

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

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



**3 Bible Truths from Big Question 7:
What Are God's Laws Like?**
by Constance Dever



Curriculum for preschool and elementary age children,
training tools, music and other resources
are available for download or to order at:
www.praisefactory.org

© 2024 Praise Factory Media all rights reserved. May be reproduced by licensed user for classroom purposes only.

This and many other resources are available online at www.praisefactory.org

Scripture quotations marked (NIV) are taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.www.zondervan.com

Scripture quotations marked (ESV) are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Scripture quotations marked HCSB are taken from the Holman Christian Standard Bible®, Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2009 by Holman Bible Publishers. Used by permission. Holman Christian Standard Bible®, Holman CSB®, and HCSB® are federally registered trademarks of Holman Bible Publishers.

Table of Contents

Deep Down Detectives Resources	4
About Detective Dan's Big Question Box	5
Using Detective Dan's Big Question Box	6
Optional Briefcase and Props	7
Classroom Prep Visual Aids for Teachers	8
 UNIT 7: THE LAW-GIVING GOD	
What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!	
Bible Truth 1: They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word	11
Bible Truth 2: They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us	69
Bible Truth 3: They Tell Us How to Love God and Others	127

Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All of these materials may be photocopied for non-commercial church, classroom or school use by licensed users.

Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

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

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

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

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

About Detective Dan's Big Question Box

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

Format Overview

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

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

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

Part 2: The Bible Story

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

Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

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

Why I Created This New Version

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

How We Use This Detective Dan's at CHBC

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

Available Formats

Print Version

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

Screen Version

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

Need More?

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

Using Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Prepare Your Materials

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

2. Choose how you want to present the curriculum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER, OPTIONAL PREPARATIONS

4. Prep for the music.

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

5. Prep the optional props.

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

6. Other resources we find useful.

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

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

Get Ready to Teach

1. Choose which "Case" you are teaching.

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

3. Put your resources in place.

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

4. Pray.

Calling the Kids to Bible Time

1. Ring the bell.

2. Play the Gathering Song.

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

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

5. Pray the Opening Prayer.

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

Optional Briefcase and Props

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

Assembling the Optional Props for the Big Question Briefcase

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

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

2. Pair Up.

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

3. Cut out each pair of props.

Fold or piece back to back with picture sides outward.

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

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

5. Cut out the Big Questions and laminate them.

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

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

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

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

Get Ready to Teach

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



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



3. Put your resources in place:

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



4. Pray!



Transition to Bible Time

1. Ring and Sing

Ring Bell

Sing "The Gathering Song"



The Gathering Song

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



2. Park and Come

"It's Bible Time, kids.

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



3. Settle with Criss Cross

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



Criss Cross Applesauce

(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

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



Let's Pray
Song

Let's Pray Song

1,2,3

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

Opening Prayer

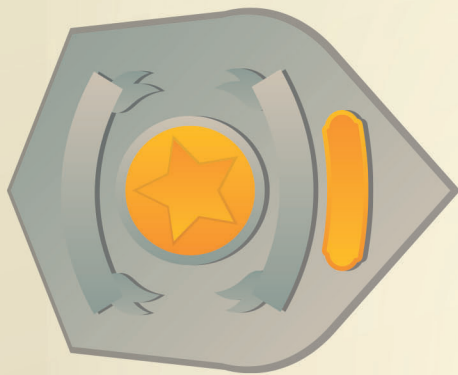
Lord,
Work in our hearts.
Help us to listen and learn about You.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #7, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the Big Ten**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



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



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a **new** Big Question for us. It says, 'What Are God's Laws Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT ARE GOD'S LAWS LIKE?

A: GOD'S LAWS ARE PERFECT...

THEY ARE WRITTEN IN THE ???, GOD'S WORD.



DEUT.
5:1

Hint: The name of God's
Word. It starts with a "B."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are perfect... They Are Written in the ???, God's Word." Deuteronomy 5:1. Hint: The name of God's Word. It starts with a "B."



Big Q & A 7
Simple Song

Deuteronomy

5:1

**“Hear the
rules I
speak...**

**learn them
and be
careful to
do them.”**



Hear, O Israel
Deuteronomy 5:1

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Deuteronomy 5:1, and read: “Hear the rules I speak... learn them and be careful to do them.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the first way God's Laws Are Perfect?" he asked. "We think so! 'God speaks to us in His perfect Word, the Bible. That's where His laws are written down for us to learn and obey.'"



Big Q & A 7
Simple Song



"Our Big Question is: What Are God's Laws Like? And the answer is: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 7
Tell Me More
Song



Laws are big rules. God's laws are big rules that God wants everyone to obey. They are the most important laws of all. Long ago, God had godly people write down His laws in the Bible. God's Holy Spirit helped these people write down His laws just right. God's people learn God's laws and ask God to help them obey them. They love God and want to please Him. They want to show the world what God is like by living the way He wants us to live.



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Big Ten”

Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21



“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 Big Ten.’ Listen for the Big Ten the LORD gave the people to obey.”

"The Case of the Big Ten" Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21

more depth
for
older kids

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. What were the "Big Ten"? What made them so big?
2. To whom did God give the "Big Ten" to obey?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



more depth
for
older kids

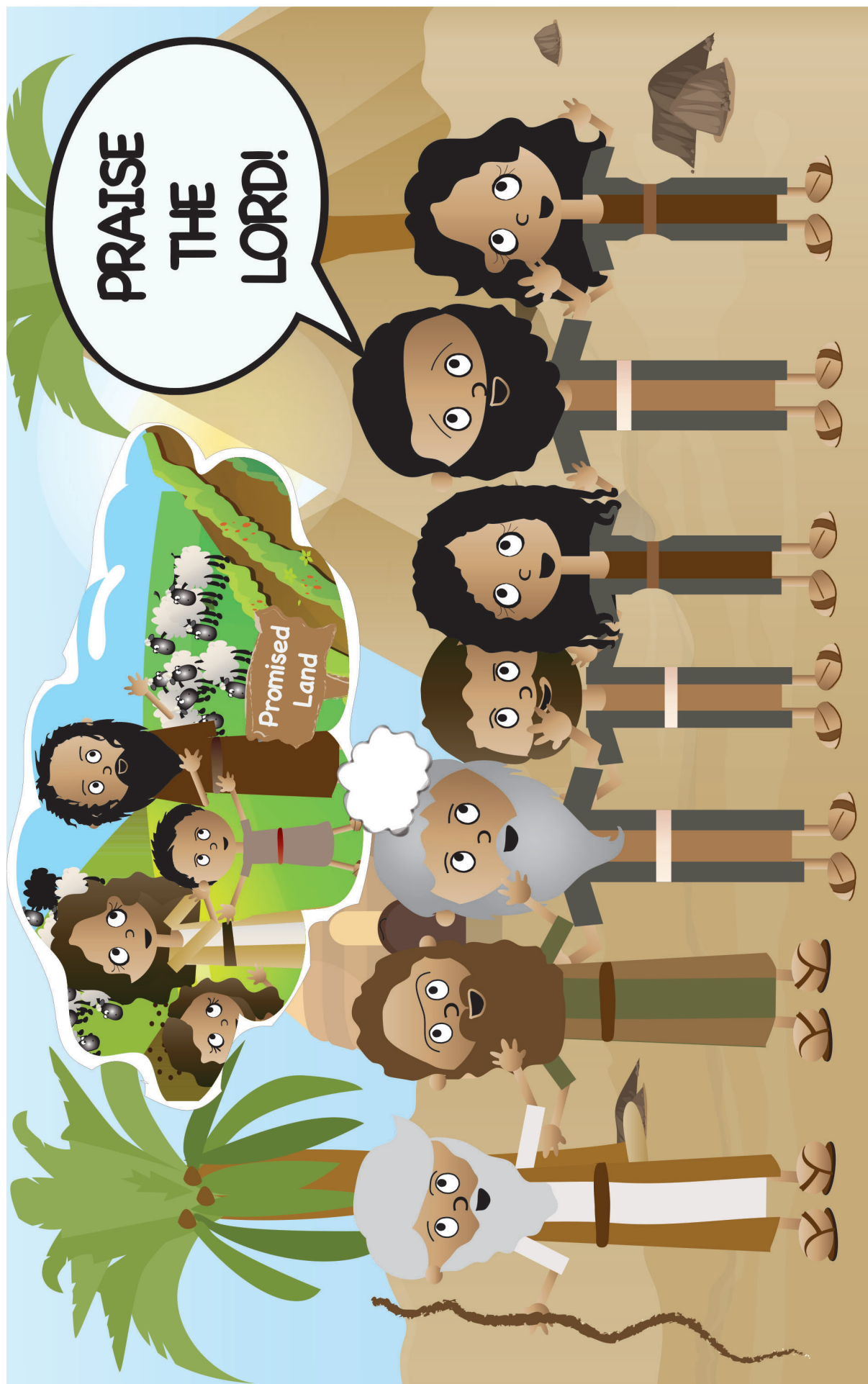
Deuteronomy 5:1, ESV

"Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

1. How did God tell the people of Israel these Ten, Big Rules?
2. Why did the people need to know these rules?

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

Something to Grow Into



1. "Praise the LORD," the Israelites shouted. They had so much to celebrate! God had freed them from their enemies, the Egyptians. He was taking them to a new home --a very special place called the Promised Land. Moses would lead them there.



2. But before they went to the Promised Land, they had to make promises with the LORD at Mt. Sinai. As the people set up camp, Moses climbed up the mountain to meet with the LORD.

THE LORD



3. "In 3 days, I'll meet with the people," the LORD told Moses. "But because I'm holy, and the people aren't, I can only meet with them if they do everything just right. Have them take baths and wash their clothes. Fence off Mt. Sinai. Prepare their hearts to meet with Me." Everyone obeyed.



4. On Day Three, the people awoke to rumbling thunder and loud trumpet blasts. Mt. Sinai was covered in clouds and flashed with lightning. Fire and smoke came down on the mountain, and the ground shook. Everyone was so afraid. The LORD was coming to meet with them!



5. Then, the LORD spoke to them in a big voice: "I am the LORD. I rescued you from your enemies. Let's make special promises together. I will be your God. You will be My special people. I will love you and take care of you, and you must keep My laws. Here are My Ten Commandments:



1. Love Me most of all.



**3. Love Me by how you talk
about Me and how you live.**



**2. Don't worship fake gods.
Worship only Me.**



**4. Keep a special day to
rest and to worship Me.**

6. "Love Me most of all. Don't make gods out of anything you see, in the sky or on the earth around you. Worship Me alone. I am the LORD. Honor My name. Don't misuse it. Keep one day a week (the Sabbath day) a day of worship and rest," the LORD told them.



