Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Interactive Stories from the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum



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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 in 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 Worsip 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 the 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 unlaminated, 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

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

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)





BQ Box



4. Pray!

Transition to Bible Time

I. Ring and Sing

Sing "The Gathering Song" **Ring Bell**

2. Park and Come

Park your toys, and join me on the mat." "It's Bible Time, kids.

3. Settle with Criss Cross

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





The Gathering Song

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





(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star) Criss cross applesauce, Criss Cross Applesauce Hands in your lap. Shhh... Look at me. Sit down, please,



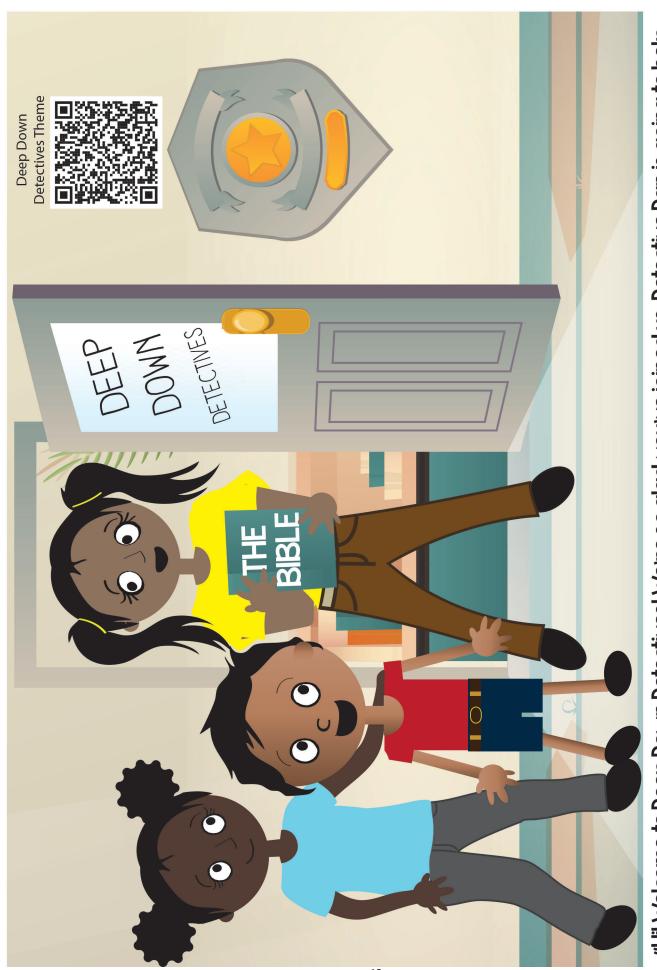
Let's Pray Song 1,2,3

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

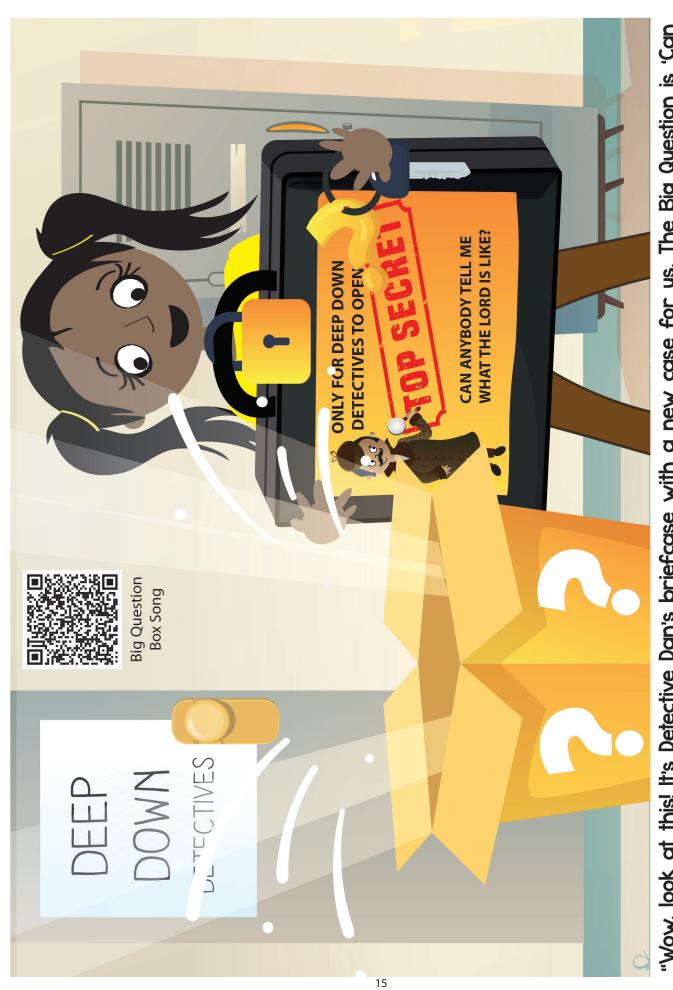
Opening Prayer

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





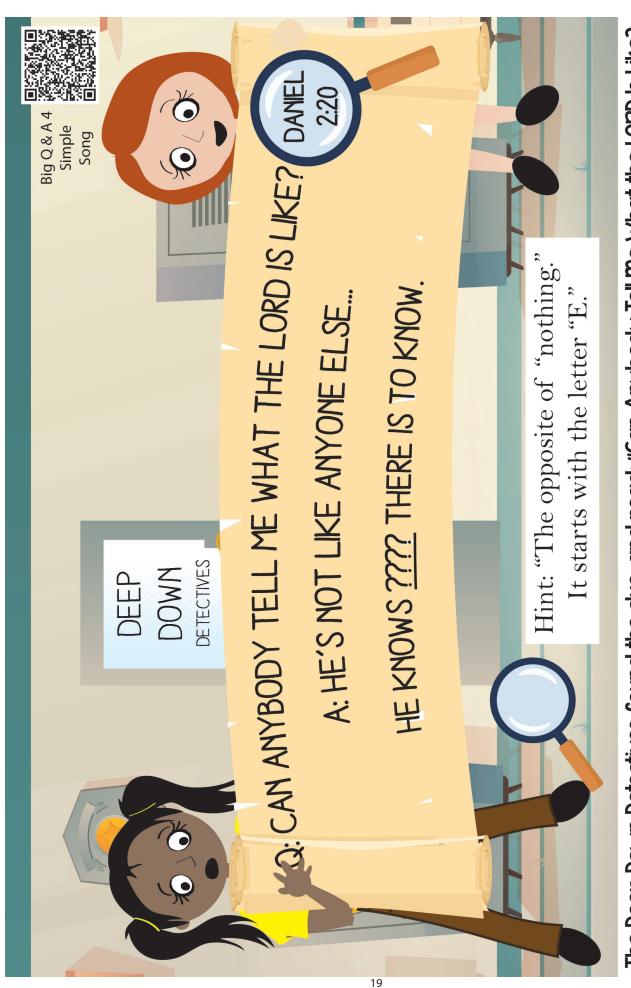
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



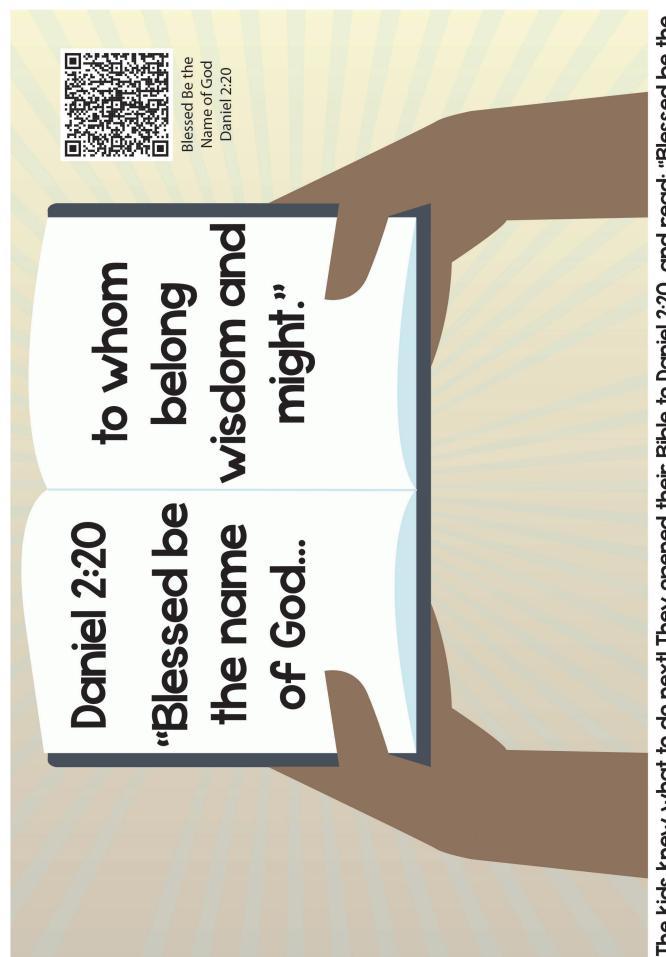
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. The Big Question is 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD is Like?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



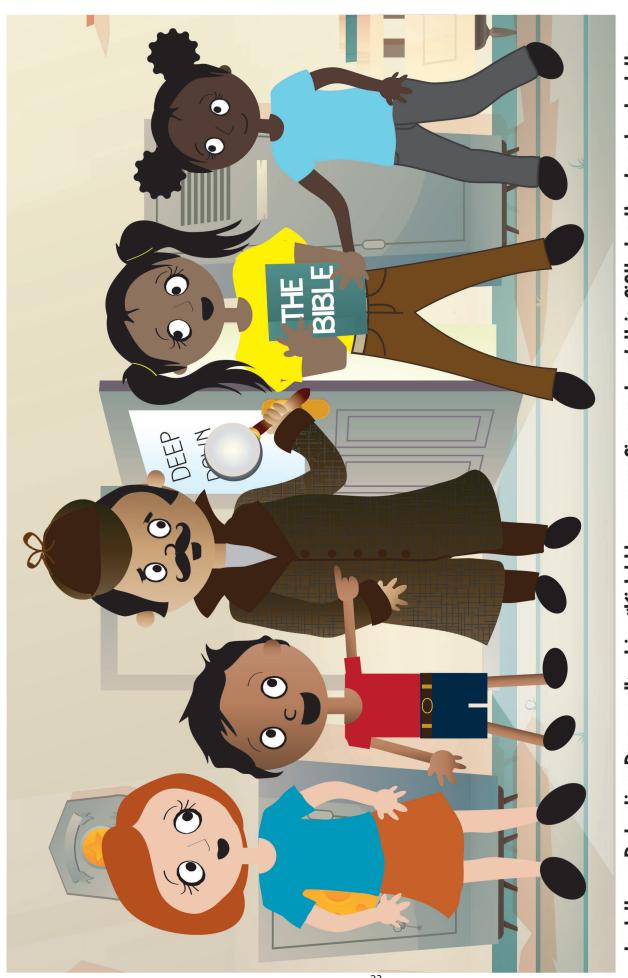
my magnifying glass. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!" "Deep Down Detectives! This is your fifth of eight missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in



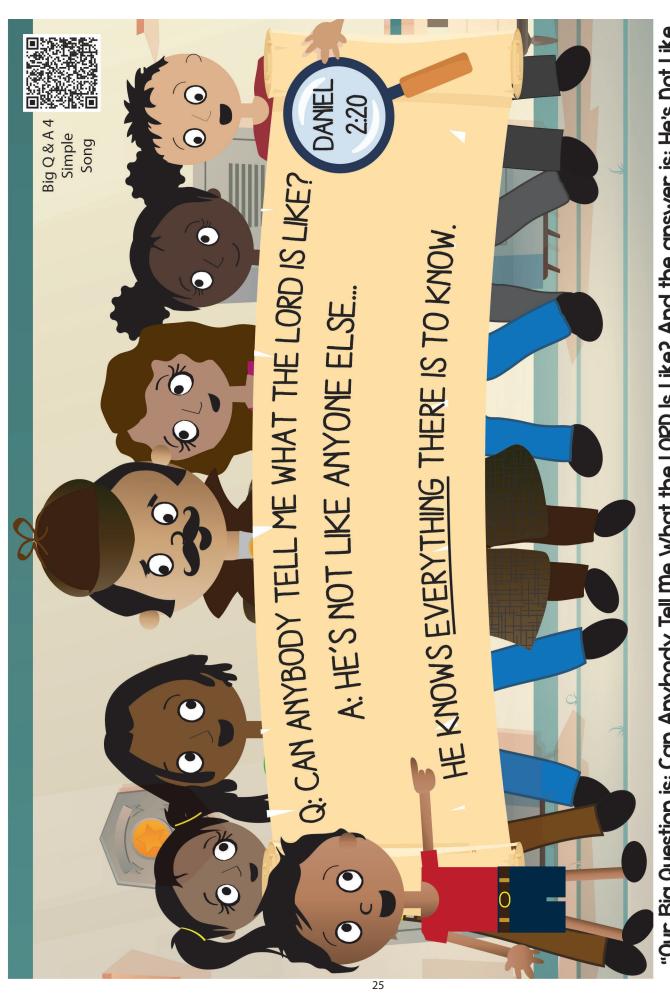
The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows ????? There Is to Know." 2 Corinthians 13:14." Hint: "The opposite of "nothing." It starts with the letter "E."



The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Daniel 2:20, and read: "Blessed be the name of God... to whom belong wisdom and might."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fifth truth about what the LORD is like?" he asked. "We think so! Wisdom belongs to the LORD. That means He knows everything there is to know, without even having to learn it!"



"Our Big Question is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? And the answer is: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows EVERYTHING There Is to Know!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Nothing hidden from God, anywhere. And not only does God know everything, but He knows "God knows everything. Everything about the world. Everything that has happened and will happen. God knows everything about us, too. Everything we do, say, and even think in our hearts. what is best to do and always does it. That's because all wisdom and power belong to Him."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Missing Donkeys.' Listen for why Samuel "Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word." was so sure Saul would show up for the worship feast."

The Case of the Lost Donkeys I Samuel 9

more depth older kids

Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening

Detective Dan's Assignment #2 Listening



more depth

Daniel 2:20, ESV

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might."

