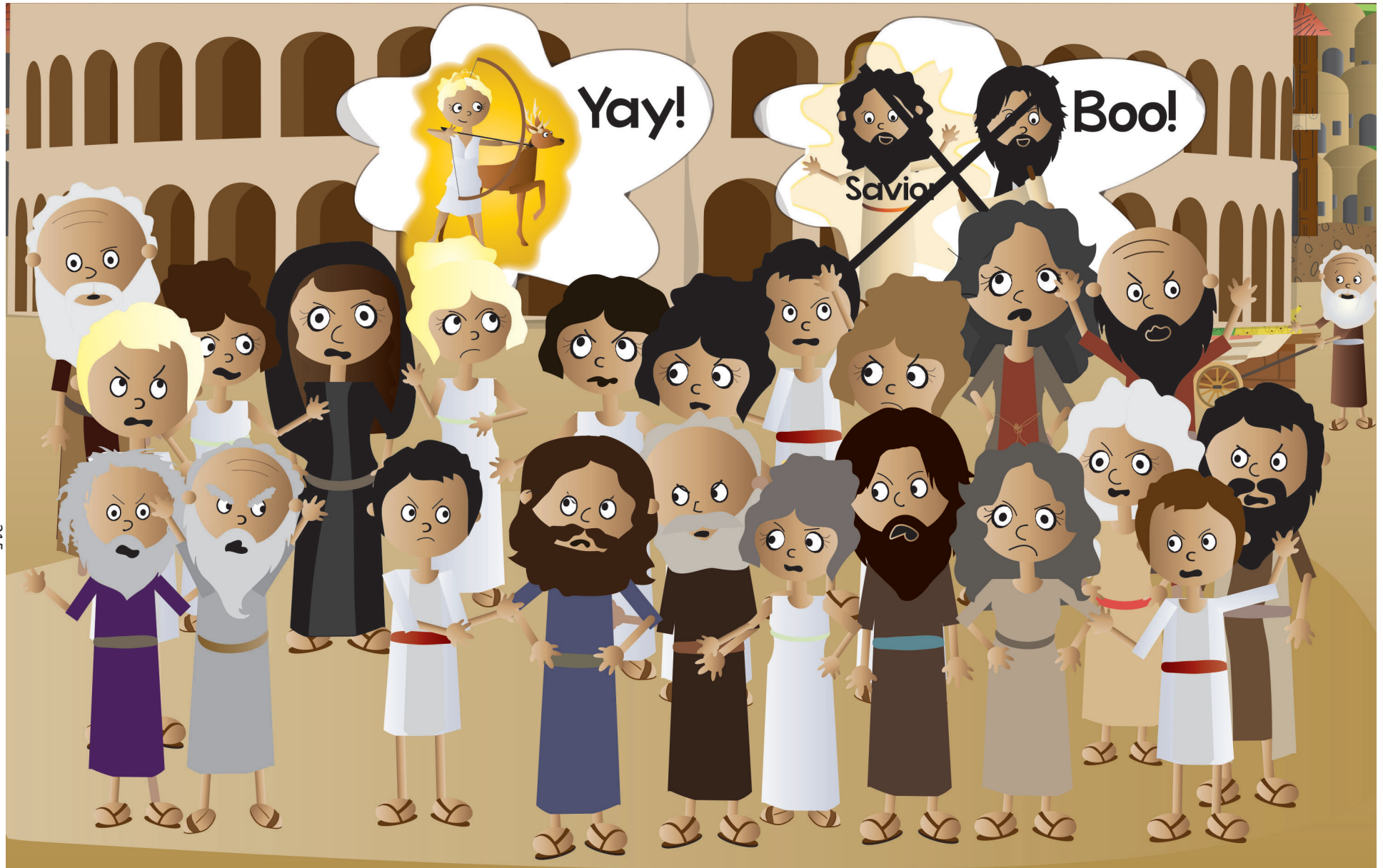
5. But oh, how people of Ephesus were upset with what these new believers did next! They threw all their magical books in a pile and burned them up in a big fire! They needed no book but the Bible! It alone is God's perfect, powerful Word.



6. Then, the believers stopped spending their money on Artemis. Now, they would use it to take care of each other, and to tell more people about Jesus, as God's Word told them to. Paul was so happy! He thanked God for using His Word to really change these new believers!



7. Paul was very happy, but many others were not. "People are spending less money on Artemis and magical books because of Paul. We aren't as rich as we used to be," they grumbled. "Let's get rid of him!" they decided.



8. A huge, angry crowd gathered: "Hurray for Artemis! Boo for Jesus! Get rid of Paul! He's messed up everything in Ephesus," they shouted as loud as they could. At last, the city leaders came and quieted the crowd. "Leave our city now!" they ordered Paul.



9. Paul left Ephesus that day, but God kept changing the new believers through His Word. They grew to love God and others more. They kept on telling others about Jesus. The mess in Ephesus was far from cleaned up. It was there to stay. And that was a very good thing!

“The Case of the Marvelous Mess”

Q: “How did God’s Word mess up the bad things going on in Ephesus and bring good to so many?”

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

God Uses It to Change His People!