5. Love and obey your mother and father.



6. Don't murder people.



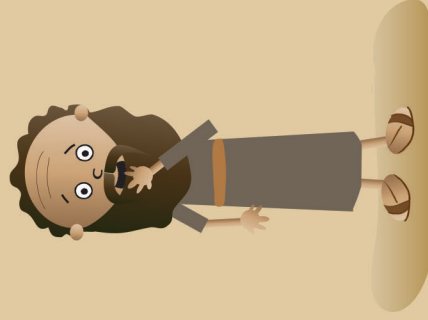
7. Keep your promise to love only your husband/wife.



8. Don't take other people's things.



10. Don't be greedy for what others have.



9. Don't lie.

7. "Honor your father and mother. Listen to them and obey them. Don't murder anyone. Don't treat someone else's husband or wife as if they are yours. Don't steal and don't lie. Don't covet -- don't keep longing for something someone else has. Be happy with what I give you."



8. The people trembled with fear when they heard the LORD's voice. "Moses, speak to us, yourself. We'll do whatever the LORD wants us to do. We want to be His people. But don't have Him speak to us anymore. His holiness scares us. We're afraid we'll die," they exclaimed.

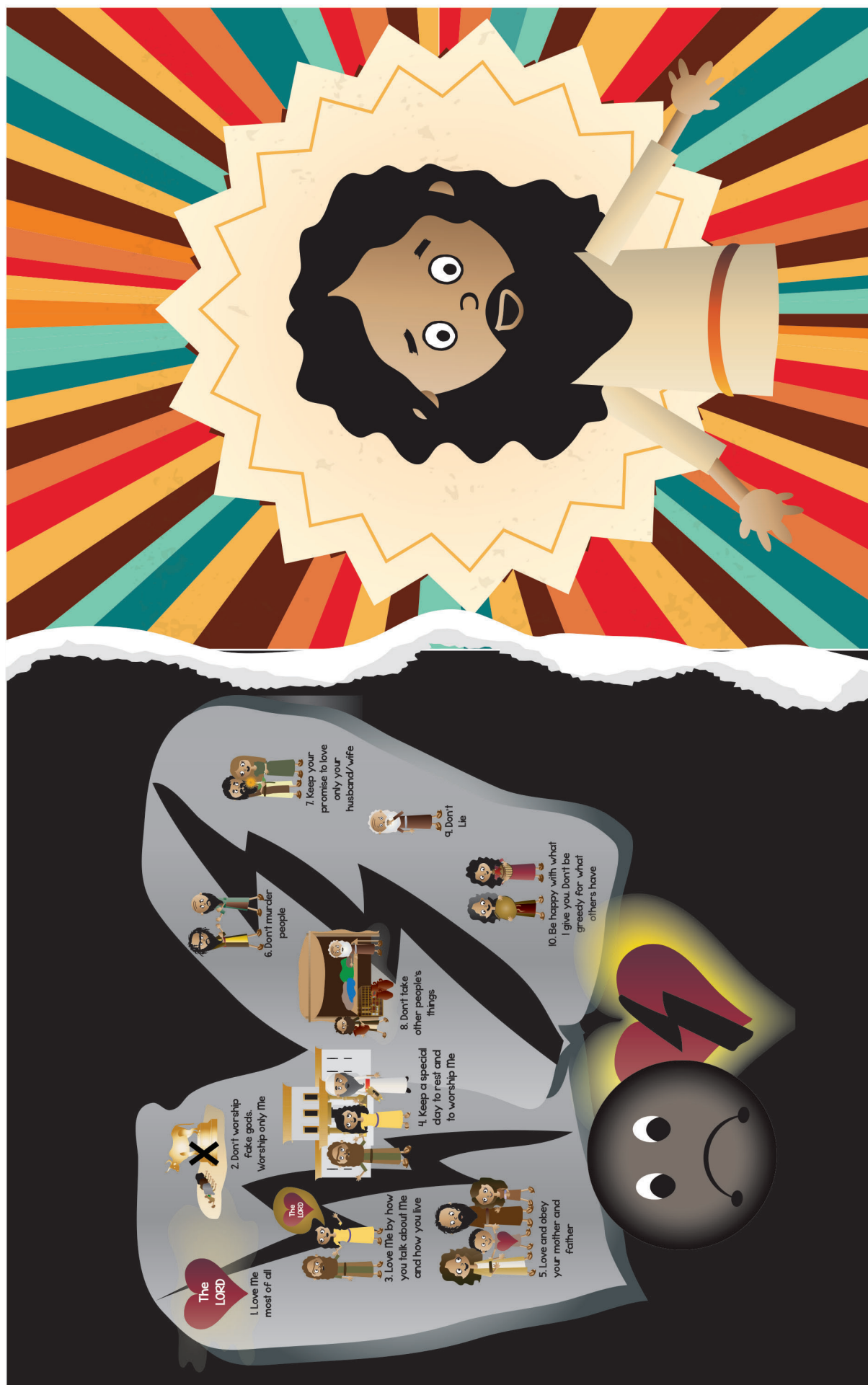


q. "The LORD hasn't come to hurt you," Moses told them. "He's come in this mighty way to show you what He's like and to warn you not to break your promises to Him," Moses said. "But I'll go and meet with Him for you." So, Moses went up the mountain to meet with the LORD.



10 Big Laws

10. On Mt. Sinai, Moses watched as the LORD, Himself, wrote His Big Ten Laws into stone. Then, the LORD gave Moses more laws, saying, "Write all of My good laws down in the Bible. Teach the people to obey them. This is how they will stay My people, and I will stay their God."



II. Sadly, the people had sinful hearts and soon broke God's laws. They didn't deserve to be God's people. But the LORD is merciful! He would send a Savior. Jesus would do for God's people what they couldn't do for themselves: obey all of God's laws and make them God's forever.



12. So, Jesus came and kept God's laws perfectly. Then, on the cross, He gave His life as the full payment for God's people's sins. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

“The Case of the Big Ten”

Q: “What were the LORD’s Big Ten He gave the people to obey?”



God’s Laws Are Perfect...

They Are Written in the Bible, God’s Word!

A: The LORD gave them the 10 Commandments, His Big Ten Laws to live by.”

plenty for
younger
kids



"The Case of the Big Ten" Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What were the "Big Ten"? What made them so big? The "Big Ten" were the Ten Commandments that the LORD gave the people of Israel at Mt. Sinai that day. We call them BIG because they are so important. They are the laws behind all of the other laws the LORD would give. They tell us how to love the LORD and love each other.

2. To whom did God give the "Big Ten" to obey? The LORD first gave them to the people of Israel, but they are laws for all of us to obey.

For You and Me:
The LORD wants all of us to obey His good laws. They are for us all to live by. But sadly, we all break them. That's why God sent Jesus to save us. He, alone, kept God's laws perfectly. Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He delights to do this!

SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

more depth
for
older kids



Deuteronomy 5:1, ESV

"Hear the rules... learn them and be careful to do them."

1. How did God tell the people of Israel these Ten, Big Rules? He met with them at Mt. Sinai. He spoke to them, Himself, out of a dark, thick cloud from the mountain. He, Himself, wrote them down on stone tablets for them to have.

2. Why did the people need to know these rules?

They needed to know them, so they could obey them. This was part of making special promises with God to become His people.

For You and Me:

All of us need to know God's Ten Commandments. God wants us to keep them if we are to be His people. But the sad truth is that none of us can ever keep God's laws as He wants us to. That's why we need a Savior if we are to be God's people. That Savior is Jesus. Jesus, God's Son, lived a perfect life. He always kept all of God's laws. Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He delights to do this!

Something to Grow Into

What Are God's Laws Like?
God's Laws Are Perfect...
they are written in the Bible, God's Word!

The Gospel

God gave us His laws, so we could know how to live lives that please Him. We can read them in the Bible. But even though we know God's laws, we all disobey them. That's why we all deserve God's punishment for our sins. How sad!

But God is so rich in mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life. Yes, Jesus kept every, single one of God's laws! Jesus offered up His perfect life to God as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people!

We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this. Ask Him!



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

**“The LORD gave us His laws to live by. Let’s ask Him to help us now.
Let’s pray.”**

A Prayer

**We praise You, LORD. You give us Your good laws
to live by.**

**We know Your good laws, but we disobey them.
Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we
need.**

**Work in our hearts. Help us to obey Your good
laws. Help us to turn away from our sins and
trust in Jesus as our Savior.**

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



**plenty for
younger
kids**

ACTS Prayer Song



Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth
for
older kids

A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.

C God, we confess that we break Your good laws. Sometimes, we do not obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. You made us to be law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for giving us Your good laws, so we know how to love and obey You. Thank You for making sure they were written down just right in Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to keep Your laws perfectly and make the way for people like us to be forgiven.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them. Help us to love You by living for You and keeping Your good laws.

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!)

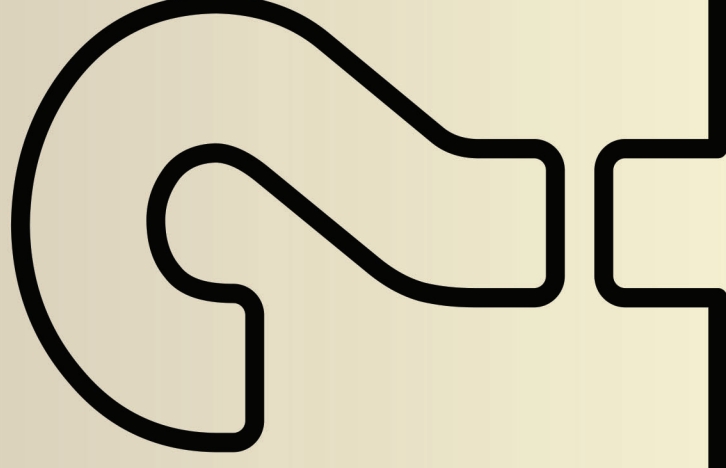


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #7

Simple Song

What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
God's laws are perfect!



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

Big Question #7 Tell Me More Song What Are God's Laws Like?

Refrain

What are God's laws like?
What are they like?

God's laws are perfect!
God's laws are perfect!

What are God's laws like?
What are they like?

God's laws are like Him,
They are good and just.