- I. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare the
- 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come?

questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

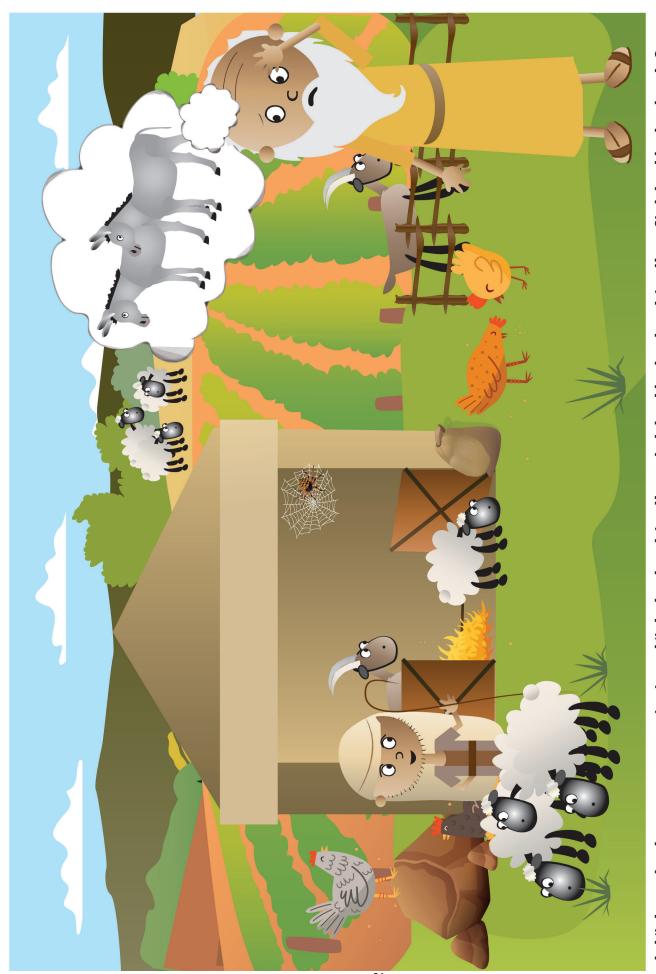
(more listening and discussion

Something to Grow Into

I. Who lost their donkeys?

2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys

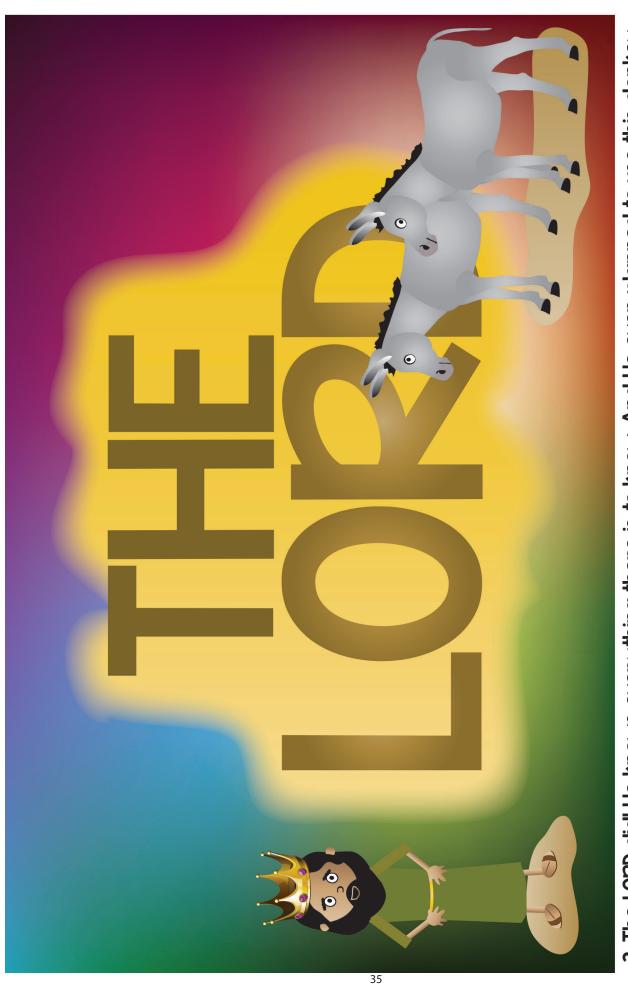
to bring about?



I. Kish's donkeys were missing. Kish looked in the stable. He looked in the fields. He looked far away to the hills, but still no donkeys!



2. "Take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys," Kish told his son, Saul. So, Saul and the servant searched all the places donkeys liked to go. But still, no donkeys. Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did ANYONE know?



search to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person, to make Saul the first king of 3. The LORD did! He knows everything there is to know. And He even planned to use this donkey Israel... without Saul even knowing any of this marvelous plan!



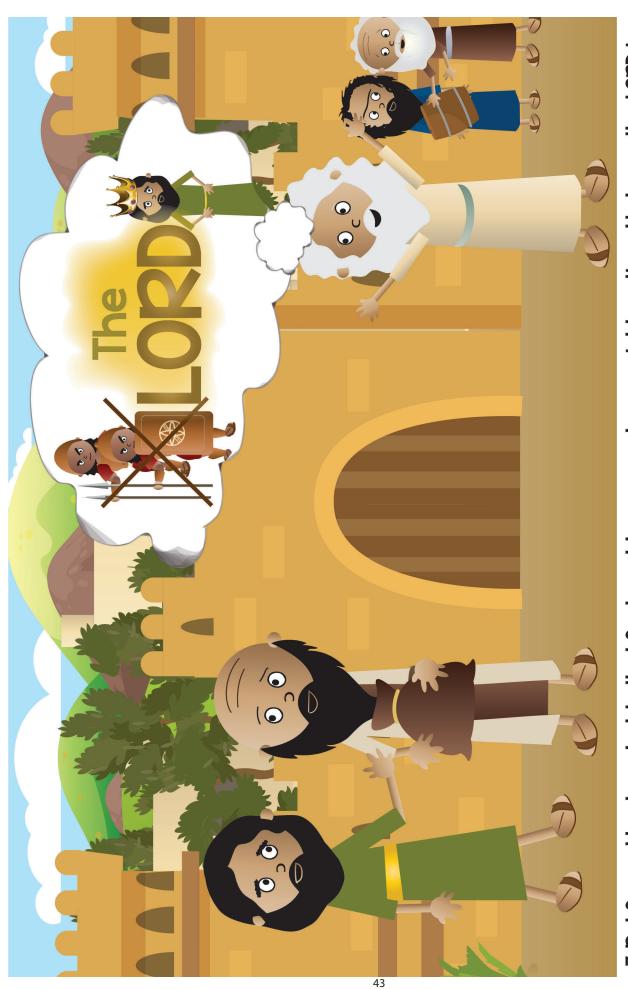
4. Saul didn't know God's plans yet, but Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet --one of the LORD's special messengers. "Tomorrow, the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to Zuph," the LORD told him. "Anoint him. He will lead the people in fighting their enemies."



5. This was big news! Samuel started preparing a worship feast. They would offer worship gifts to the LORD and would honor Saul with a fine dinner. There was so much to do and so little time!



where was Saul? After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he 6. At last, everything was ready. The guests gathered and the worship gifts were offered. But was going to be anointed king of Israel. He was just out looking for lost donkeys.



the God who knows everything there is to know. Sure enough, here came Saul to Zuph. "This is the 7. But Samuel had no doubts that Saul would come, and come right on time. He knew the LORD is man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."



8. "You are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father's donkeys are?" Saul asked Samuel. "Don't worry. Your father's donkeys are back home," Samuel replied. "But come to a worship feast with me. I've been waiting for you."



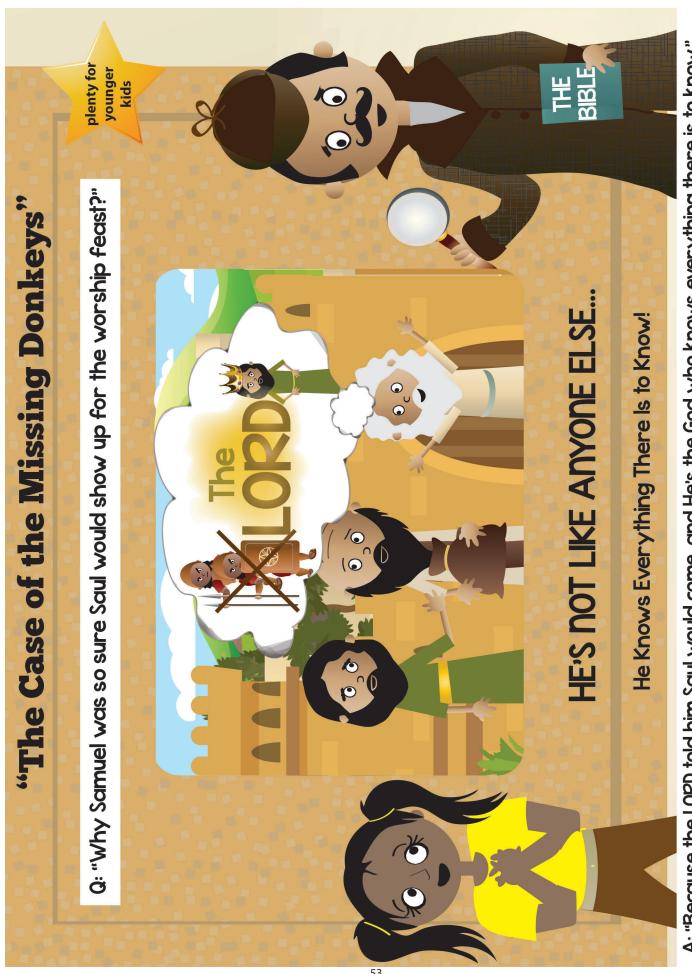
9. Saul went with Samuel to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. And what a feast it was! Yum!



10. The next day, Samuel took out his jar of anointing oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul, and said, "The LORD has chosen you to be king of Israel. You will rule over the people and rescue them from their enemies. Keep this a secret for now."



II. What a lot Saul had to think about! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel. The LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it. The LORD really was the God who knows everything there is to know!



A: "Because the LORD told him Saul would come, and He's the God who knows everything there is to know."

The Case of the Lost Donkeys I Samuel 9



more depth

older kids

Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening

I. Who lost their donkeys? Kish did.

2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys His plan to make Saul king over the people. to bring about?

that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He trust Him to carry out His good plans. For You and Me:

Detective Dan's Listening

Assignment #2



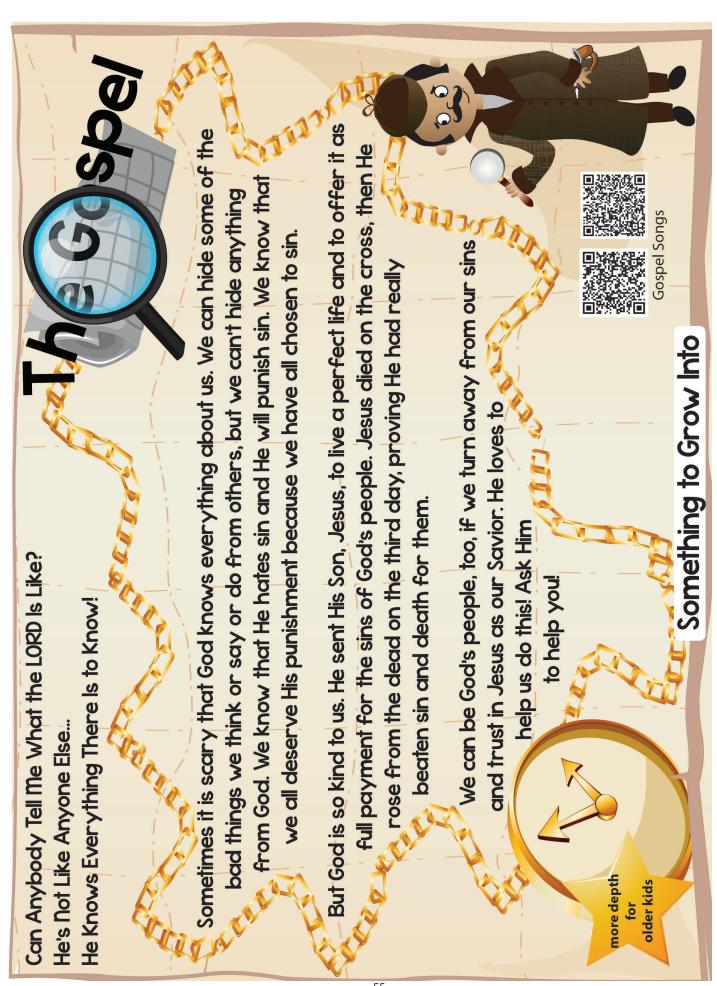
Daniel 2:20, ESV

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might." I. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for? Saul 2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come? Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And

For You and Me:

weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him and to this world. We can always trust the promises that to carry out His good plans, even when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out.

Something to Grow Into



"There is no one like the LORD! Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the God who knows everything there is to know. Thank You for knowing the sin in our hearts and choosing to send Jesus to be the Savior we need.

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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



plenty for younger kids





ICTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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older kids

A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You! C God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!

You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best. Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank

happy with Your plans, since You know everything and always do S Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You more every day. Help us to be what's best.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

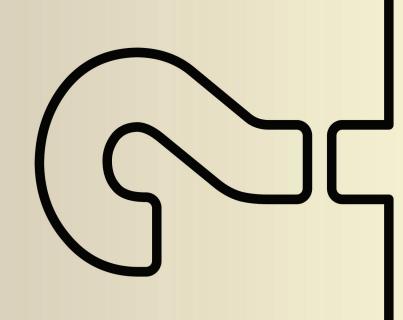


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #4 Simple Song Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.





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

Big Question #4 Tell Me More Song



Tell me, can anybody tell me,
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,

Verse 2:

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite!

(There's always more of Him to know!) And purely Righteous! (He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!)

Verse I:

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)



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

He's not like anyone else,



ABC's of God Rap, page I

So you say that the Lord's not like anyone else, Come praise the Lord with me! Come 'on! That He's in a category all by Himself, Well, that's cool, y'all, 'cuz I agree,

Refrain:

Come, little children, Gonna say my ABC's of God, Yes, come draw near, little children,

Gonna say 'em for all to hear. (Repeat)

There's no one, I mean no one who's EXALTED like Him! He is full of COMPASSION, is COMPLETE DELIGHTFULNESS, He's the LORD, the LIVING ONE, robed in MAJESTY. He's His people's HELPER, INTERCEDES all the time, The Lord is FORGIVING, FULL of GLORY He shines, He's also our JUDGE and our KING supreme, He sits ENTHRONED above the cherubim, The Lord is ABLE, He is BLESSED,

ABC's of God Rap, page 2

So we've just described some of who the Lord is, Using words from A to M. And it's clear there's no one like Him. Now let's go from N to Z, Come, praise the Lord with me. (Refrain)



The Lord NEEDS NOTHING, NOT even sleep;

He's the ONE, true God and PROVIDER of true PEACE;

He QUIETS His people with His love;

He REDEEMED them from hell By the power of His blood-Jesus;

The Lord is SOVEREIGN, He is TRUTHFUL and UPRIGHT,

He's our eXCELLENT God, He's real name is YAHWEH,

Over death He's VICTORIOUS and He's WONDERF'LY WISE,

He is full of ZEAL, and His good plans win always!

Now I've said my ABC's, Won't you come and praise the Lord with me, Now I've said my ABC's, Come and praise the Lord with me!

Come on! (Refrain)

He's in a category all by Himself, He's in a category all by Himself. A,B,C,D,E,F,G, Now we know our ABC's, And you'll have to agree, He's not like anyone else, HJI, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Zzz.