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A: “God’s Word worked in the hearts of many and helped them trust in Jesus and live for Him.”

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What caused the mess in Ephesus?
Paul preaching God's Word, and God's Word changing people made the mess.

2. What made it so marvelous?
It was marvelous (good) because many people in Ephesus turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:
God can use His Word to do marvelous things inside of us, too. He can use it to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can use it to change us and help us to love Him and others more and more. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 119:97-98, ESV

"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me."

1. Who learned to love God's laws and wanted to live by them? Many people in Ephesus who listened to Paul preach God's Word.

2. What did they stop doing because they loved God's laws and wanted to live by them? They set their magical books on fire and they stopped buying statues and going to the big worship parties for Artemis and the other fake gods.

For You and Me:

God's laws are so good. They teach us how God wants us to live. God can use them to help us to live for Him. God wants us to meditate (think about) His laws, too. His Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and help us to live by them. He promises to help all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

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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 change His people!

The Gospel



Paul preached God's Word to the people of Ephesus. God worked in the hearts of many as they listened. Paul told them how Jesus, God's Son, came to live a perfect life, then offered it up on the cross as the perfect payment for sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beat sin and death for God's people.

Paul told the people of Ephesus that they could be God's people, too, if they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God used His Word to save and change many people in Ephesus. He can use His Word to help us to save us and change us, too. Ask Him to use His Word to save and change you! He loves to answer this prayer!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



"The LORD uses His Word to do great things in His people. Let's ask Him to work in us. Let's pray."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are so powerful!

Thank You for giving us Your Word that can work so powerful in us.

Work in our hearts and change them. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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A Prayer

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A We praise you, God, for giving us Your powerful Word. You are able to change us.

C God, we know that we disobey You and should change, but sometimes we don't want to. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for all the ways You can change us through Your Word. Thank You that You can help us to love You and live for You.

S Work deep inside our hearts as we hear Your Word! Help us to turn away from disobeying You (repent) and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Change us so that we love You more and more.

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!)



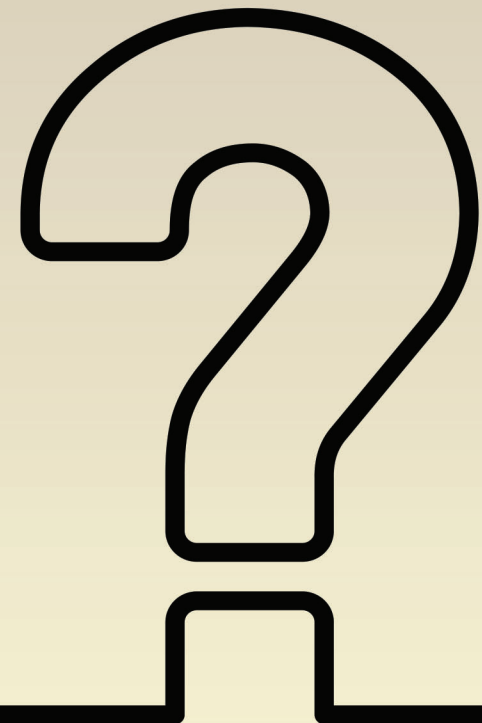
"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

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,
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of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word.

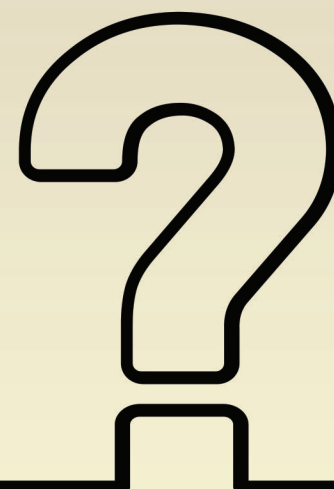
Verse 1:

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



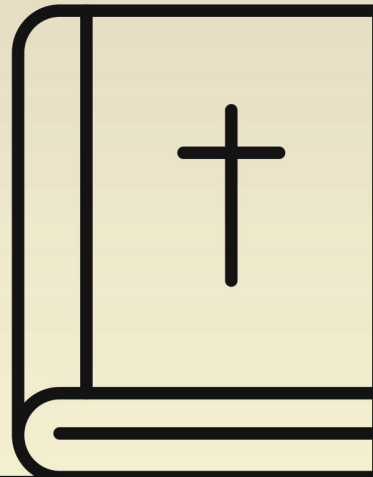
Here's a song that let's us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #2, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

Oh, How I Love Your Law: Psalm 119:97-98



Oh, oh, oh, oh,
Oh, how I love your law!
It's my, my, my, my meditation,
My meditation all the day,
Your commandment makes me
wiser than my enemies,
Your commandment makes me
wiser than my enemies,
For it is ever with me,
For it is ever with me.
Psalm One-nineteen, ninety-seven
and eight.



"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.

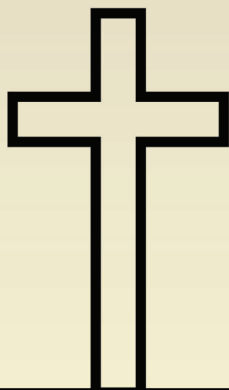


"Let's praise the Lord for His wonderful Word, the Bible!"

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.