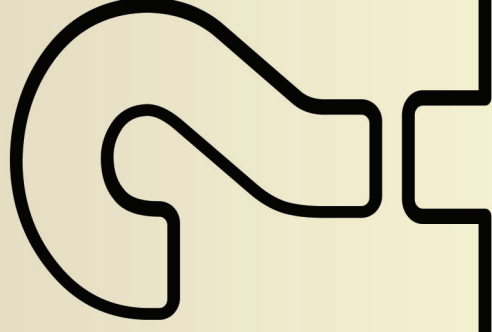
Verse 2

God's laws are the best way,
For us all to live,

God calls us to obey them,
To reflect His righteousness. Refrain

Verse 1

God is our creator,
He's in charge of the whole world.
He gave us laws to live by,
They are written in His Word. Refrain



Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

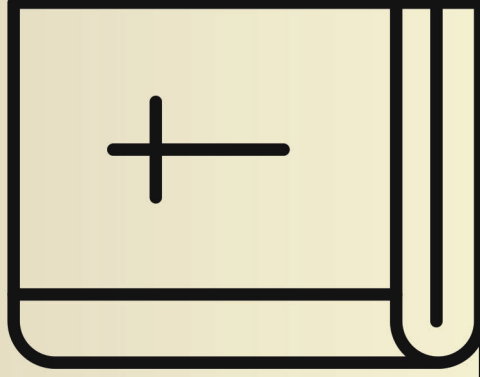
Big Question #7, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:
Hear, O Israel (short version)

Deuteronomy 5:1

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and rules I speak,
Learn them and be careful to do them.
Be careful to do them.

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and rules I speak,
Learn them and be careful to do them.
Be careful to do them.

Deuteronomy Five, verses 1,6-21.



Big Question #7, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:
Hear, O Israel (10 Commandments version)

Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21

Refrain:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and rules I speak,
Learn them and be careful to do them.
Be careful to do them.

You shall have no gods before Me,
You shall not make a carved image,
You shall not bow down or serve them.
You shall not take the name of the LORD in vain,
Observe the Sabbath day,
Honor your father and mother. Refrain



You shall not murder,
You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not steal,
You shall not bear false witness
Against your neighbor,
You shall not covet anything. Refrain
Deuteronomy Five, verses 1,6-21.

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

Big Question #7 Hymn
Holy Bible, Book Divine

Verse 1

**Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine,
You're the only Book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine.**

Verse 2

**Mine, to learn God's holy ways,
How He'd have us live each day;
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,
Who died to give eternal life.**



Big Question 7 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.**

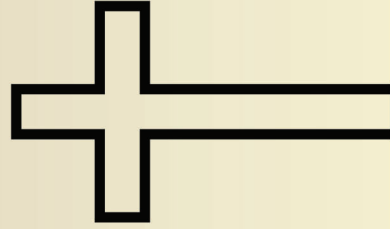


"Let's praise the Lord for giving us His perfect laws in the Bible!"

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Big Ten *Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21*

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

1. "Praise the LORD," the Israelites shouted. They had so much to celebrate! God had freed them from their enemies, the Egyptians. He was taking them to a new home --a very special place called the Promised Land. Moses would lead them there.

2. But before they went to the Promised Land, they had to make promises with the LORD at Mt. Sinai. As the people set up camp, Moses climbed up the mountain to meet with the LORD.

3. "In 3 days, I'll meet with the people," the LORD told Moses. "But because I'm holy, and the people aren't, I can only meet with them if they do everything just right. Have them take baths and wash their clothes. Fence off Mt. Sinai. Prepare their hearts to meet with Me." Everyone obeyed.

4. On Day Three, the people awoke to rumbling thunder and loud trumpet blasts. Mt. Sinai was covered in clouds and flashed with lightning. Fire and smoke came down on the mountain, and the ground shook. Everyone was so afraid. The LORD was coming to meet with them!

5. Then, the LORD spoke to them in a big voice: "I am the LORD. I rescued you from your enemies. Let's make special promises together. I will be your God. You will be My special people. I will love you and take care of you, and you must keep My laws. Here are My Ten Commandments:

6. "Love Me most of all. Don't make gods out of anything you see, in the sky or on the earth around you. Worship Me alone. I am the LORD. Honor My name. Don't misuse it. Keep one day a week (the Sabbath day) a day of worship and rest," the LORD told them.

7. "Honor your father and mother. Listen to them and obey them. Don't murder anyone. Don't treat someone else's husband or wife as if they are yours. Don't steal and don't lie. Don't covet -- don't keep longing for something someone else has. Be happy with what I give you."

8. The people trembled with fear when they heard the LORD's voice. "Moses, speak to us, yourself. We'll do whatever the LORD wants us to do. We want to be His people. But don't have Him speak to us anymore. His holiness scares us. We're afraid we'll die," they exclaimed.

9. "The LORD hasn't come to hurt you," Moses told them. "He's come in this mighty way to show you what He's like and to warn you not to break your promises to Him," Moses said. "But I'll go and meet with Him for you." So, Moses went up the mountain to meet with the LORD.

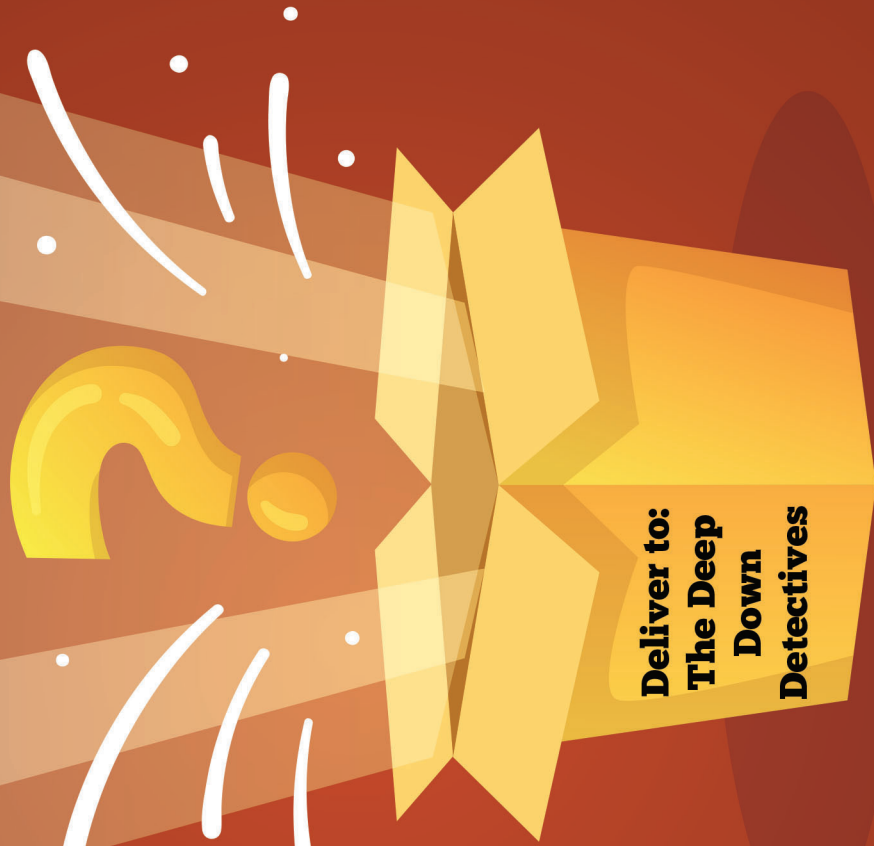
10. On Mt. Sinai, Moses watched as the LORD, Himself, wrote His Big Ten Laws into stone. Then, the LORD gave Moses more laws, saying, "Write all of My good laws down in the Bible. Teach the people to obey them. This is how they will stay My people, and I will stay their God."

11. Sadly, the people had sinful hearts and soon broke God's laws. They didn't deserve to be God's people. But the LORD is merciful! He would send a Savior. Jesus would do for God's people what they couldn't do for themselves: obey all of God's laws and make them God's forever.

12. So, Jesus came and kept God's laws perfectly. Then, on the cross, He gave His life as the full payment for God's people's sins. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

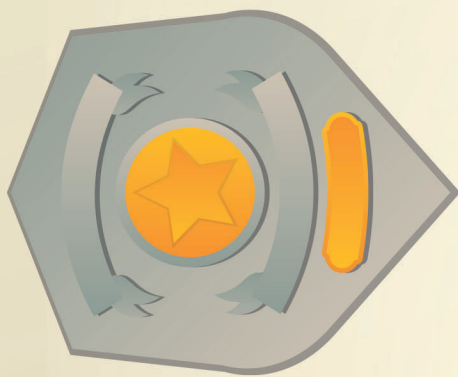


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #7, Bible Truth 2:
The Case of the Rotten Innards**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



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



“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a new case for us. It says, ‘What Are God’s Laws Like?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



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



Big Q & A 7
Simple Song

DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT ARE GOD'S LAWS LIKE?

A: GOD'S LAWS ARE PERFECT...

THEY SHOW US THAT WE NEED GOD TO ??? US.

ROMANS
3:20,23

Hint: What Jesus did for God's people on the cross. It starts with an "S" and rhymes with "brave."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are perfect... They Show Us That We Need God to ??? Us." Romans 3:20,23. Hint: What Jesus did for God's people on the cross. It starts with an "S" and rhymes with "brave."

Romans

3:20,23

**“No one will
be justified
by the
law...
For all have
sinned.”**



Now We Know
Romans 3:19-24

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Romans 3:20,23, and read: “No one will be justified by the law... For all have sinned.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the second way God's Laws Are Perfect?" he asked. "We think so! 'Justified means right with God. No one but Jesus has ever been right with God by obeying God's laws perfectly. That's why we all need Jesus to be our Savior.'"



Big Q & A 7
Simple Song



"Our Big Question is: What Are God's Laws Like? And the answer is: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Show Us That We Need God to Save Us!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 7
Tell Me More
Song



God made us and calls us to obey His laws. This is how we were meant to please Him. But we all disobey God and break His good laws. We deserve His punishment, not to be His people. Now, only a Savior can make us God's people. That Savior is Jesus, who obeyed God's laws perfectly. Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for God's people's sins when He died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. God's people were saved!



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Rotten Innards”

Luke 18:9-14



“Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God’s Word.”

“Sure, kids! I know just the story. It’s called ‘The Case of the Rotten Innards.’ Rotten Innards is a silly way to say sinful heart. Listen for who had a sinful heart but went home forgiven by God.”

"The Case of the Rotten Innards" Luke 18:9-14

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

"Innards" is a funny word that means a person's insides. And in this case, it means a person's heart, meant to love and obey God.