Big Question #4, Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song:

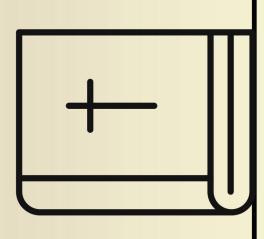
Blessed Be the Name of God: Daniel 2:20-22

Refrain

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, To whom belong wisdom and might, To whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons;
He gives wisdom to the wise,
He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what in the darkness lies,
And the light dwells with him,
And the light dwells with him.

To you, 0 God of my fathers,
To you, 0 God of my fathers,
I give thanks and praise,
I give thanks and praise.



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

Big Question #4 Praise Song God Is So Good Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children Big Question #4 Hymn

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me. God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy),

God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children, All ye little children, All ye little children,





"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He's not like anyone else!"

God is love (powerful, holy).

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."

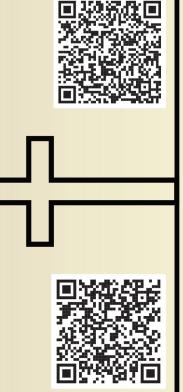
This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
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The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-0-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.

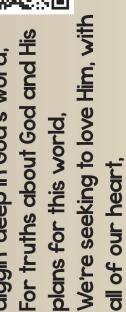
"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd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



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Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

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The Bible, the Bible,

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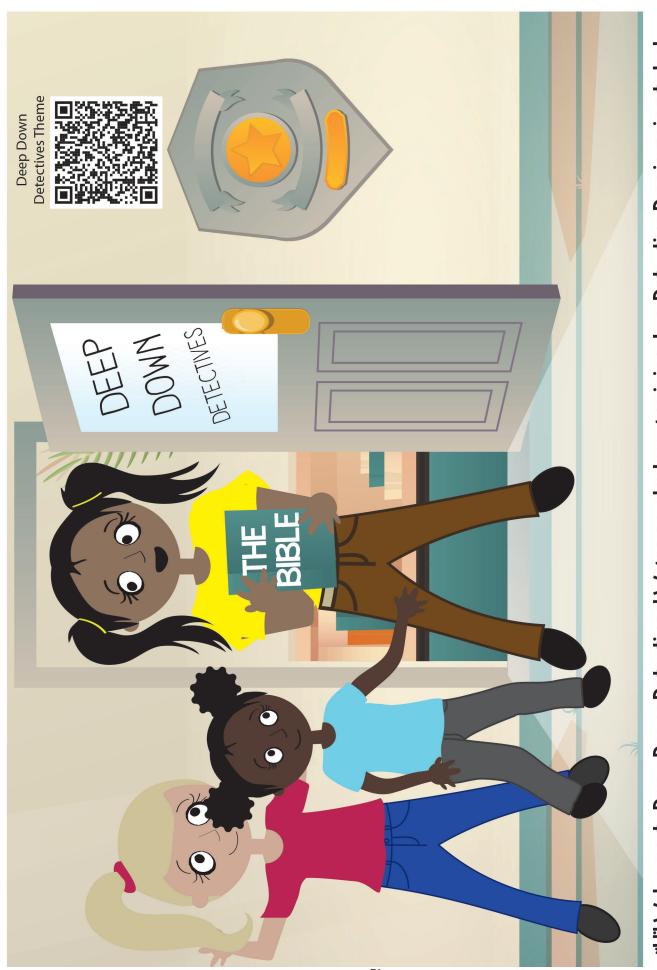
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The Case of the Missing Donkeys 1 Samuel 9

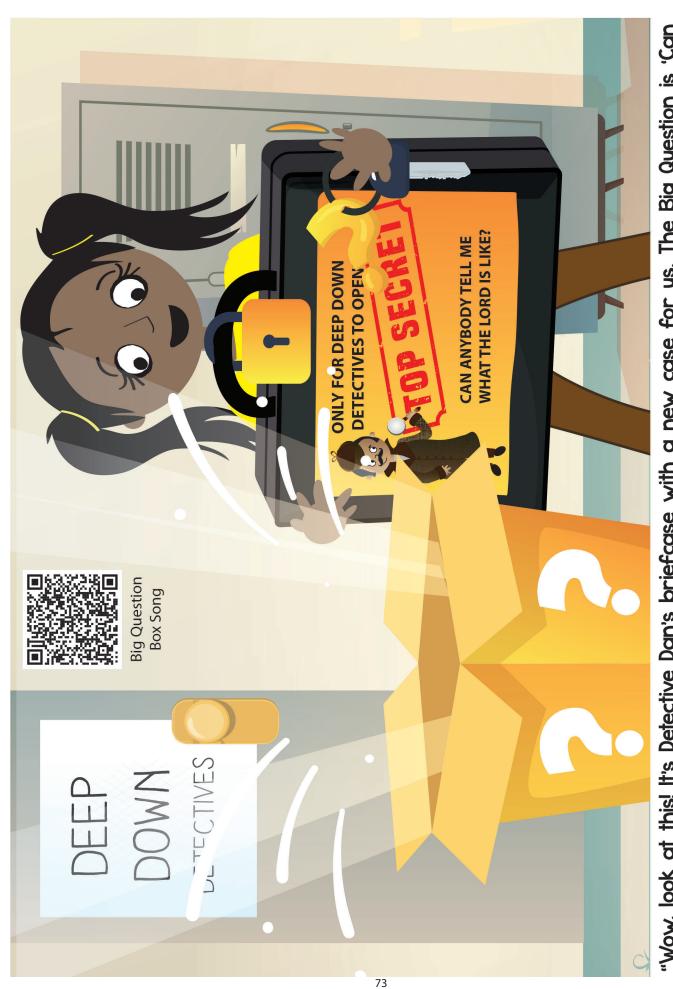
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- 1. Kish's donkeys were missing. Kish looked in the stable. He looked in the fields. He looked far away to the hills, but still no donkeys!
- 2. "Take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys," Kish told his son, Saul. So, Saul and the servant searched all the places donkeys liked to go. But still, no donkeys. Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did ANYONE know?
- 3. The LORD did! He knows everything there is to know. And He even planned to use this donkey search to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person, to make Saul the first king of Israel... without Saul even knowing any of this marvelous plan!
- 4. Saul didn't know God's plans yet, but Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet -- one of the LORD's special messengers. "Tomorrow, the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to Zuph," the LORD told him. "Anoint him. He will lead the people in fighting their enemies."
- 5. This was big news! Samuel started preparing a worship feast. They would offer worship gifts to the LORD and would honor Saul with a fine dinner. There was so much to do and so little time!
- 6. At last, everything was ready. The guests gathered and the worship gifts were offered. But where was Saul? After all, no one had told HIM about the worship feast. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel. He was just out looking for lost donkeys.
- 7. But Samuel had no doubts that Saul would come, and come right on time. He knew the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. Sure enough, here came Saul to Zuph. "This is the man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."
- 8. "You are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father's donkeys are?" Saul asked Samuel. "Don't worry. Your father's donkeys are back home," Samuel replied. "But come to a worship feast with me. I've been waiting for you."
- 9. Saul went with Samuel to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. And what a feast it was! Yum!
- 10. The next day, Samuel took out his jar of anointing oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul, and said, "The LORD has chosen you to be king of Israel. You will rule over the people and rescue them from their enemies. Keep this a secret for now."
- 11. What a lot Saul had to think about! The LORD had planned to use those lost donkeys to make him king over Israel. The LORD had told Samuel what he would do and where he would go, even before he did it. The LORD really was the God who knows everything there is to know!





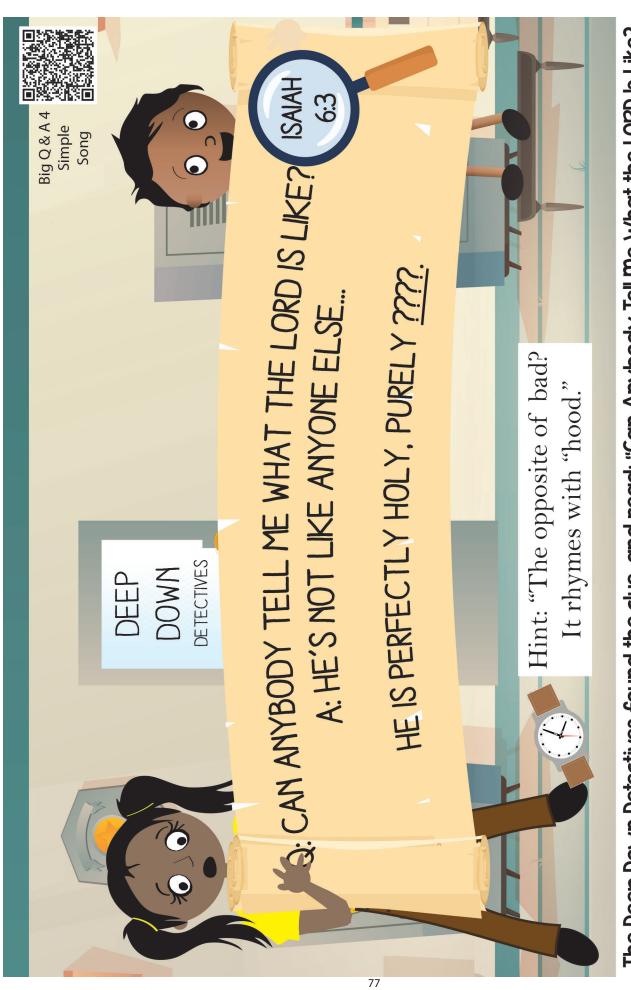
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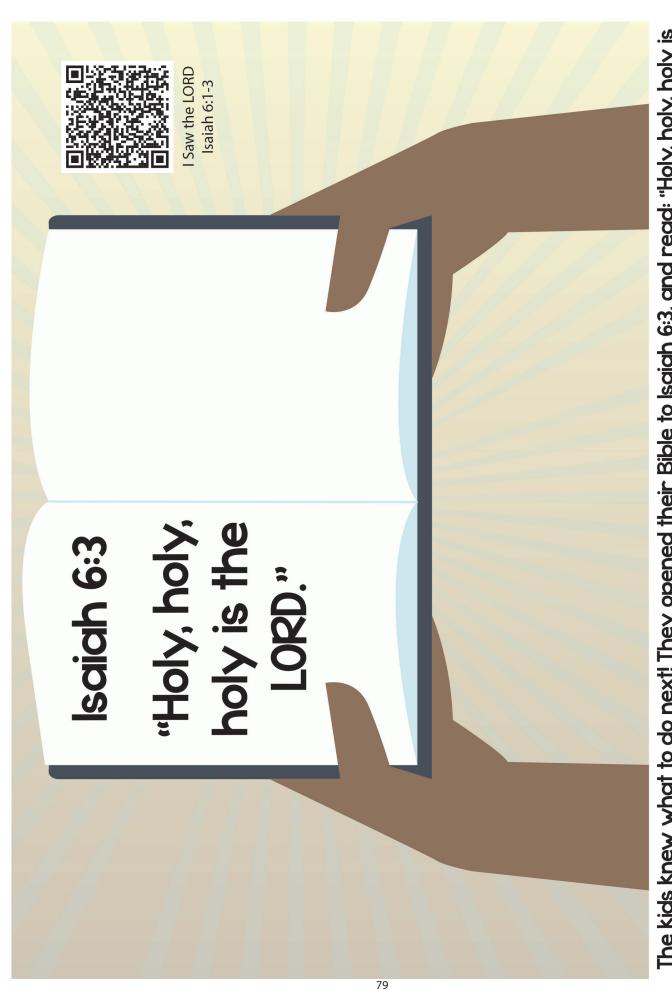
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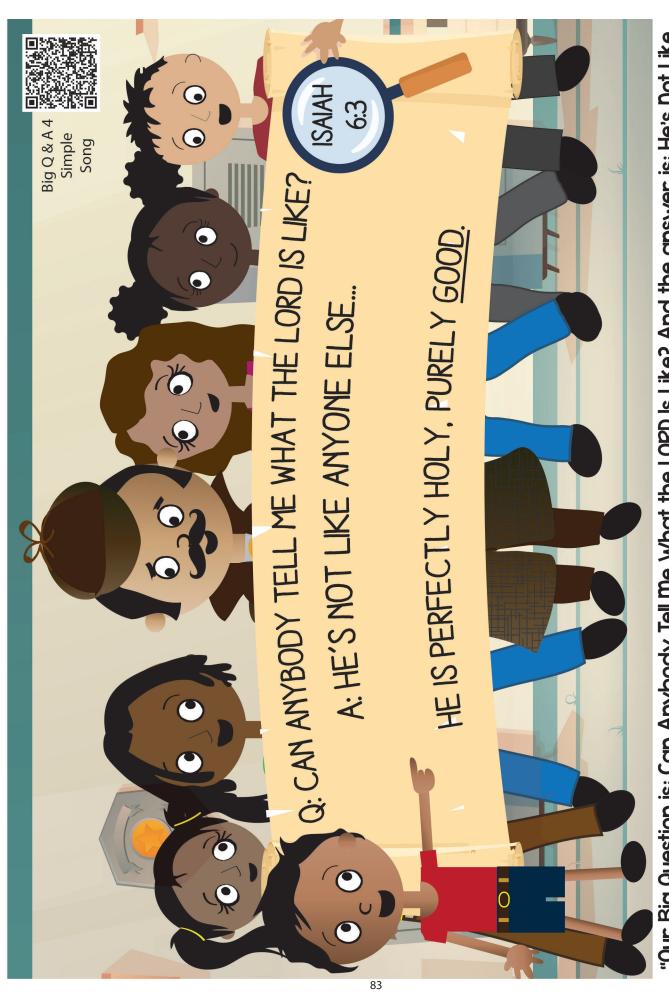
The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely ????." Isaiah 6:3." Hint: "What's the opposite of bad? It rhymes with 'hood."



The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Isaiah 6:3, and read: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."



is so purely good, that He is HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! There's NO sin in Him at all. He isn't like anyone else!" Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this sixth truth about what the LORD is like?" he asked. "We think so! Holy is a big, Bible word that means purely good. The LORD



"Our Big Question is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? And the answer is: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely GOOD!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sadly, "God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the we are all sinners who disobey God. We deserve His punishment. But the good news is God sent Jesus to forgive the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer."



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The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I



Assignment #2

Detective Dan's

Listening

Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts."