1. Who had a rotten heart and knew it? Who had a rotten heart and DIDN'T know it?
2. What did Jesus want them all to do?

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

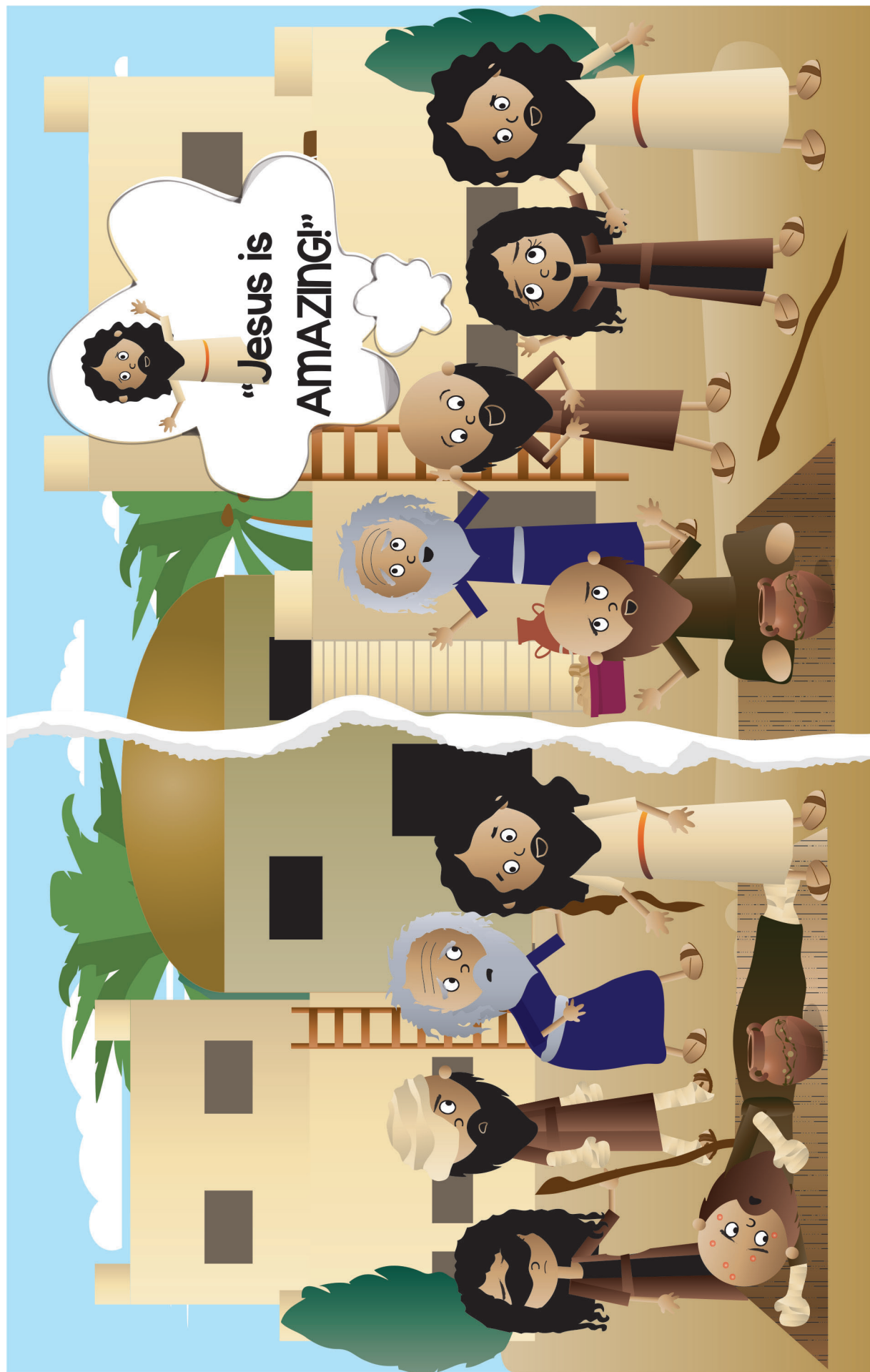
Romans 3:20-22, HCSB

"For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law... But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe."

1. Who thought they were justified (good) in God's sight? Why weren't they?
2. What did Jesus want these people to do?

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

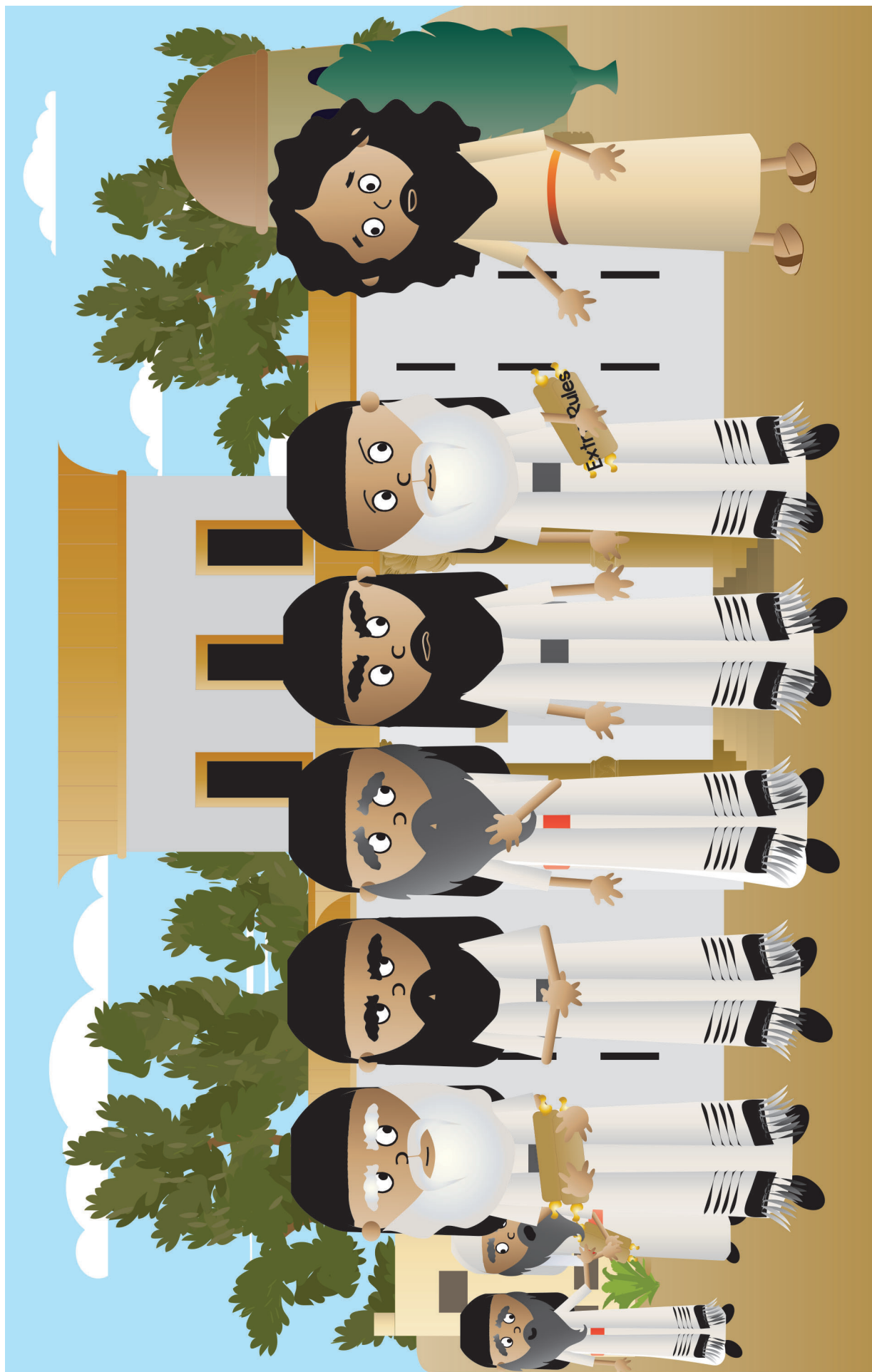
Something to Grow Into



1. Sick people, sinful people, people eager to learn about God, all went to Jesus, and He satisfied them. "How wonderful, how amazing, Jesus is," they exclaimed. Many put their trust in Him. Here was the Savior they needed.



2. But there was another kind of people who went to Jesus: the Pharisees. They were the Bible teachers. They learned God's Ten Commandments and the hundreds of God's other laws, too. They added their own, little rules to God's laws, and told everyone to obey them, too.

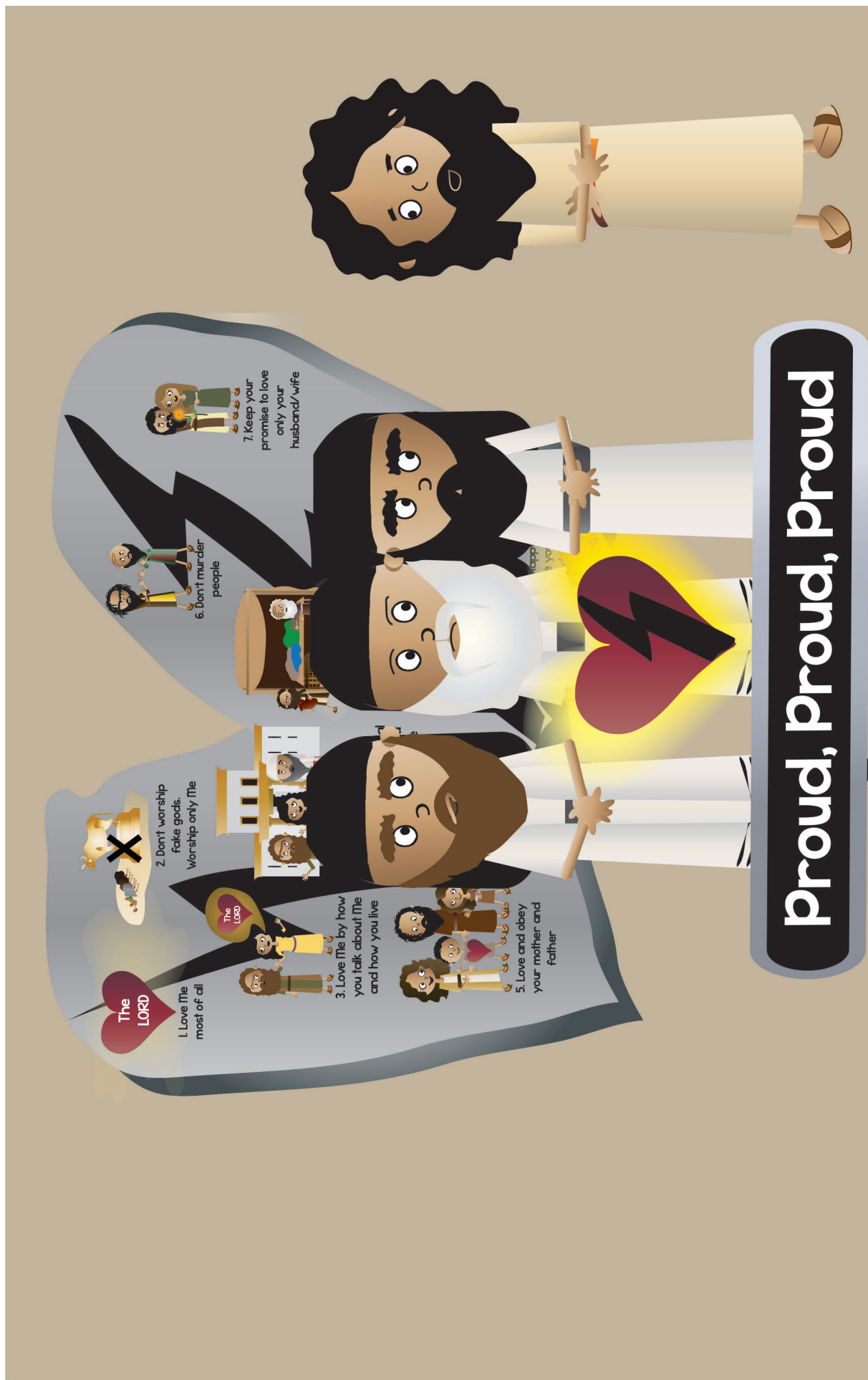


3. These teachers didn't think they needed a Savior. "We're so good. We don't need God's forgiveness," they boasted. "We please God by obeying His laws and our little rules." They went to Jesus to see if He kept God's laws and their little rules, too... and get Him in trouble, if He didn't!

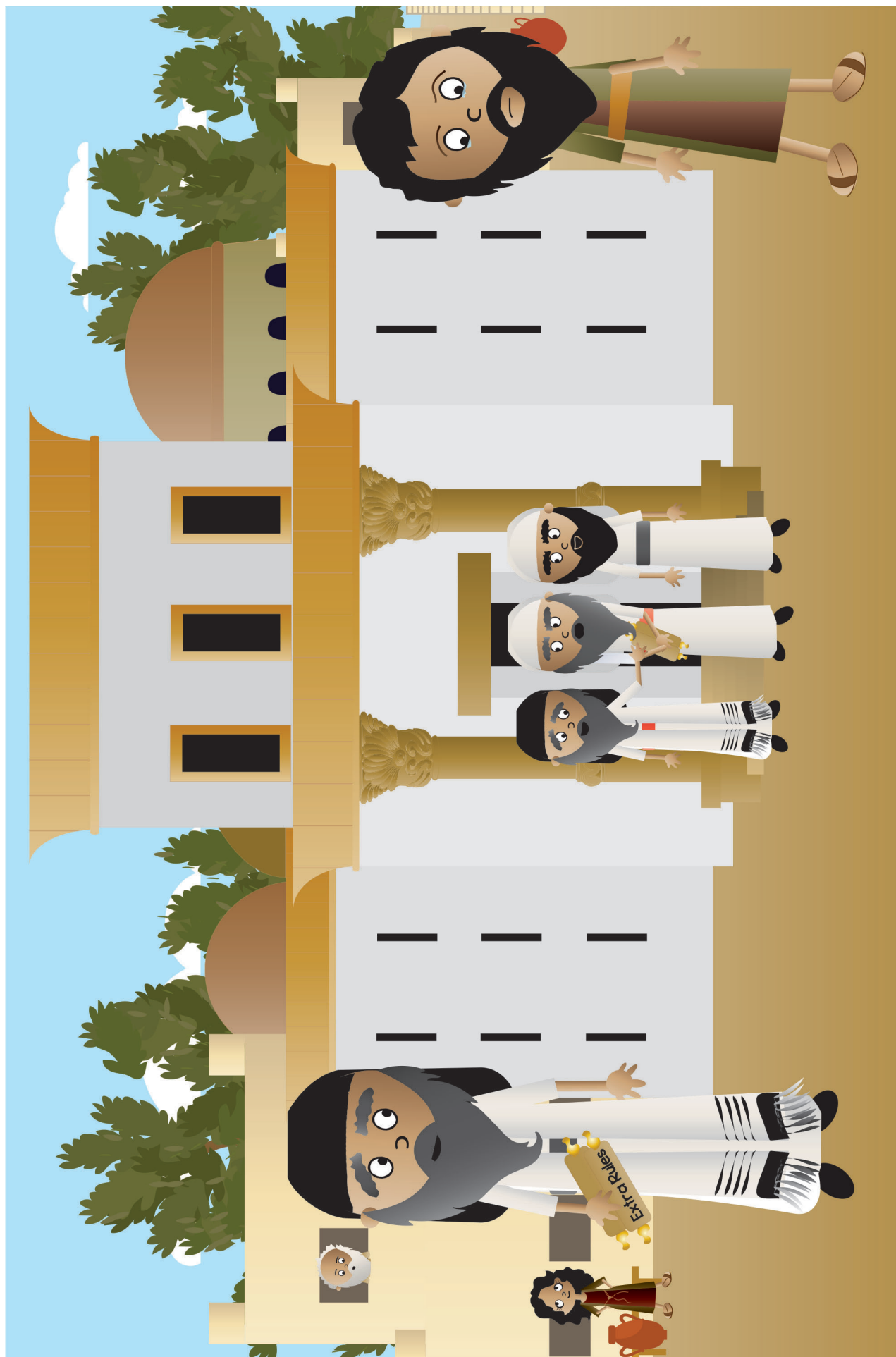
perfect?



4. How wrong these Pharisees were to think they didn't need God's forgiveness! They could never please God by obeying God's laws, because they could never obey them perfectly.



5. Jesus knew the truth about these Pharisees. They had “rotten innards” --sinful hearts-- like everyone else. They broke God's laws, like everyone else. And instead of becoming good by trying hard to keep God's laws and all those little rules, they became proud of themselves.



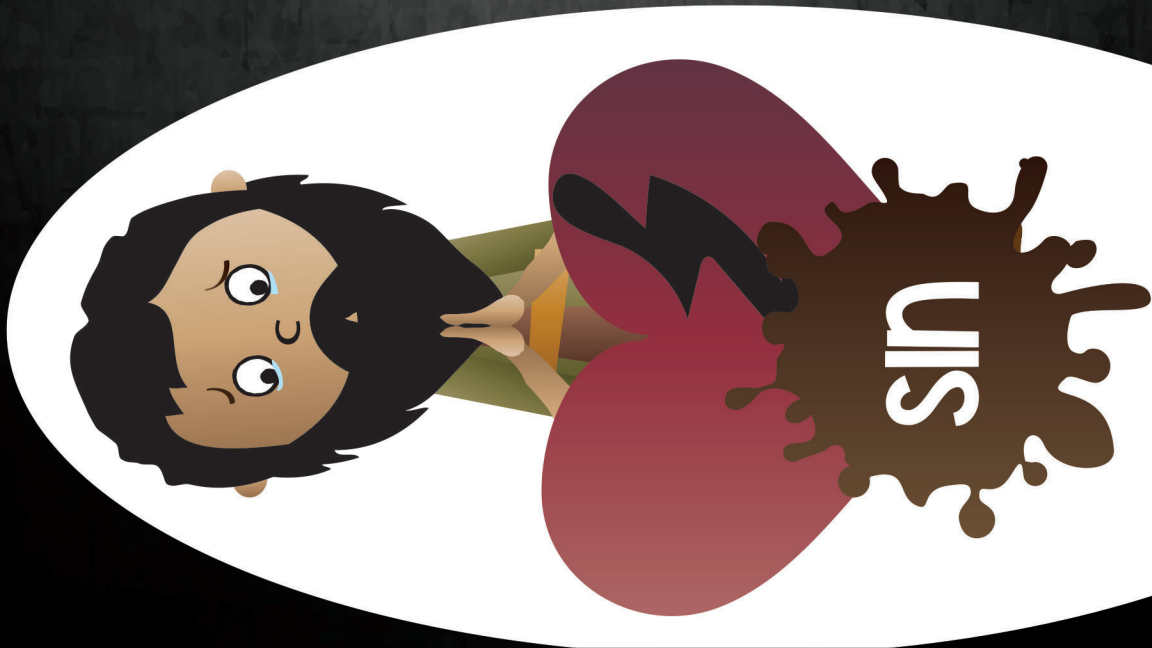
6. So, Jesus told them a story that they might see their sin and seek after Him, the Savior. "One day, a Pharisee and a tax collector went to the Worship Place (Temple) to pray," Jesus told them.

Good, Good, Good

Proud, Proud, Proud



7. “The Pharisee looked up to heaven and proudly prayed, ‘God, thank You that I’m different from people like that tax collector over there. I don’t do bad things. I am good, good, good. I keep all your laws and all the extra rules, too,’ he boasted to God.”



THE LORD

8. "Then, the tax collector prayed. He knew he had 'rotten innards' --a sinful heart-- and was sad about his sin. He looked down at his feet, beat his chest, and cried out to God, "Have mercy on me! I have disobeyed You and Your good laws. Please, forgive my sins!"