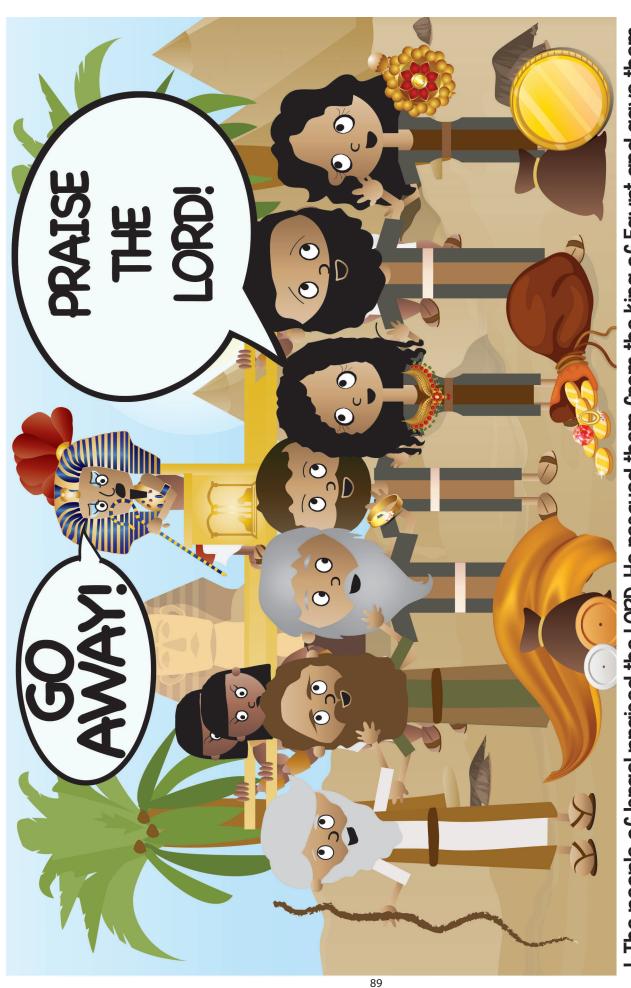
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- 2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not?

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

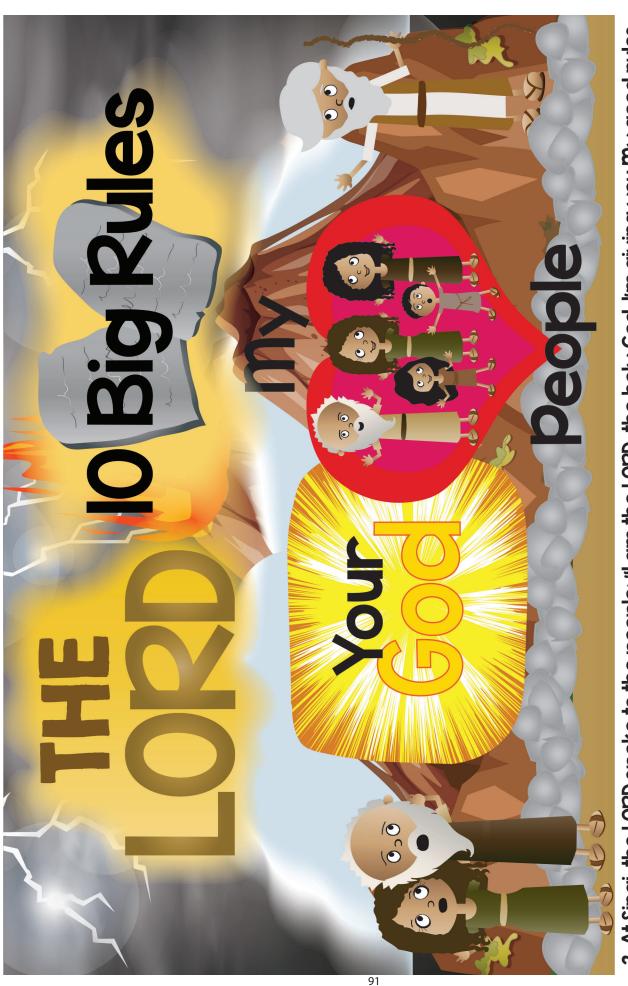
Something to Grow Into

I. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it?

2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said?



I. The people of Israel praised the LORD. He rescued them from the king of Egypt and gave them riches to take with them. They were on their way to Sinai, where they would make special promises with the LORD. They would be His people, and He would be their God.



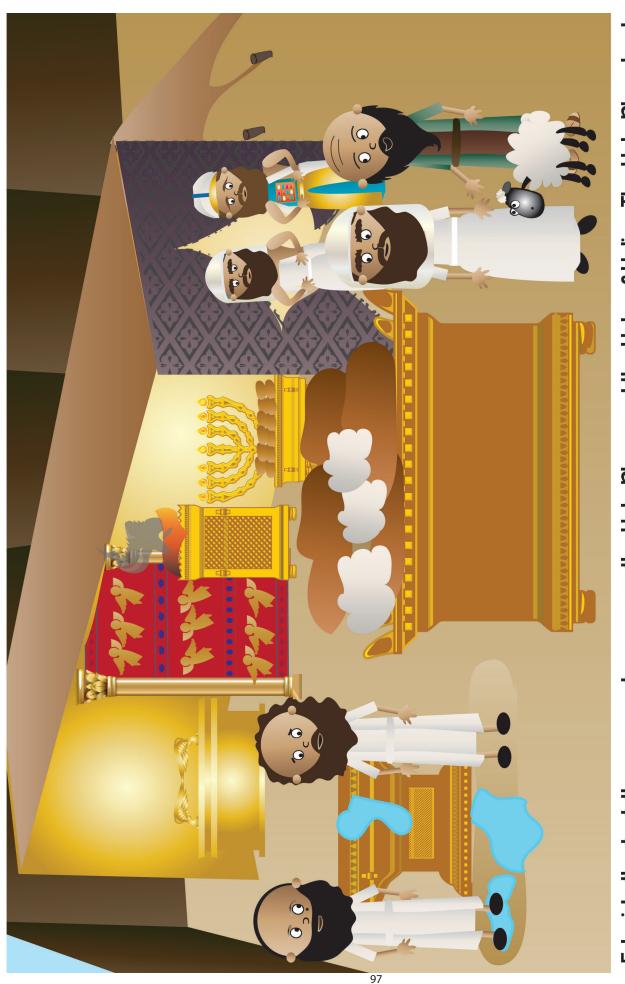
2. At Sinai, the LORD spoke to the people: "I am the LORD, the holy God. I'm giving you My good rules to live by. Obey them, and be blessed by Me. Obey them, and the world will see I am purely good and powerful... HOLY!"



3. "Build a travelling worship tent, so we can have special fellowship together wherever you go," the LORD told them. "Make it from the riches you brought out of Egypt. I'll give Bezalel and Oholiab wisdom to build everything just right."



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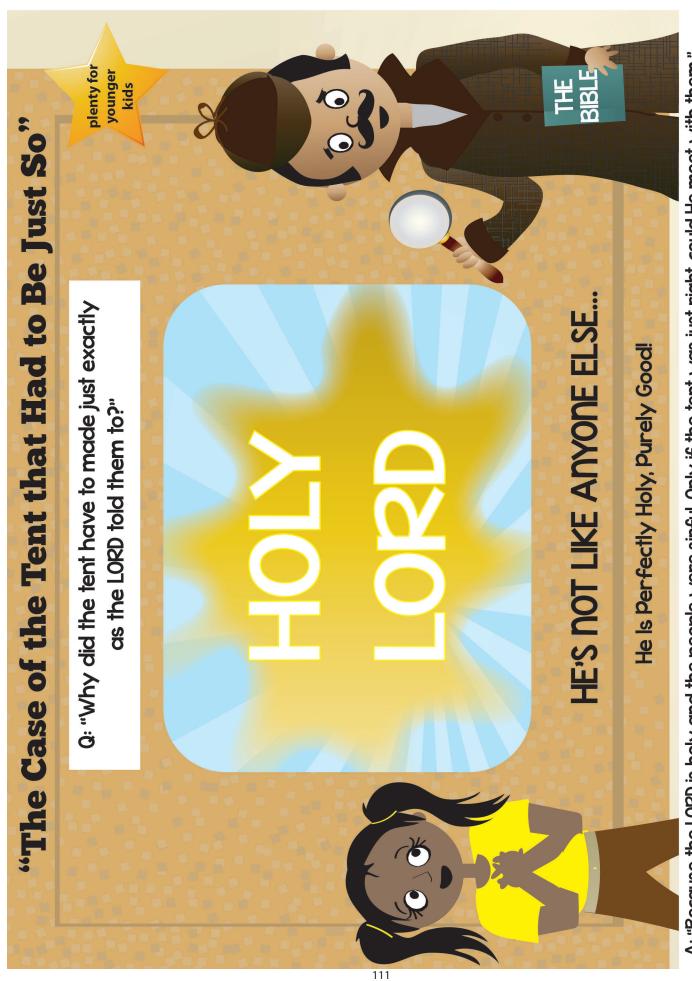
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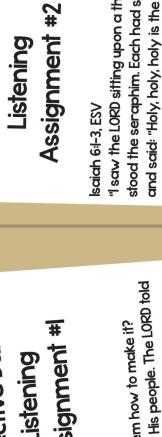


A: "Because the LORD is holy and the people were sinful. Only if the tent was just right, could He meet with them."

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So Exodus 25-31,35-40; Leviticus 8



Assignment #I Detective Dan's Listening



It was made for the LORD to be near His people. The LORD told I. Who was the tent for? Who told them how to make it? them how to make it.

the people were sinners. This was the only way He could It had to be made just right because the LORD was holy and 2. Why did it have to be made just exactly like He said? dwell among them.

know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to He can be the perfect payment for our sins. We, too, can turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

Something to Grow Into



Detective Dan's

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up... Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts."

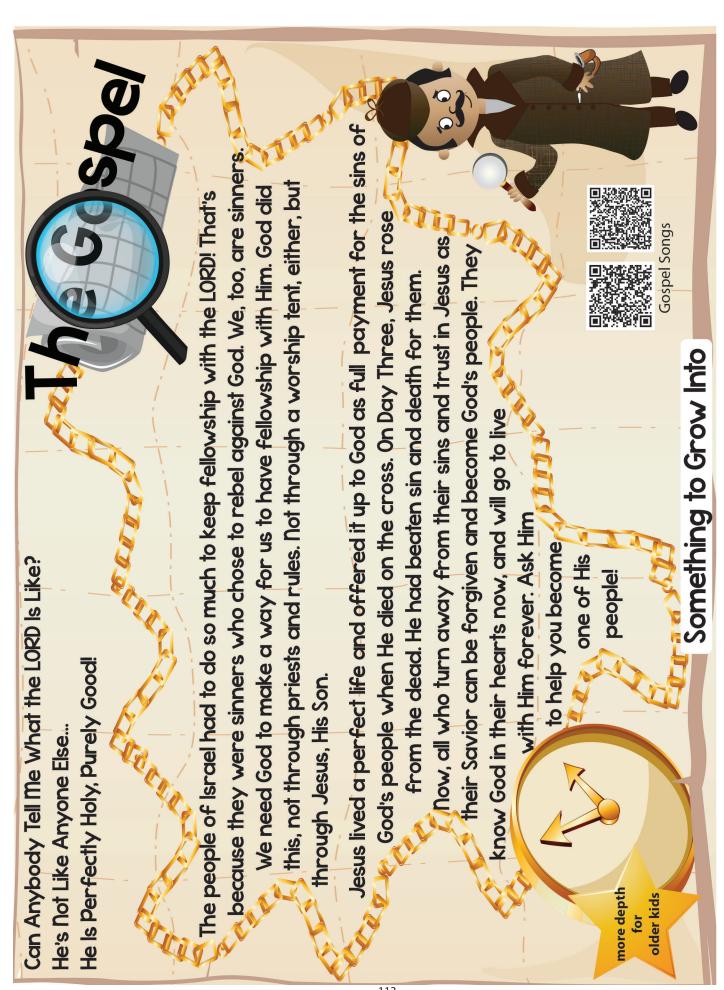
I. Where did the holy LORD come to meet with the people?

In the special worship tent.

2. Could anyone go meet with the LORD? Why or why not? No, only the priests could come into the tent, and only if they followed all of the LORD's rules. This was because the LORD was holy and the people were sinners. Only by keeping all of the LORD's rules could they come near to Him.

For You and Me:

The LORD gave the people of Israel careful instructions for how to build a worship place, so they could meet with Him. He gave them careful rules for how to use it, too. The LORD was so holy and the long ago, we are still sinners. We cannot have fellowship with the LORD by ourselves, but we can through Jesus. How? By turning people were so sinful. Only He could make a way for them to meet with Him. The LORD is still holy today. And just like the people of Israel away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. He can be the perfect payment for our sins. We, too, can know the fellowship of His Holy Spirit in our hearts! Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!



"The LORD is not like anyone else. Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are perfectly holy and purely good. You never sin or do anything bad.



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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



plenty for younger

ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth for older kids

A We praise You, LORD. There is no God like you. You are perfectly good and oh, so great! You are holy. You hate sin. You love what is good.

C LORD, we are not holy like You. We choose to disobey Your good ways. We are sinners. We need Your forgiveness. We need a Savior!

to make the way for us to know You and to be with You, the good and Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him great, one, true God.

we show others a little bit of Your goodness when they see how we live. S Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to want to live and to love Your good way, so that

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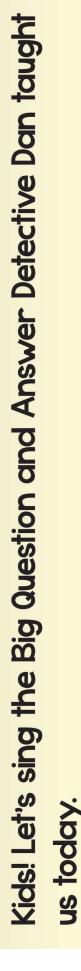


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #4 Simple Song Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.





Big Question #4 Tell Me More Song



Tell me, can anybody tell me,
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
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Verse 2:

He's Immutable! (He never changes!) " He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite!

(There's always more of Him to know!) And purely Righteous! (He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!)

Verse I:

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)



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

He's not like anyone else,



ABC's of God Rap, page I

So you say that the Lord's not like anyone else, Come praise the Lord with me! Come 'on! That He's in a category all by Himself, Well, that's cool, y'all, 'cuz I agree,

Refrain:

Gonna say my ABC's of God,

Yes, come draw near, little children, Gonna say 'em for all to hear. (Repeat)

There's no one, I mean no one who's EXALTED like Him! He is full of COMPASSION, is COMPLETE DELIGHTFULNESS, He's the LORD, the LIVING ONE, robed in MAJESTY. He's His people's HELPER, INTERCEDES all the time, The Lord is FORGIVING, FULL of GLORY He shines, He's also our JUDGE and our KING supreme, He sits ENTHRONED above the cherubim, The Lord is ABLE, He is BLESSED,

ABC's of God Rap, page 2

So we've just described some of who the Lord is, Using words from A to M. And it's clear there's no one like Him. Now let's go from N to Z, Come, praise the Lord with me. (Refrain)



The Lord NEEDS NOTHING, NOT even sleep;

He's the ONE, true God and PROVIDER of true PEACE;

He QUIETS His people with His love;

He REDEEMED them from hell By the power of His blood-Jesus;

The Lord is SOVEREIGN, He is TRUTHFUL and UPRIGHT,

Over death He's VICTORIOUS and He's WONDERF'LY WISE,

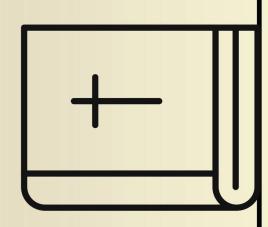
He's our eXCELLENT God, He's real name is YAHWEH,

He is full of ZEAL, and His good plans win always!