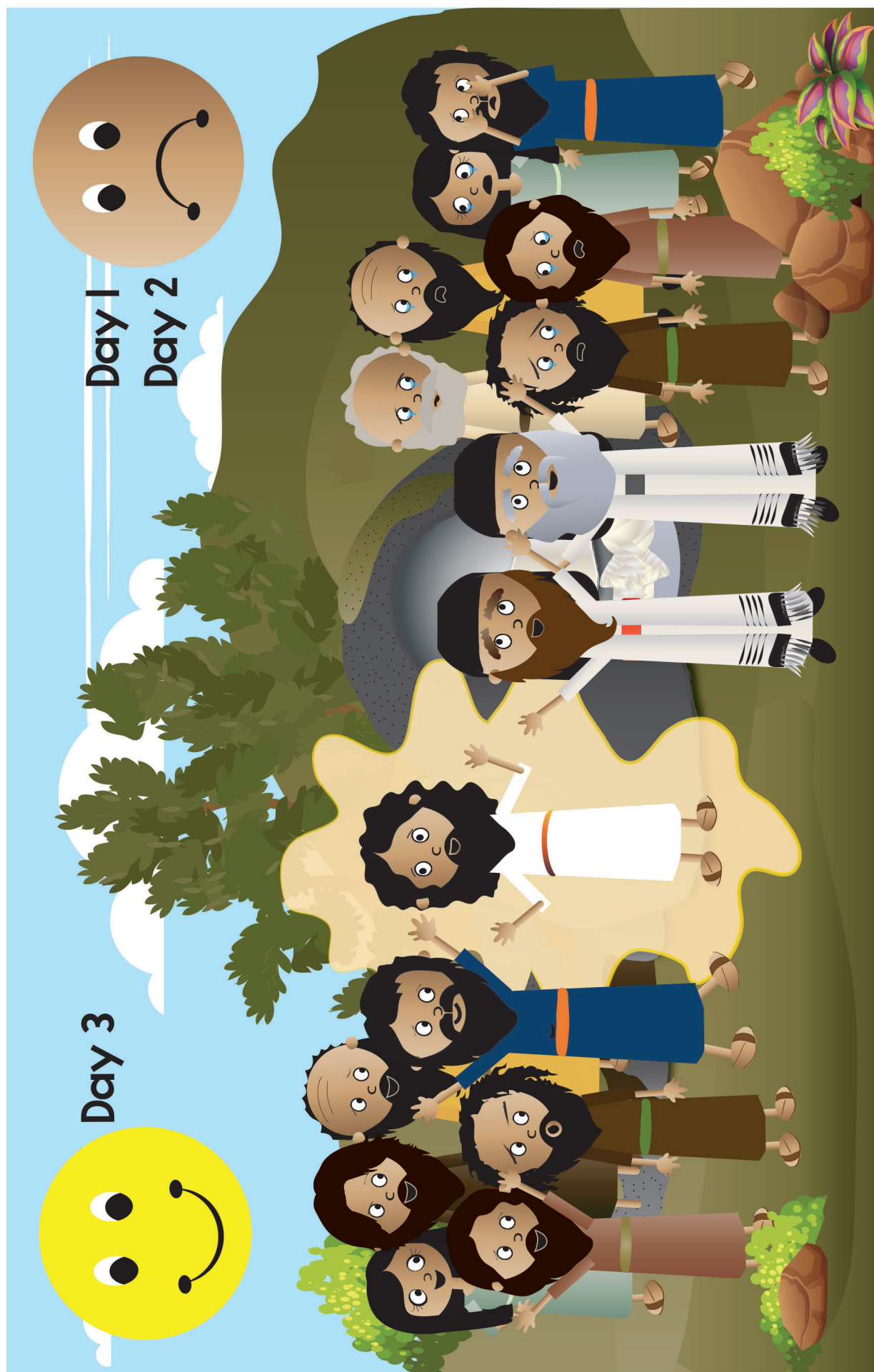
q. "The Pharisee left thinking God was pleased with him. But he was wrong. Only the tax collector went home right with God. God loves to forgive sinners ---even very bad sinners--- who confess their sins to Him and humbly ask for His forgiveness," Jesus told the crowd.



10. What did the Pharisees think when they heard Jesus' story? Did they see that no one can ever do enough good things to be proud before God? Did they see their own sin and ask God to forgive them? I hope so! The Bible doesn't tell us.



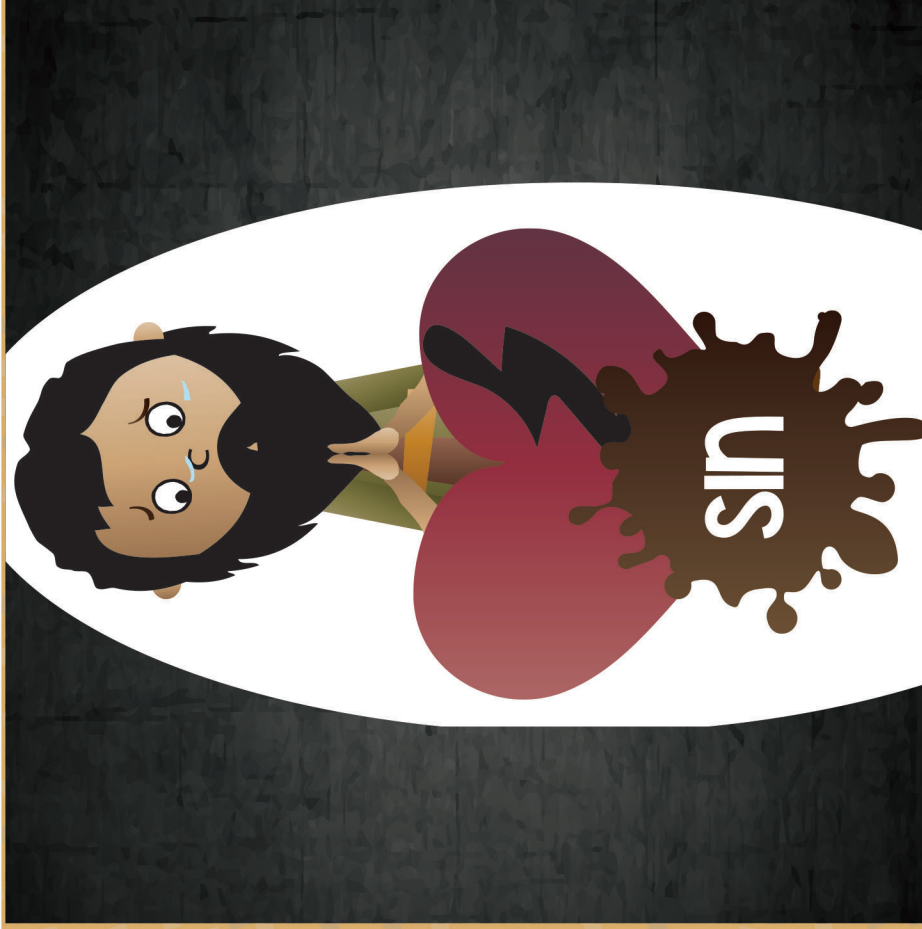
II. But we DO know that later, two Pharisees --Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus-- DID turn away from their sins and ask God to forgive them. They put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. They were the very men who buried Jesus' body, after He died on the cross.



12. How happy those men were when Jesus rose from the dead on Day Three! Jesus really was the Savior, sent to forgive God's people's sin. Jesus kept God's laws perfectly and paid for their sins completely. Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn from our sins and put our trust in Him.

“The Case of the Rotten Innards”

Q: Who had a sinful heart but went home forgiven by God?



God's Laws Are Perfect...

They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us!

plenty for
younger
kids



A: The tax collector who knew he needed God to forgive him and save him.”

"The Case of the Rotten Innards" Luke 18:9-14

more depth
for
older kids

SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



"Innards" is a funny word that means a person's insides. And in this case, it means a person's heart, meant to love and obey God.

1. Who had a rotten heart and knew it? Who had a rotten heart and DIDN'T know it? Many of the people who came to see Jesus knew they had disobeyed God's laws and were sinners. They knew they needed God's forgiveness. The Pharisees were also sinners with "rotten hearts," but they didn't know it. They thought they pleased God with all the laws they kept and all the good things they thought they did.

2. What did Jesus want them all to do? Jesus wanted everyone to turn away from their sins, ask God for forgiveness, and trust in Him as their Savior.

For You and Me:

Just like everyone in Jesus' day, we, too, have sinful "rotten" hearts. We all break God's laws, and we need His forgiveness. We can have His forgiveness when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 3:20-22, HCSB

"For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed...God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe."

1. Who thought they were justified (good) in God's sight? Why weren't they? The Pharisees thought they were justified in God's sight because they obeyed God's laws and the extra rules. They weren't justified because no one (except Jesus) obeys God's laws perfectly ---and that's the only way to be justified by obeying God's law.

2. What did Jesus want these people to do? He wanted them to understand that they were sinners who needed to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He wanted them to trust in Him as their Savior, so they might be saved from their sins.

For You and Me:

Just like the Pharisees, we also cannot be justified (made right with God) by doing good things and trying to obey God's laws. We will never obey them perfectly. We all break God's laws and we need His forgiveness. We can have His forgiveness when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and make us His people. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

Something to Grow Into

What Are God's Laws Like?
God's Laws Are Perfect...

they show us that we need God to save us!

The Gospel

God's laws are perfect. They show us how God requires us to live. But the sad truth is, we all break God's good laws. That's why we all deserve His punishment, and that's why we all need God to save us! Only He can make it possible for us to become His people. And that's exactly what He did through Jesus, His Son.

Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He kept every, single one of God's laws! Then, He offered up His perfect life to God as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people!

We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

more depth
for
older kids



Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

**“The LORD gave us His laws to live by. Let’s ask Him to help us now.
Let’s pray.”**

A Prayer

**We praise You, LORD. You give us Your good laws
to live by.**

**We know Your good laws, but we disobey them.
Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we
need.**

**Work in our hearts. Help us to obey Your good
laws. Help us to turn away from our sins and
trust in Jesus as our Savior.**

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



plenty for
younger
kids

ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth
for
older kids

A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.

C God, instead of obeying Your good laws, we have all chosen to break them. Sometimes, we don't obey our parents. Sometimes, we lie. Sometimes, we want things that belong to others. We do not always love you most of all. These are only some of the ways we break Your good laws. Oh, how we need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws, so we know how to love and obey You. And thank You for sending Jesus to perfectly live out Your laws and to give His life as the perfect payment for the sins of Your people. Thank You that He can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help us to know You, love You, and live for You. Help us to learn Your good laws and obey them.

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!)

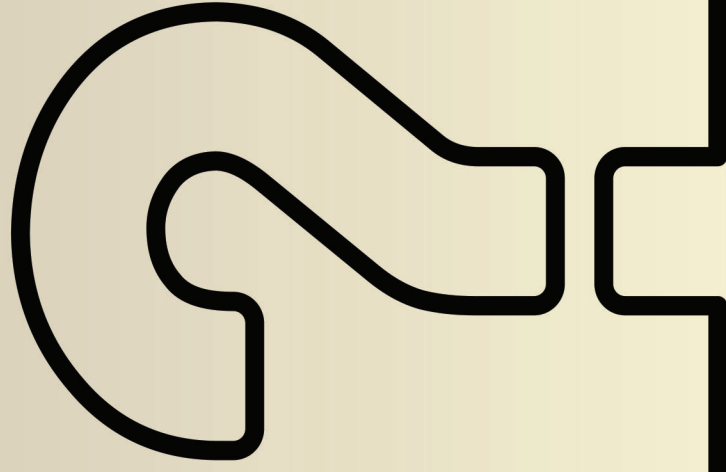


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #7

Simple Song

What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
God's laws are perfect!



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

Big Question #7 Tell Me More Song What Are God's Laws Like?

Refrain

What are God's laws like?
What are they like?

God's laws are perfect!
God's laws are perfect!

What are God's laws like?
What are they like?

God's laws are like Him,
They are good and just.

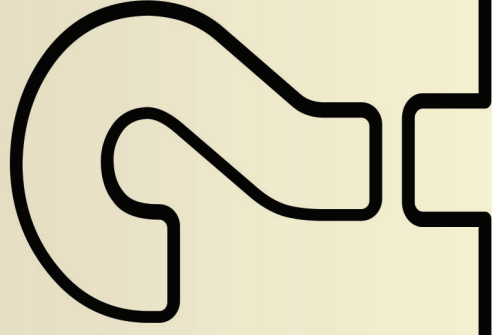
Verse 2

God's laws are the best way,
For us all to live,

God calls us to obey them,
To reflect His righteousness. Refrain

Verse 1

God is our creator,
He's in charge of the whole world.
He gave us laws to live by,
They are written in His Word. Refrain



Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #7, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

Now We Know

Romans 3:19-24

Now we know that whatever the law says,
It speaks to those under the law,
That every mouth be stopped,
The whole world held accountable to God,
to God.

For by works of the law no human being,
Will be justified in His sight.

For all have sinned,
Fall short of the glory of God, of God.
But now the righteousness of God,
Has been manifested apart from the law,
The righteousness of God, by His grace,
as a gift,

Through faith in Jesus Christ, for all who
believe.

Romans Three, nineteen through twenty-four.



Big Question #7, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

By Works of the Law

Romans 3:20-23

By works of the law,
By works of the law,
No one will be justified,
By works of the law. Why?

For all have sinned,
Fall short of the glory of God. Oh, no!
But listen to what God has done:

Apart from the law,
Apart from the law,
Now God's righteousness has been revealed,
Apart from the law. How?

Through faith in Jesus Christ,
To all who believe. Thank you, God!
Romans Three, twenty through twenty-three.



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

Big Question #7 Hymn
Holy Bible, Book Divine

Verse 1

**Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine,
You're the only Book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine.**

Verse 2

**Mine, to learn God's holy ways,
How He'd have us live each day;
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,
Who died to give eternal life.**



Big Question 7 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.**

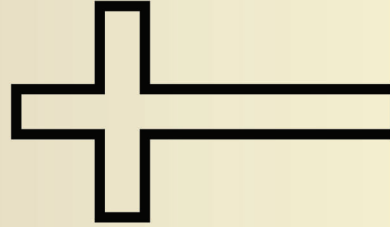


"Let's praise the Lord for giving us His perfect laws in the Bible!"

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the Rotten Innards *Luke 18:9-14*

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

1. Sick people, sinful people, people eager to learn about God, all went to Jesus, and He satisfied them. "How wonderful, how amazing, Jesus is," they exclaimed. Many put their trust in Him. Here was the Savior they needed.
2. But there was another kind of people who went to Jesus: the Pharisees. They were the Bible teachers. They learned God's Ten Commandments and the hundreds of God's other laws, too. They added their own, little rules to God's laws, and told everyone to obey them, too.
3. These teachers didn't think they needed a Savior. "We're so good. We don't need God's forgiveness," they boasted. "We please God by obeying His laws and our little rules." They went to Jesus to see if He kept God's laws and their little rules, too... and get Him in trouble, if He didn't!
4. How wrong these Pharisees were to think they didn't need God's forgiveness! They could never please God by obeying God's laws, because they could never obey them perfectly.
5. Jesus knew the truth about these Pharisees. They had "rotten innards" --sinful hearts-- like everyone else. They broke God's laws, like everyone else. And instead of becoming good by trying hard to keep God's laws and all those little rules, they became proud of themselves.
6. So, Jesus told them a story that they might see their sin and seek after Him, the Savior. "One day, a Pharisee and a tax collector went to the Worship Place (Temple) to pray," Jesus told them.
7. "The Pharisee looked up to heaven and proudly prayed, 'God, thank You that I'm different from people like that tax collector over there. I don't do bad things. I am good, good, good. I keep all your laws and all the extra rules, too,' he boasted to God."
8. "Then, the tax collector prayed. He knew he had 'rotten innards' --a sinful heart-- and was sad about his sin. He looked down at his feet, beat his chest, and cried out to God, 'Have mercy on me! I have disobeyed You and Your good laws. Please, forgive my sins!'"
9. "The Pharisee left thinking God was pleased with him. But he was wrong. Only the tax collector went home right with God. God loves to forgive sinners --even very bad sinners-- who confess their sins to Him and humbly ask for His forgiveness," Jesus told the crowd.
10. What did the Pharisees think when they heard Jesus' story? Did they see that no one can ever do enough good things to be proud before God? Did they see their own sin and ask God to forgive them? I hope so! The Bible doesn't tell us.
11. But we DO know that later, two Pharisees --Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus-- DID turn away from their sins and ask God to forgive them. They put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. They were the very men who buried Jesus' body, after He died on the cross.
12. How happy those men were when Jesus rose from the dead on Day Three! Jesus really was the Savior, sent to forgive God's people's sin. Jesus kept God's laws perfectly and paid for their sins completely. Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn from our sins and put our trust in Him.

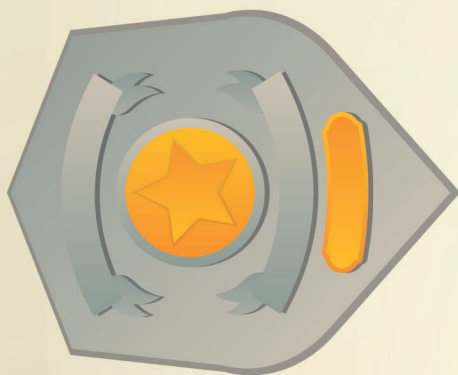
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Deliver to:
The Deep
Down
Detectives**

**Big Question #7, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Do's and Don'ts**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



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



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'What Are God's Laws Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



Big Q & A 7
Simple Song



DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT ARE GOD'S LAWS LIKE?

A: GOD'S LAWS ARE PERFECT...

THEY TELL US HOW TO ??? GOD AND OTHERS.



MATT.
22:37,39,
40

Hint: How God wants us live for
Him and others. It starts with "L"
and rhymes with "dove."



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are perfect... They Tell Us How to ??? God And Others." Matthew 22:37,39, 40. Hint: How God wants us live for Him and others. It starts with "L" and rhymes with "dove."

Matthew

22:37,39,40

Love the Lord

your God...

**Love your
neighbor.**

On these

two...

depend all

the Law and

Prophets.”



Love the Lord
Matthew 22:37-40

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Matthew 22:37,39,40, and read: “Love the Lord your God... Love your neighbor... On these two... depend all the Law and Prophets.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the third way God's Laws Are perfect?" he asked. "We think so! 'Law and Prophets' means the whole Bible. Loving God and others is the heart of all God calls us to do. Obeying God's laws show us what love looks like.



Big Q & A 7
Simple Song



"Our Big Question is: What Are God's Laws Like? And the answer is: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



more depth
fo your
oldest kids



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Do’s and Don’ts”

Matthew 5,6,22



“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 Do’s and Don’ts.’ Listen for who Jesus said we love, when we obey God’s laws from our hearts.”

"The Case of the Do's and Don'ts" Matthew 5,6,22

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who made up extra, little rules of do's and don'ts?
2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts?
What did Jesus say God's real laws help people to do?

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

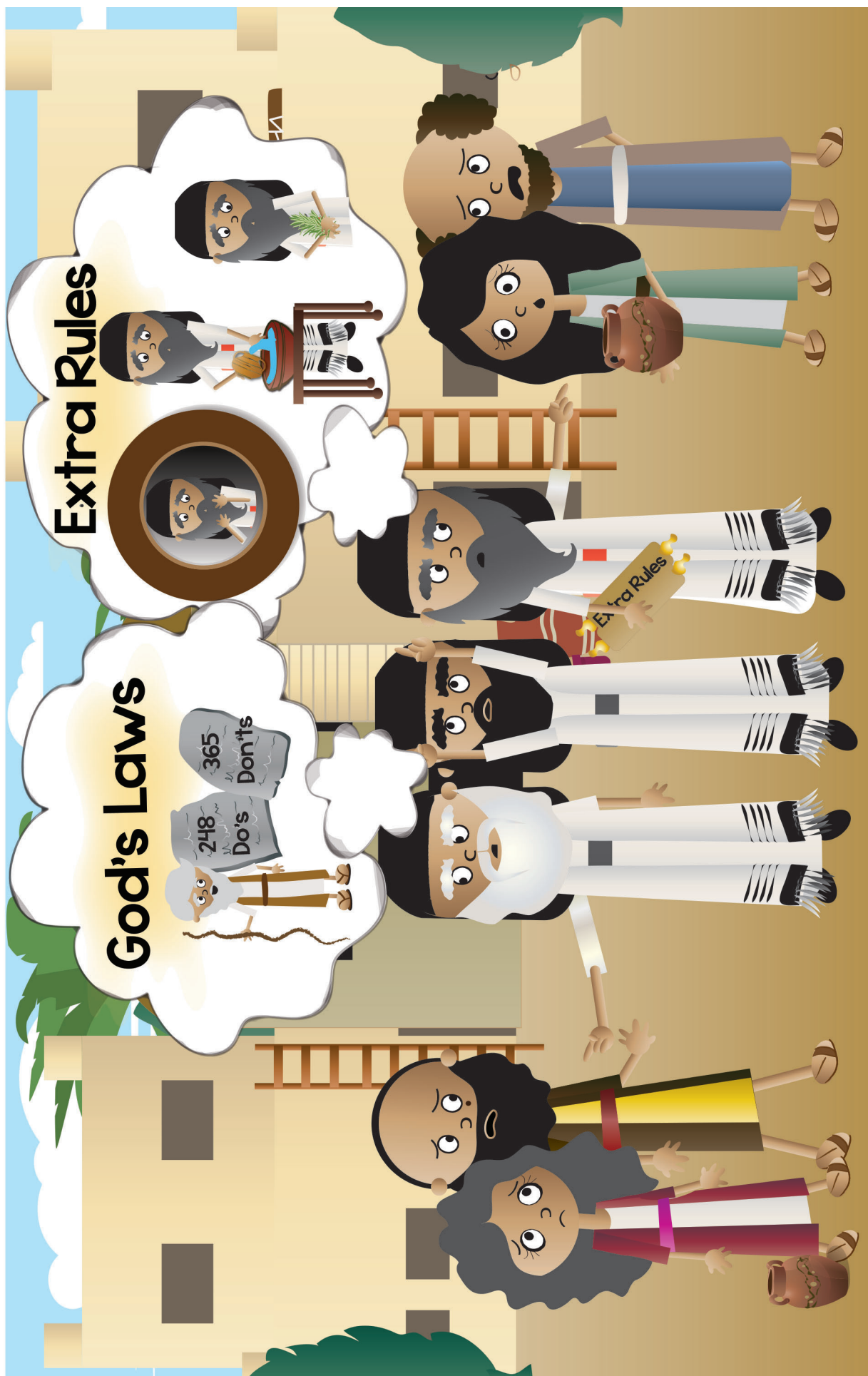
Matthew 22:37,39, ESV

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to obey?
2. Who is the only person to obey God's laws perfectly?
How did He share His perfect life with us?