Now I've said my ABC's, Won't you come and praise the Lord with me, Now I've said my ABC's, Come and praise the Lord with me! Come on! (Refrain)

He's in a category all by Himself, He's in a category all by Himself. A,B,C,D,E,F,G, Now we know our ABC's, And you'll have to agree, He's not like anyone else, HJI, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Zzz.





Big Question #4, Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song:

I Saw the LORD: Isaiah 6:1-3

I saw the LORD, Sitting a throne, High and exalted,

Sitting a throne,

Above Him stood the seraphim,

Each had six wings,

And they called to one another,

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"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He's not like anyone else!"

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:
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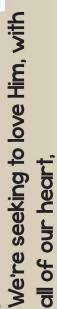
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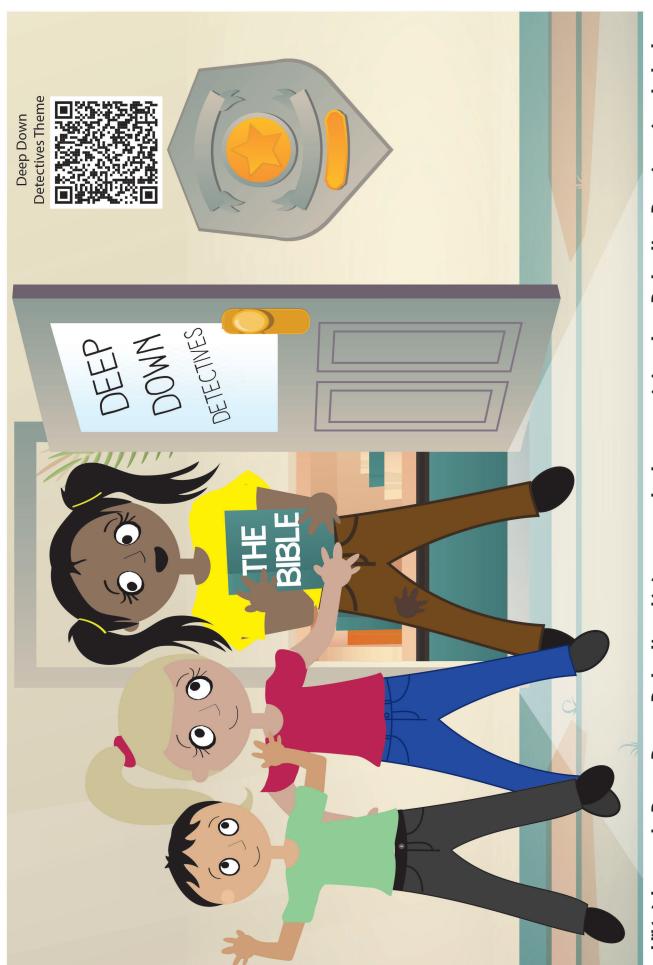
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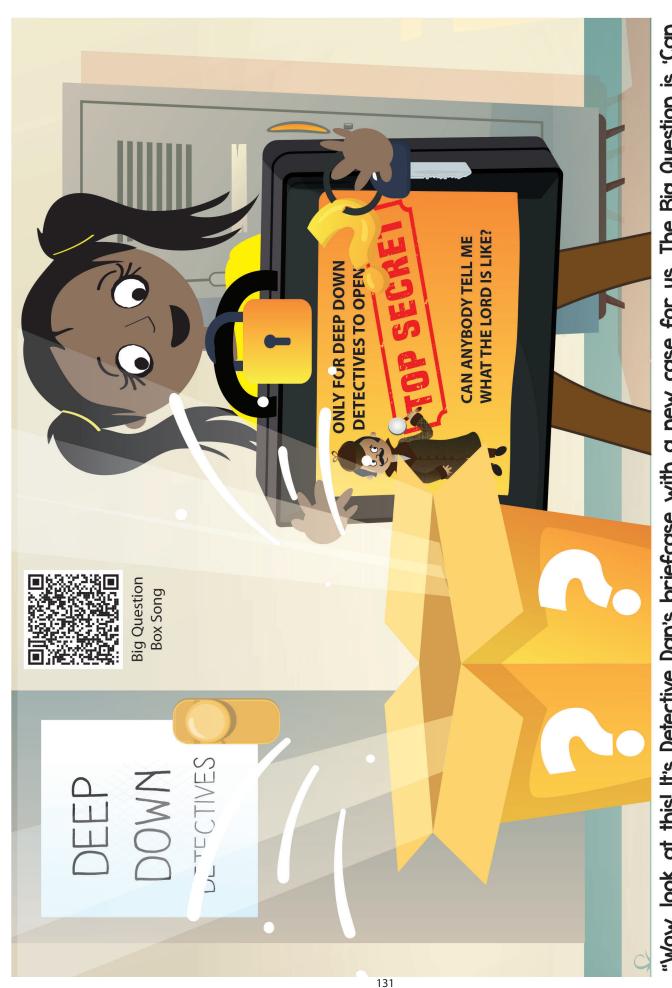
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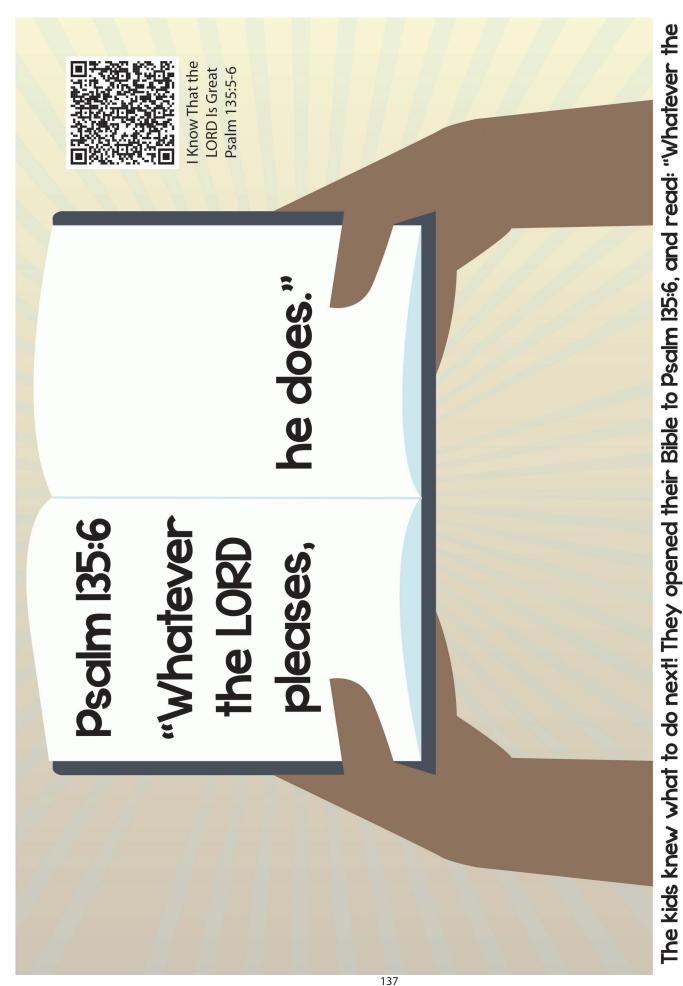
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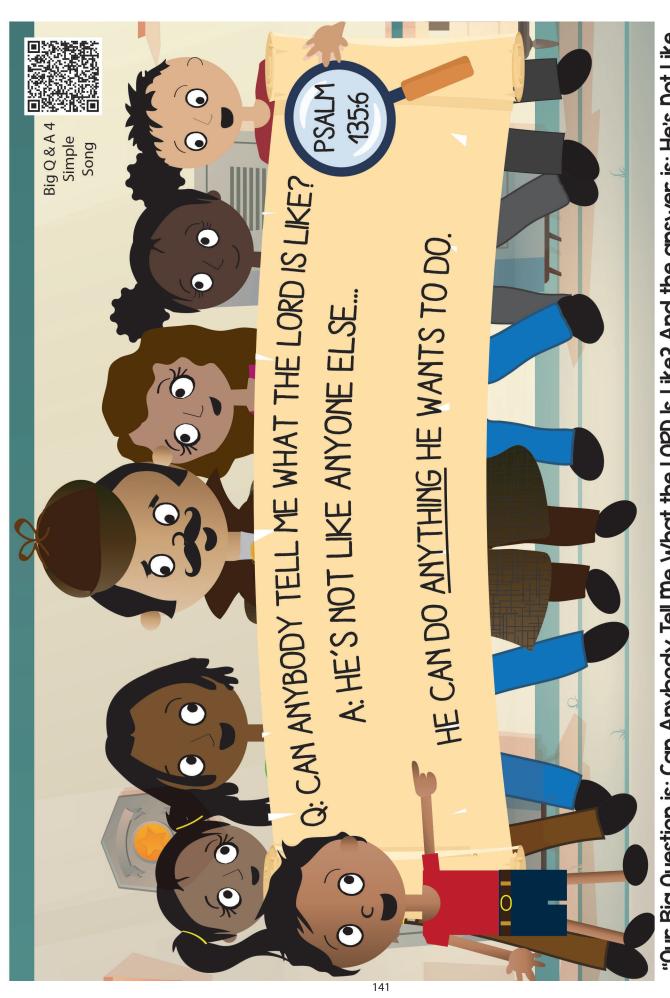
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LORD pleases, he does."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this seventh truth about what the LORD is like?" he asked. "We think so! If the LORD wants to do something, it will happen. He is all-powerful. Nothing can stop him!"



"Our Big Question is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD is Like? And the answer is: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Can Do <u>ANYTHING</u> He Wants to Do!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



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"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Man with the Big Name.' Listen for the man with the big name, and who was bigger and more powerful than him." "Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word."

2 Kings I8-I9, 2 Chronicles 32 The Case of the Man with the Big Name



Detective Dan's Listening

Listening Assignment #I





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Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

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- I. Who did not believe the LORD was great?
- 2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him?

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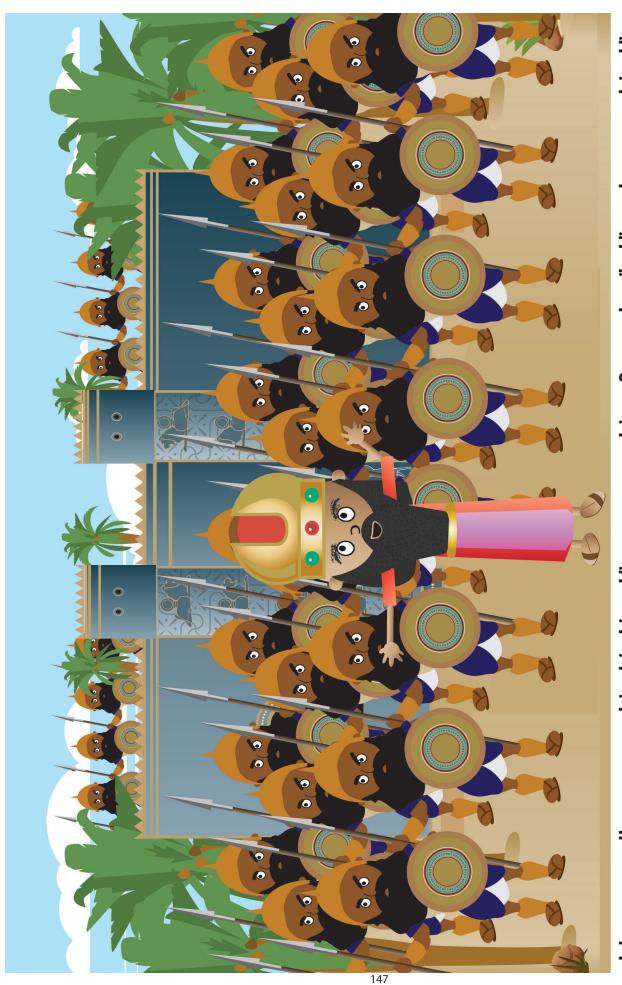
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2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?



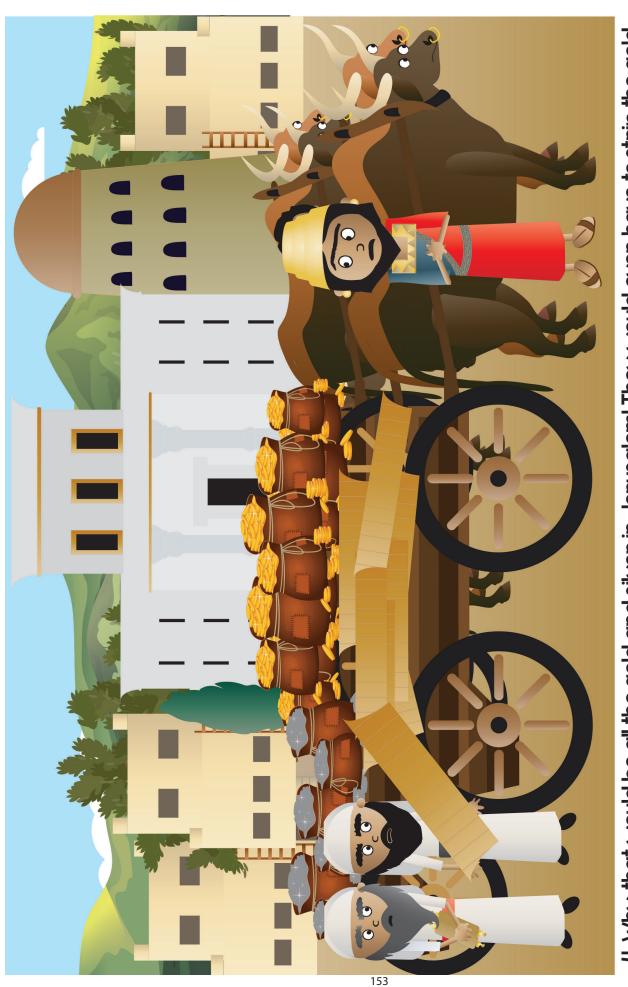
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2. King Sennacherib especially wanted the biggest, best, and most beautiful city in Judah: Jerusalem. He wanted Jerusalem's lovely Temple, with its beautiful, golden things. He wanted all the other riches in the city, too... and he was coming to get it all.



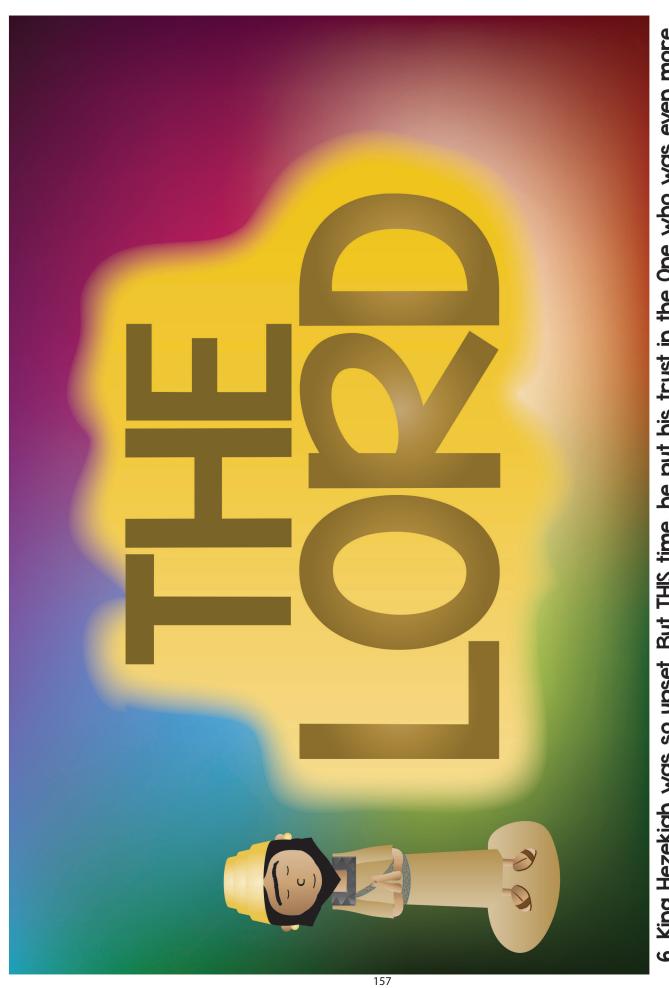
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army is too small, and the LORD, your God, can't take care of you. We will destroy your land and 5. No, it wouldn't! Sennacherib had lied. He still wanted Jerusalem and sent in his soldiers: "Your take everything,' the army leader boasted.



6. King Hezekiah was so upset. But THIS time, he put his trust in the One who was even more powerful than Sennacherib. THIS time, Hezekiah trusted in the LORD!

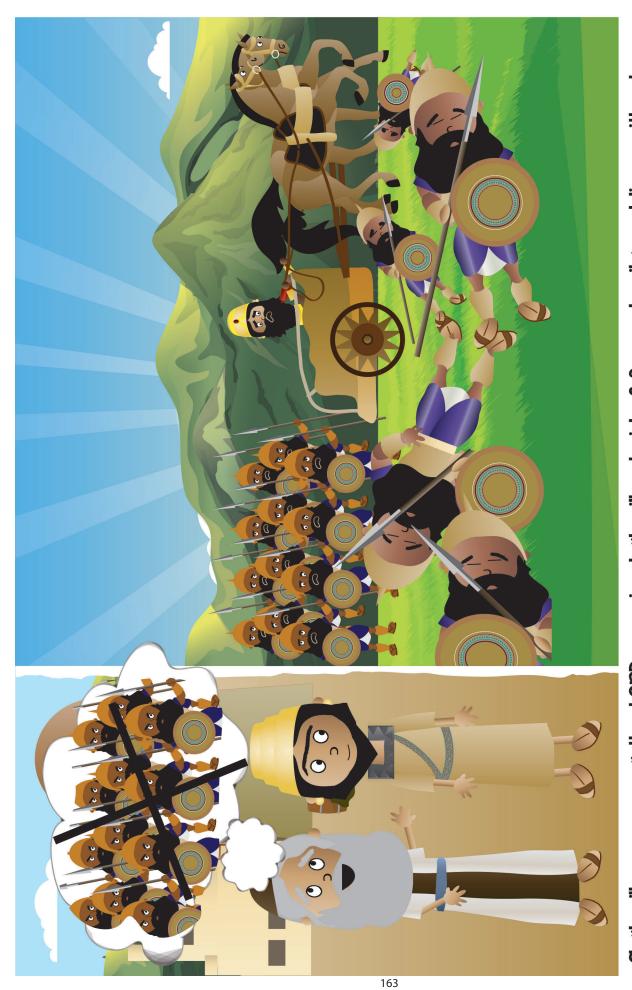


Perhaps He will help us," Hezekiah exclaimed. "The LORD says: 'Don't be afraid. I will get rid of 7. Hezekiah sent for Isaiah, the LORD's messenger. "This is terrible news! But let's pray to the LORD. Sennacherib and his army," Isaiah told Hezekiah.

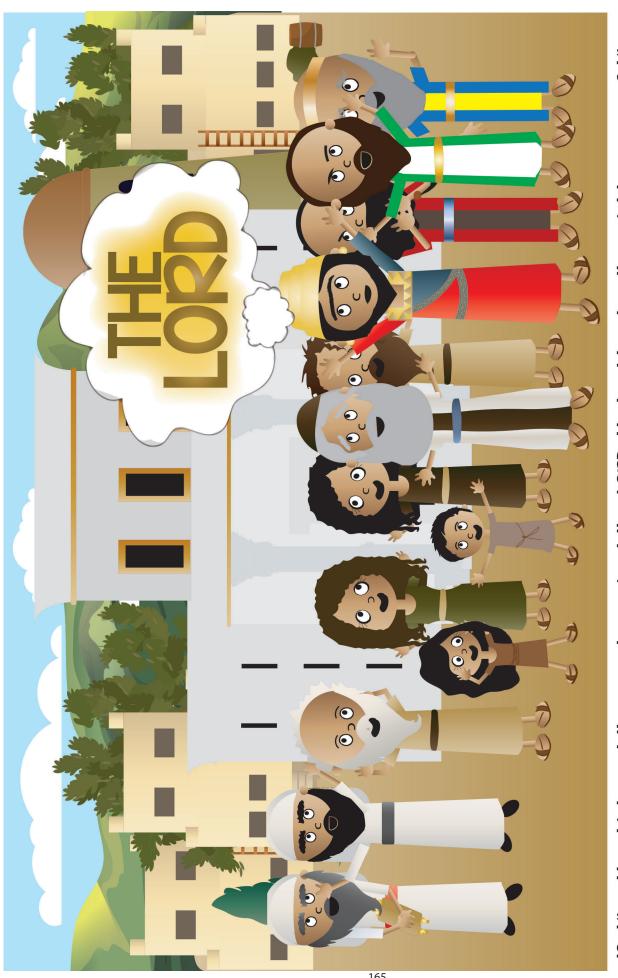




8. Sennacherib's army leader laughed at this. "Don't trust in the LORD, your God. He can't help you!" he shouted. But Hezekiah prayed: "LORD, You can do anything you want to do. Rescue us and show King Sennacherib and his army that You alone are the one, true God."



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10. King Hezekiah and the people praised the LORD. He had beaten the mighty army of King Sennacherib by Himself. Now, King Sennacherib, his army, and everyone else would know that the LORD is the one, true God. He is all-powerful. He can do anything He wants to do.



A: "Sennacherib was the man with the big name. He learned the LORD was even bigger and more powerful. than him!"

2 Kings I8-I9, 2 Chronicles 32 The Case of the Man with the Big Name



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Assignment #1 Detective Dan's Listening



Detective Dan's

Listening

Psalm 135:5-6, ESV

Assignment #2

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

I. Who did not believe the LORD was great? King Sennacherib and his army leaders. 2. How did the LORD show He can do whatever pleases Him? The LORD defeated King Sennacherib's army without King Hezekiah or any of the people of Jerusalem having to Fight at all.

For You and Me:

Him is to love sinners like you and me, and to show the Isn't it amazing to think that the LORD is always great enough to do whatever pleases Him? And, what pleases world how great and good He is! And who knows this most of all? God's people-all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us.

I. Who was the man with the big name? What did he think

Sennacherib. He thought he could defeat any people,

any army, any god, with his great army.

The LORD did. Sennacherib was no match for Him! Not in 2. Who proved to be even more powerful than him?

For You and Me:

to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us. from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask God always show that He is the one, true God. And who knows this most of all? God's people-all who turn away win. He will always do what is best for His people and will than the LORD. The LORD and His good plans will always There will never be any enemy who is more powerful

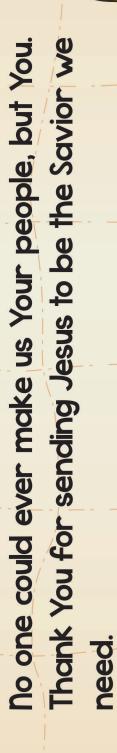
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"The LORD is not like anyone else. Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are so powerful. You can do anything You want to do.



Work in our hearts. 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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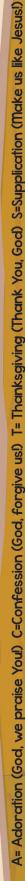
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good. But too many times, we do not trust You. We don't think You are able C God, we know You can do anything You want to do. We know You only do to take care of us. Or, we don't trust that what You want to do is really best. Please forgive us! We need a Savior!

You love to use Your power to do good. You will never use it to do anything bad. Thank You for even using Your great power to make the way for us LORD, thank You for being so powerful! Thank You that we can always ask for Your help, and You can always give us the help we need. Thank You that to be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus! S Work in our hearts, LORD. Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You to take care of us. Use Your great power to do all of Your wonderful will in us and in this world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



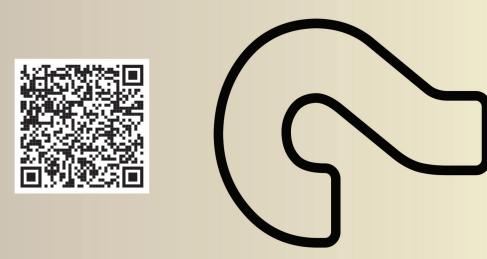




"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #4 Simple Song Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.



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

Big Question #4 Tell Me More Song



Tell me, can anybody tell me,
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,

Verse 2:

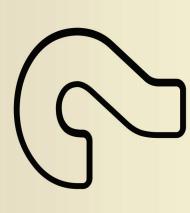
He's Immutable! (He never changes!) He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)

He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous! (He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!)

Verse I:

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)



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

He's not like anyone else,



ABC's of God Rap, page I

So you say that the Lord's not like anyone else, Come praise the Lord with me! Come 'on! That He's in a category all by Himself, Well, that's cool, y'all, 'cuz I agree,

Refrain:

Come, little children, Gonna say my ABC's of God, Yes, come draw near, little children, Gonna say 'em for all to hear. (Repeat)

There's no one, I mean no one who's EXALTED like Him! He is full of COMPASSION, is COMPLETE DELIGHTFULNESS, He's the LORD, the LIVING ONE, robed in MAJESTY. He's His people's HELPER, INTERCEDES all the time, The Lord is FORGIVING, FULL of GLORY He shines, He's also our JUDGE and our KING supreme, He sits ENTHRONED above the cherubim, The Lord is ABLE, He is BLESSED,

ABC's of God Rap, page 2

So we've just described some of who the Lord is, Using words from A to M. And it's clear there's no one like Him. Now let's go from N to Z, Come, praise the Lord with me. (Refrain)



He's the ONE, true God and PROVIDER of true PEACE; The Lord NEEDS NOTHING, NOT even sleep;

He QUIETS His people with His love;

He REDEEMED them from hell By the power of His blood-Jesus;

The Lord is SOVEREIGN, He is TRUTHFUL and UPRIGHT,

Over death He's VICTORIOUS and He's WONDERF'LY WISE,

He's our eXCELLENT God, He's real name is YAHWEH,

He is full of ZEAL, and His good plans win always!

Now I've said my ABC's, Won't you come and praise the Lord with me, Now I've said my ABC's, Come and praise the Lord with me! Come on! (Refrain)

He's in a category all by Himself, He's in a category all by Himself. A,B,C,D,E,F,G, Now we know our ABC's, And you'll have to agree, He's not like anyone else, HJI, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Zzz.



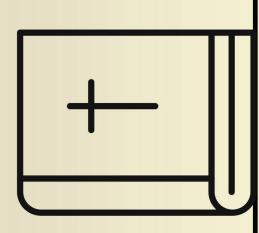
Big Question #4, Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song:

I Know that the LORD is Great: Psalm 135:5-6

I know that the LORD is great,

That our Lord is greater than all gods.

The LORD does whatever pleases him.
In the heavens and on the earth,
In the seas and all their depths,
In the heavens and on the earth,
In the seas and all their depths.
The LORD does whatever pleases Him.
Psalm One-thirty-five, five and six.



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

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me. God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), Big Question #4 Praise Song God Is So Good Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy). God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Big Question #4 Hymn All ye little children, All ye little children, All ye little children,



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He's not like anyone else!"

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."

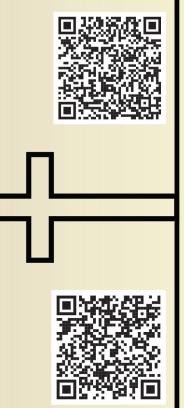
This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!

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!

We're Deep Down Defectiv Come on! Let's start!

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.

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!



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.



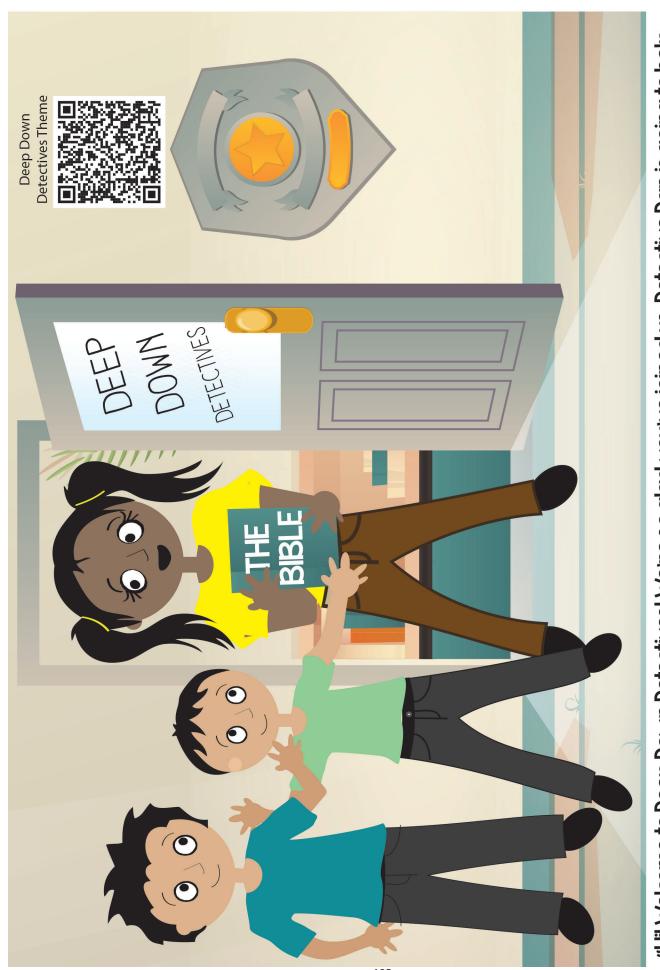
Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 7

The Case of the Man with the Big Name 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32

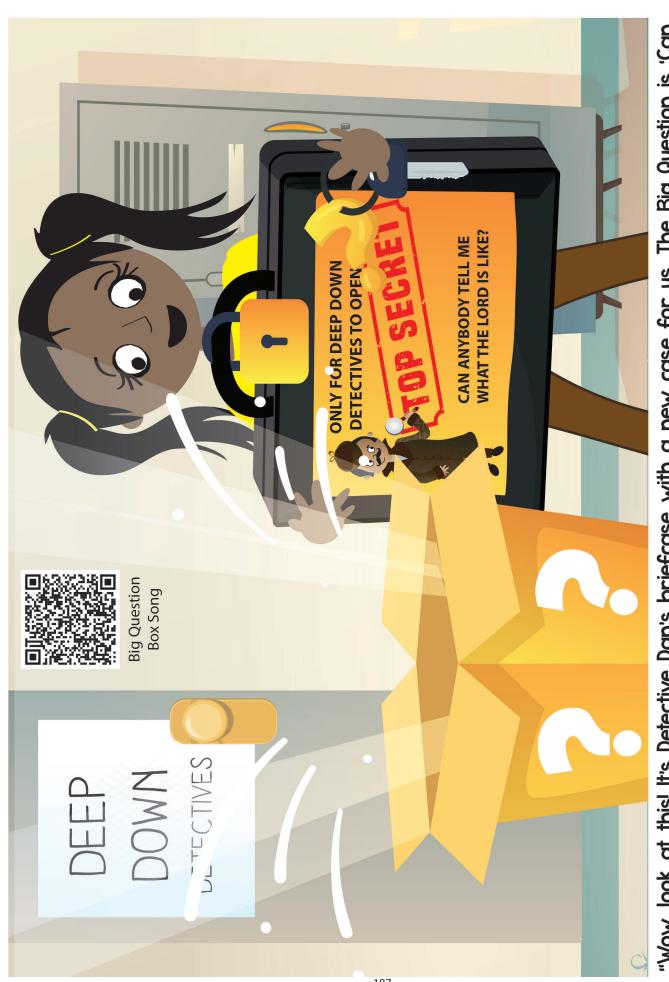
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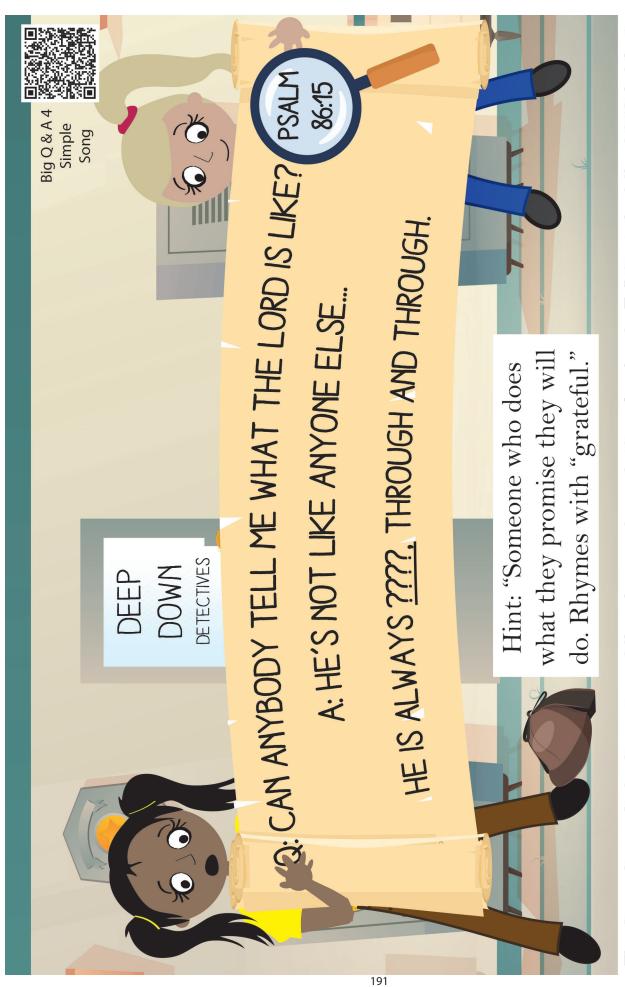
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



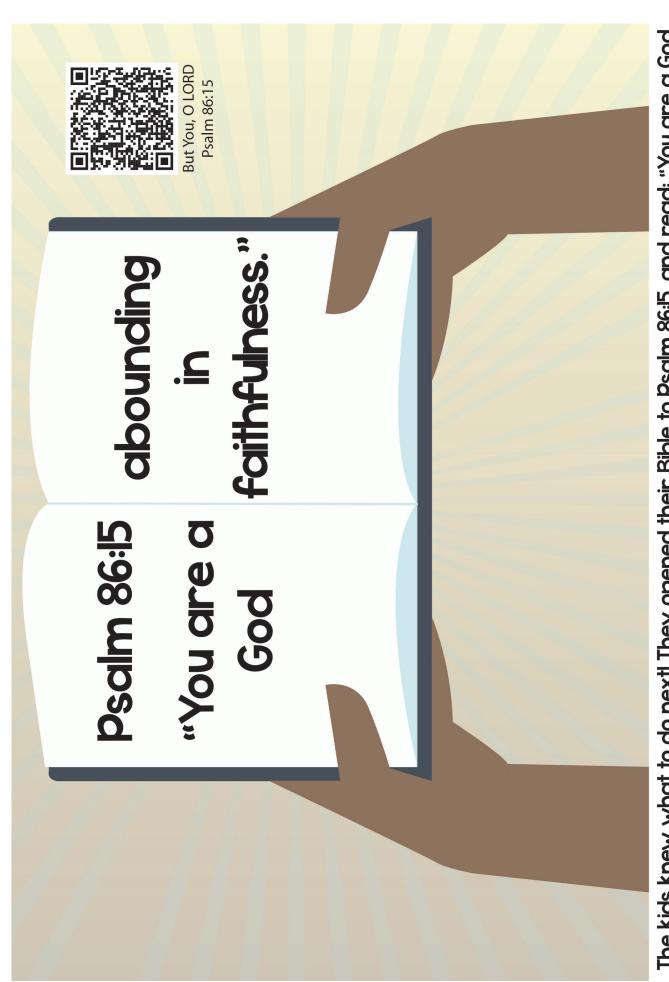
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. The Big Question is 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD is Like?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always ????, Through and Through. Psalm 86:15." Hint: "Someone who does what they promise they will do. Rhymes with "grateful."



The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 86:15, and read: "You are a God abounding in faithfulness."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this last truth about what the LORD is like?" he asked. "We think so! The LORD is abounding in faithfulness. That means He will always be faithful. He will always do what He's promised."



"Our Big Question is: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? And the answer is: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Is Always FAITHFUL, Through and Through!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"God is faithful. We can count on Him to always do just what He says He will do. God has given His people many promises in His Word, the Bible. These remind them how God will be faithful to them. turn away from living for themselves and trust in Jesus to save them. Ask Him to help you do this. One of the best promises God makes is to save whoever asks Him to forgive their sins, when they He loves to answer this prayer."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food.' Listen for how the LORD provided food for His people, even out in the dry, deserty wilderness."

The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Psalm 86:15, ESV

"But you, 0 Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

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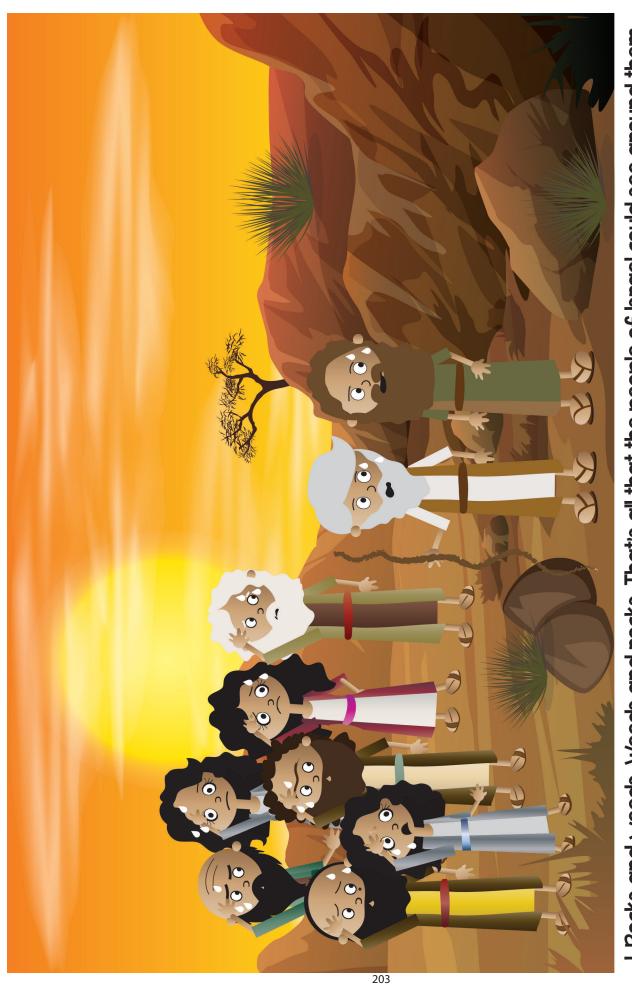
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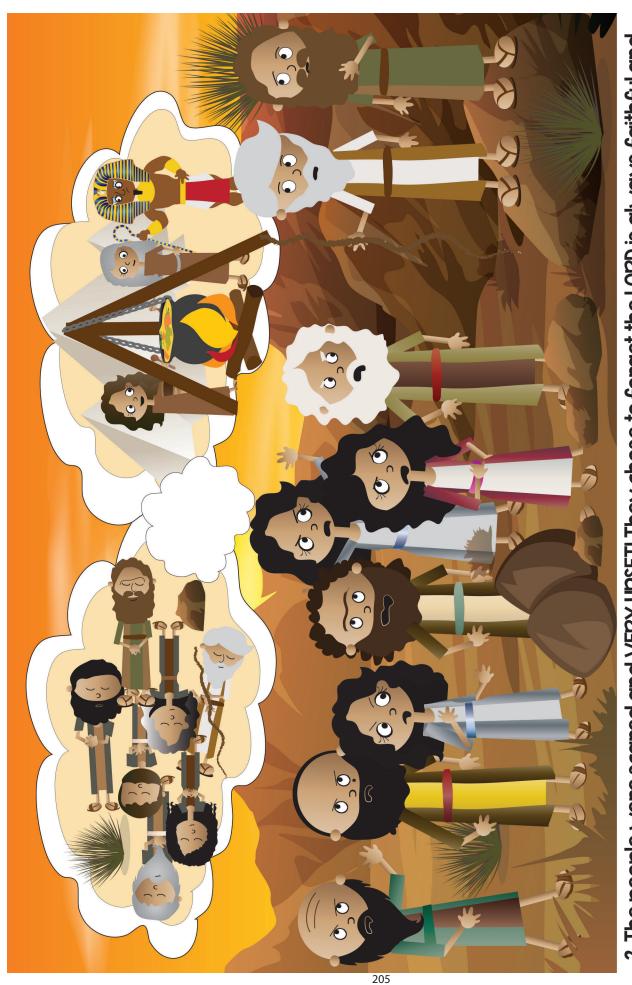
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special about it?

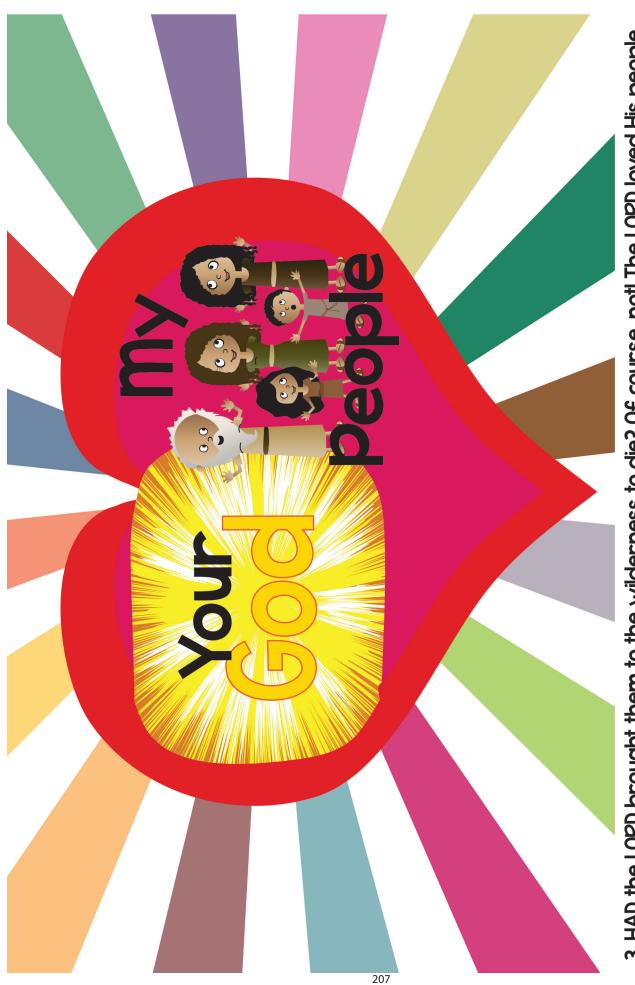
I. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?



I. Rocks and weeds. Weeds and rocks. That's all that the people of Israel could see around them. No water. No food. THIS was a hot, dry, deserty wilderness. WHERE was the beautiful land the LORD promised to give them when He rescued them from Egypt?



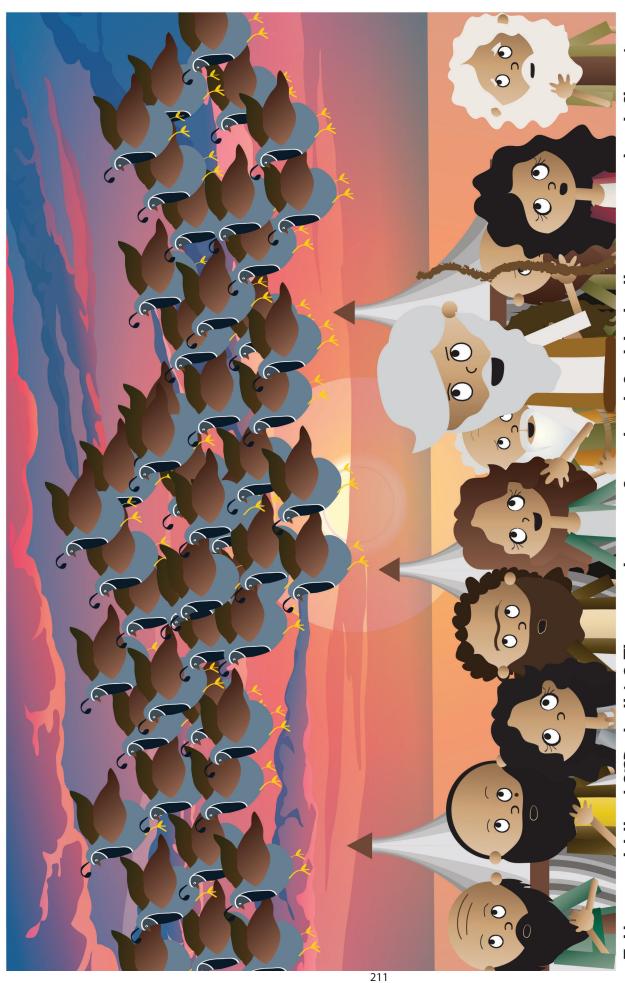
2. The people were scared and VERY UPSET! They chose to forget the LORD is always faithful and keeps all His promises. "It would have been better if we had stayed in Egypt," they grumbled. "Now, we're going to die out here in this wilderness."



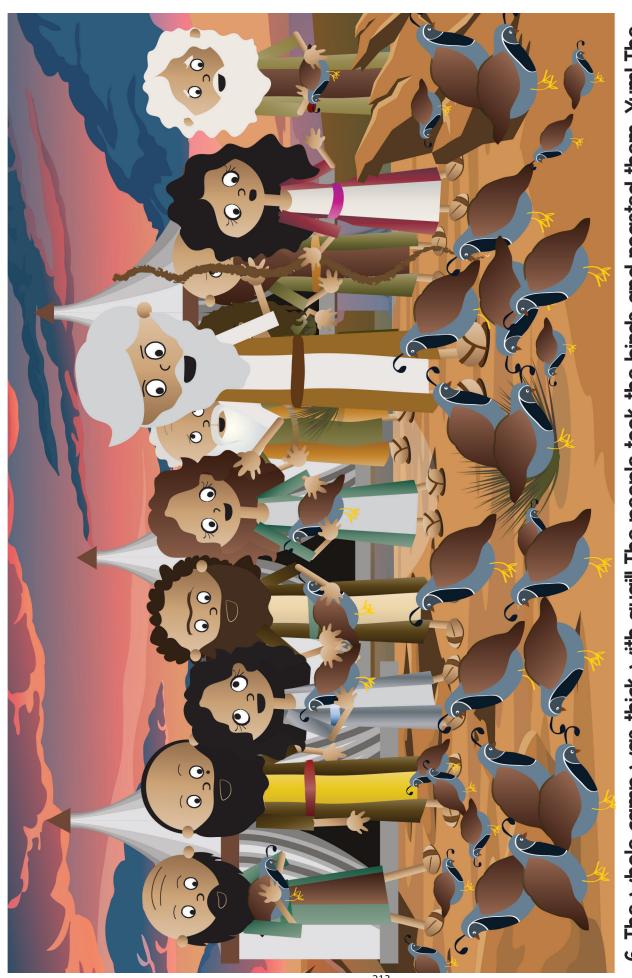
3. HAD the LORD brought them to the wilderness to die? Of course, not! The LORD loved His people. He had led them to the wilderness to teach them to trust Him. He wouldn't let them die! He knew exactly what they needed, and He would give it to them.



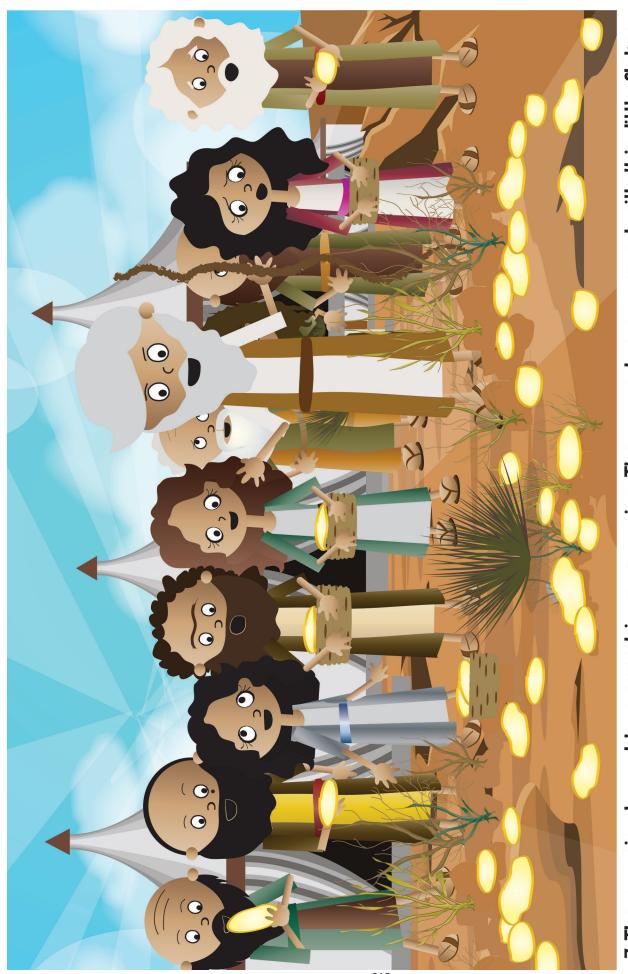
4. Moses called the people together, and said, "The LORD freed you from Egypt. Trust Him to take care of you out here in the wilderness. He is even going to give you meat to eat tonight, and bread to eat in the morning," Moses promised.



noise. The people looked up and saw the sky filled with birds! The LORD had sent thousands and 5. How could the LORD do this? The people soon found out. Suddenly, there was a loud, flapping thousands of quail for dinner!



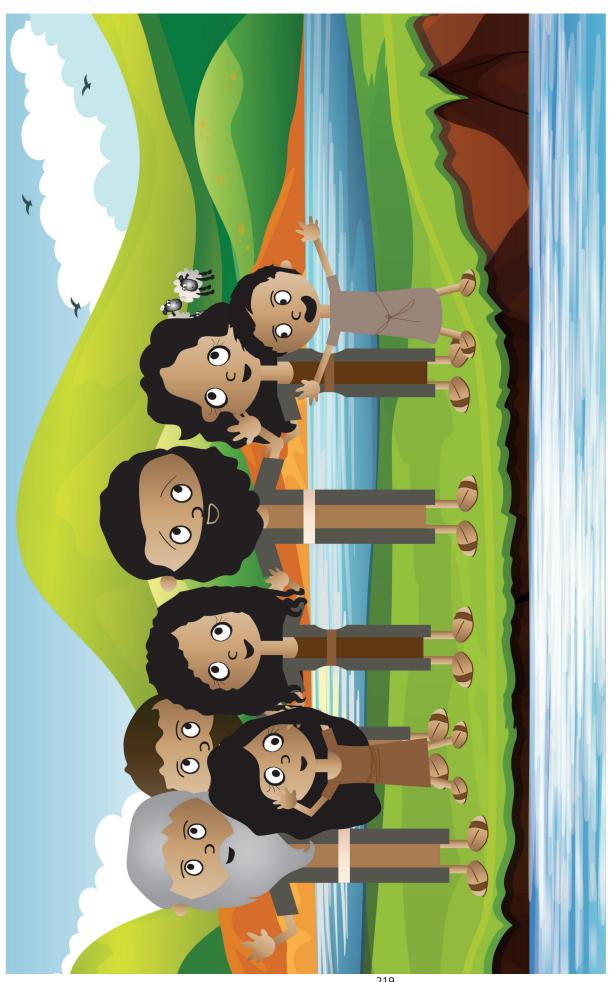
6. The whole camp was thick with quail! The people took the birds and roasted them. Yum! The LORD had been faithful to His promises. Everyone went to bed with a full belly, even out there in the middle of the dry, desert-y wilderness.



7. The morning brought an even bigger surprise. The ground was covered with thin, little flakes of something. "The LORD has sent you bread from heaven," Moses told the people. "Gather up as much as you need. He will give you more tomorrow."



8. What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it was so good. It was sweet like honey. The people called it "What is it?" - or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!



9. For forty years, the people of Israel lived in the wilderness before settling in the beautiful homeland the LORD promised them. And every single day, the LORD fed them manna from heaven. The LORD was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!



A: "The LORD, Himself, provided them with the food they needed, even manna from heaven."

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Assignment #1 Detective Dan's Listening

hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so I. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it? weeds and rocks! No food!

"manna"--special bread from heaven that they collected from the it? The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them 2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about ground every morning.

become God's dearly-loved people! Ask Him to help you trust in God's people! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, will be forgiven their sins and showing He had done it. He had really beaten sin and death for as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, promise! He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. But the The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!

Detective Dan's Listening

Assignment #2



Psalm 86:15, ESV

"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

l. What did the people of Israel think the LORD would NOT be faithful to provide for them? Food out in the wilderness.

2. How did the LORD show He was faithful to His promises to take care of the people of Israel? He rescued them from Egypt and having to work for the mean king. He provided food for them in the wilderness every day until they reached the homeland He promised to give them.

For You and Me:

The people of Israel had so much to thank the LORD for doing for them! He rescued them from the mean king of Egypt. He took care of them as they traveled through the wilderness and gave them a wonderful, new homeland. How faithful the LORD was to them! The He offers to forgive our sins and make us His dearly-loved people, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then LORD gives us even more to be thankful for than the people of Israel. we will be His people and He will be our God. He will be faithful to always take care of us every day of our lives here on earth. And one day, when we die, He will take us to the wonderful homeland of heaven to live with Him forever. That will be best of all! Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to help us!

Something to Grow Into



"The LORD is not like anyone else. Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are faithful, through and through. You always take care of Your people.



Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need, so we might become Your people. Work in our hearts. 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 We praise You, God, that You are the great and awesome God. There is no God like you. You are always faithful!
- promises. We do not love You or others the way we should. Please forgive us! C God, You are always faithful, but we are often unfaithful. We break our We need a Savior!
- so faithful to people like us who can be so unfaithful. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away little people and You are the great and awesome God. Thank You for being God, thank You for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- S Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to depend on You. Help us to tell others about You, so they can know how great and awesome You are.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





"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 #4 Simple Song Can anybody tell me,
Tell me, tell me,
Can anybody tell me,
What the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, Anyone else, anyone else, He's not like anyone else, That's what the LORD is like.





Big Question #4 Tell Me More Song



Tell me, can anybody tell me,
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,

Verse 2:

He's Immutable! (He never changes!)
He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)
He's Infinite!
(There's always more of Him to know!)
And purely Righteous! (He has no sin!
Not even a teeny, tiny speck!)

Verse I:

Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be) and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!) He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)



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

He's not like anyone else,



ABC's of God Rap, page I

So you say that the Lord's not like anyone else, Come praise the Lord with me! Come 'on! That He's in a category all by Himself, Well, that's cool, y'all, 'cuz I agree,

Refrain:

Come, little children, Gonna say my ABC's of God, Yes, come draw near, little children,

Gonna say 'em for all to hear. (Repeat)

There's no one, I mean no one who's EXALTED like Him! He is full of COMPASSION, is COMPLETE DELIGHTFULNESS, He's the LORD, the LIVING ONE, robed in MAJESTY. He's His people's HELPER, INTERCEDES all the time, The Lord is FORGIVING, FULL of GLORY He shines, He's also our JUDGE and our KING supreme, He sits ENTHRONED above the cherubim, The Lord is ABLE, He is BLESSED,

ABC's of God Rap, page 2

So we've just described some of who the Lord is, Using words from A to M. And it's clear there's no one like Him. Now let's go from N to Z, Come, praise the Lord with me. (Refrain)



The Lord NEEDS NOTHING, NOT even sleep;

He's the ONE, true God and PROVIDER of true PEACE;

He QUIETS His people with His love;

He REDEEMED them from hell By the power of His blood-Jesus;

The Lord is SOVEREIGN, He is TRUTHFUL and UPRIGHT,

Over death He's VICTORIOUS and He's WONDERF'LY WISE, He's our eXCELLENT God, He's real name is YAHWEH,

He is full of ZEAL, and His good plans win always!

Now I've said my ABC's, Won't you come and praise the Lord with me, Now I've said my ABC's, Come and praise the Lord with me!

Come on! (Refrain)

He's in a category all by Himself, He's in a category all by Himself. A,B,C,D,E,F,G, Now we know our ABC's, And you'll have to agree, He's not like anyone else, HJI, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Zzz.





But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious,

Big Question #4, Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse Song:

But You, O LORD: Psalm 86:15

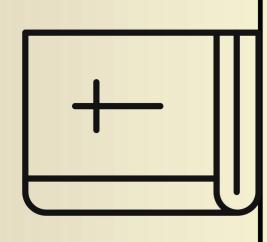
But you, O LORD, are a God, merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness.

Yes, you are a merciful God,

Gracious, slow to anger,

Slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,



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

Psalm Eighty-six, fifteen.

Abounding in steadfast love, in faithfulness.

He's so good (powerful, holy) to me. God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), God is so good (powerful, holy), Big Question #4 Praise Song God Is So Good Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy). God is love (powerful, holy), Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Big Question #4 Hymn All ye little children, All ye little children, All ye little children,



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He's not like anyone else!"

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."

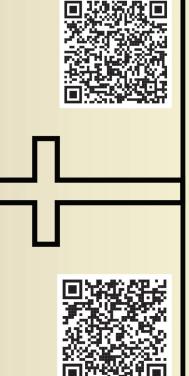
This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!

The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? G-0-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

For truths about God and His We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, plans for this world,



We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart,

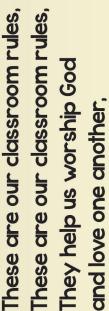
We're Deep Down Detectives! Come on! Let's start!

Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand,

if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play. sitting beside you,



These are our classroom rules.

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.



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 4, Bible Truth 8

The Case of the Never-Forgotten Food Exodus 16

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

- 1. Rocks and weeds. Weeds and rocks. That's all that the people of Israel could see around them. No water. No food. THIS was a hot, dry, deserty wilderness. WHERE was the beautiful land the LORD promised to give them when He rescued them from Egypt?
- 2. The people were scared and VERY UPSET! They chose to forget the LORD is always faithful and keeps all His promises. "It would have been better if we had stayed in Egypt," they grumbled. "Now, we're going to die out here in this wilderness."
- 3. HAD the LORD brought them to the wilderness to die? Of course, not! The LORD loved His people. He had led them to the wilderness to teach them to trust Him. He wouldn't let them die! He knew exactly what they needed, and He would give it to them.
- 4. Moses called the people together, and said, "The LORD freed you from Egypt. Trust Him to take care of you out here in the wilderness. He is even going to give you meat to eat tonight, and bread to eat in the morning," Moses promised.
- 5. How could the LORD do this? The people soon found out. Suddenly, there was a loud, flapping noise. The people looked up and saw the sky filled with birds! The LORD had sent thousands and thousands of quail for dinner!
- 6. The whole camp was thick with quail! The people took the birds and roasted them. Yum! The LORD had been faithful to His promises. Everyone went to bed with a full belly, even out there in the middle of the dry, desert-y wilderness.
- 7. The morning brought an even bigger surprise. The ground was covered with thin, little flakes of something. "The LORD has sent you bread from heaven," Moses told the people. "Gather up as much as you need. He will give you more tomorrow."
- 8. What funny-looking bread! But when they tasted it, it was so good. It was sweet like honey. The people called it "What is it?" or manna, as they say in their language. They gathered it up and cooked with it. Yum, yum, yummy! Bread from heaven!
- 9. For forty years, the people of Israel lived in the wilderness before settling in the beautiful homeland the LORD promised them. And every single day, the LORD fed them manna from heaven. The LORD was always faithful, through and through... and He still is, even today!