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

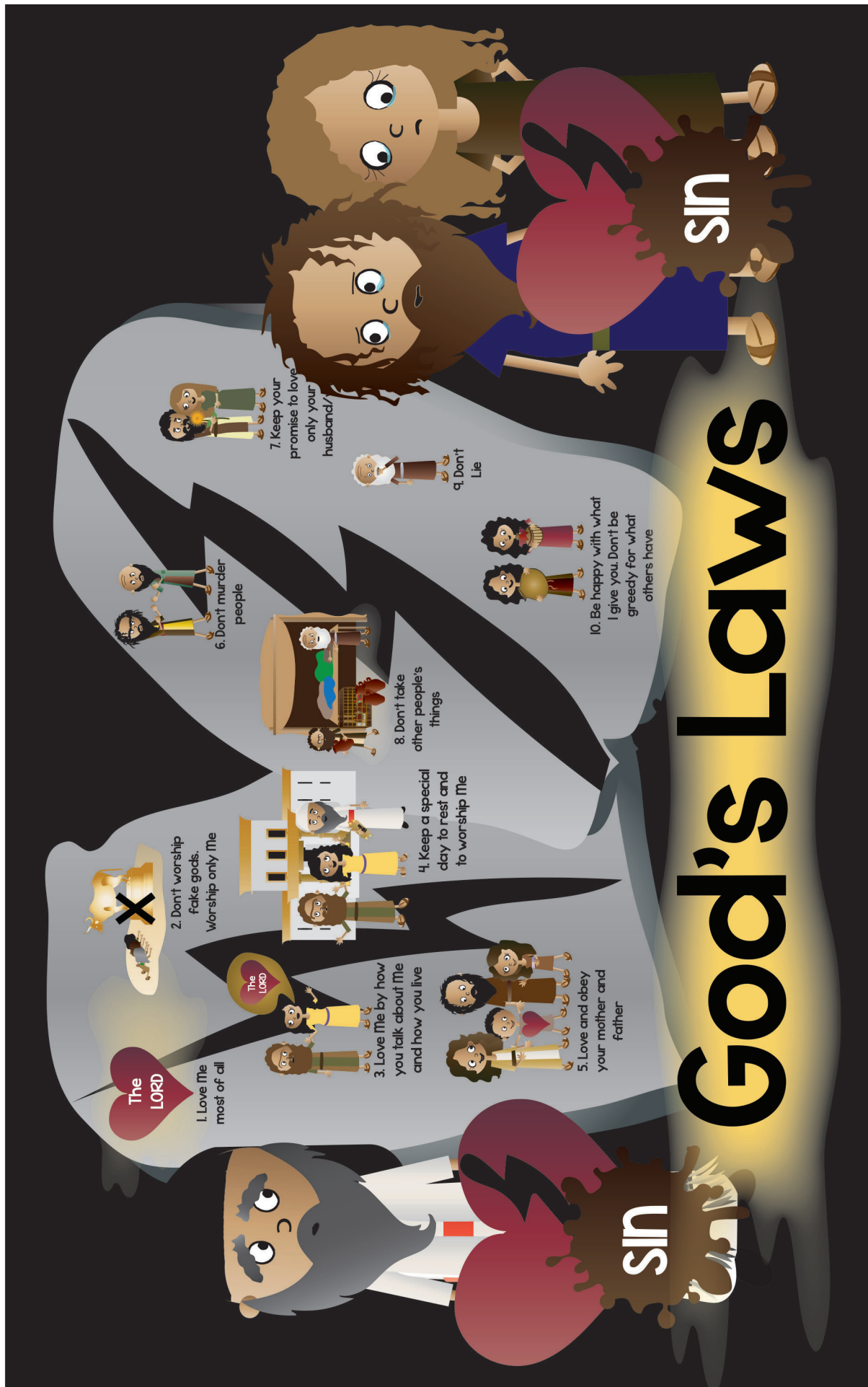
Something to Grow Into



I. "Do this! Don't do that!" The teachers of God's law gave the people so many rules. Besides the Ten Commandments, they counted 613 Do's and Don't's in God's Word to obey. Then, they added even more extra rules that weren't in the Bible at all. No one could keep them all!



2. Then, Jesus came. “Will JESUS obey all those Do’s and Don’ts laws and the Pharisees’ extra rules? Will He tell US to obey them?” the people wondered. One day, on a mountain high above the Sea of Galilee, Jesus answered their questions.

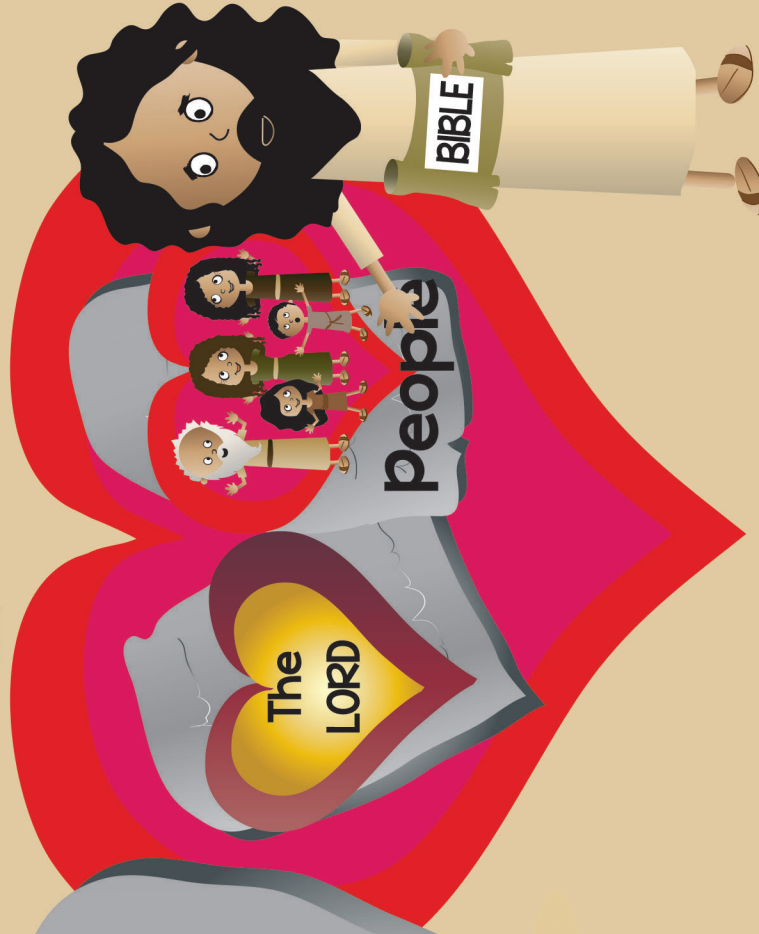
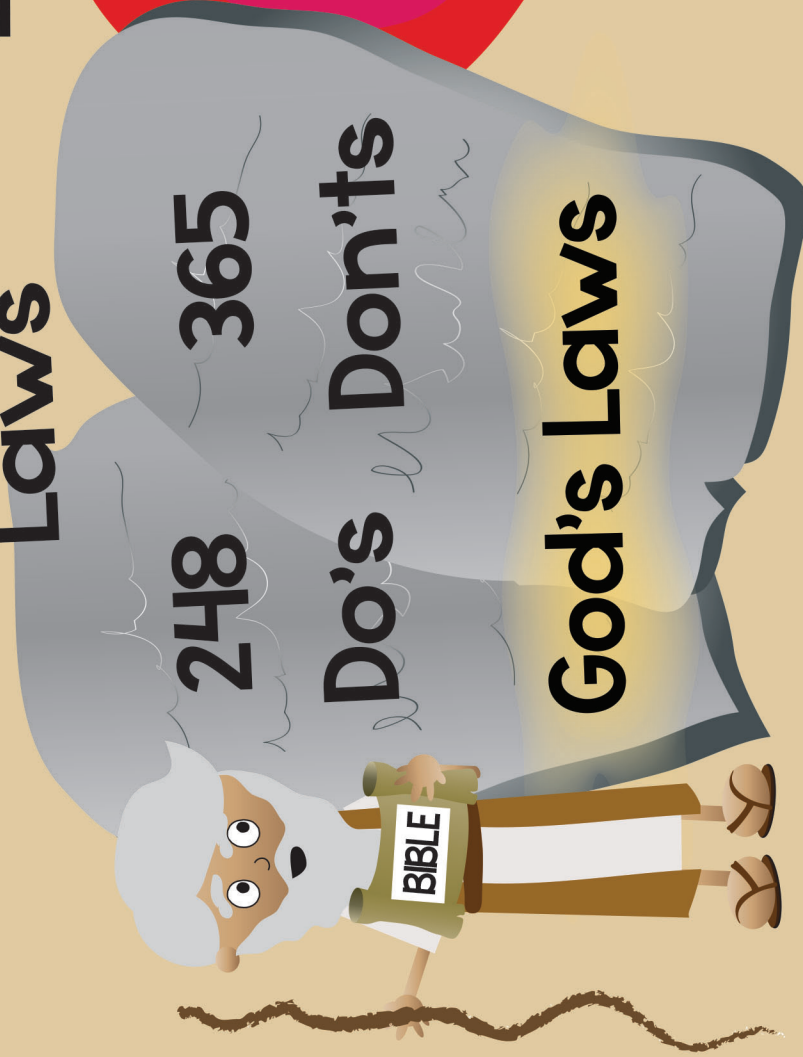


3. "Some people LOOK like they obey God's laws, but in their hearts, they are angry, jealous or hateful," Jesus said. "What goes on inside your heart breaks God's laws, too," Jesus explained. "God knows the sin hiding there. Truly obeying God's laws comes from the heart, with love."

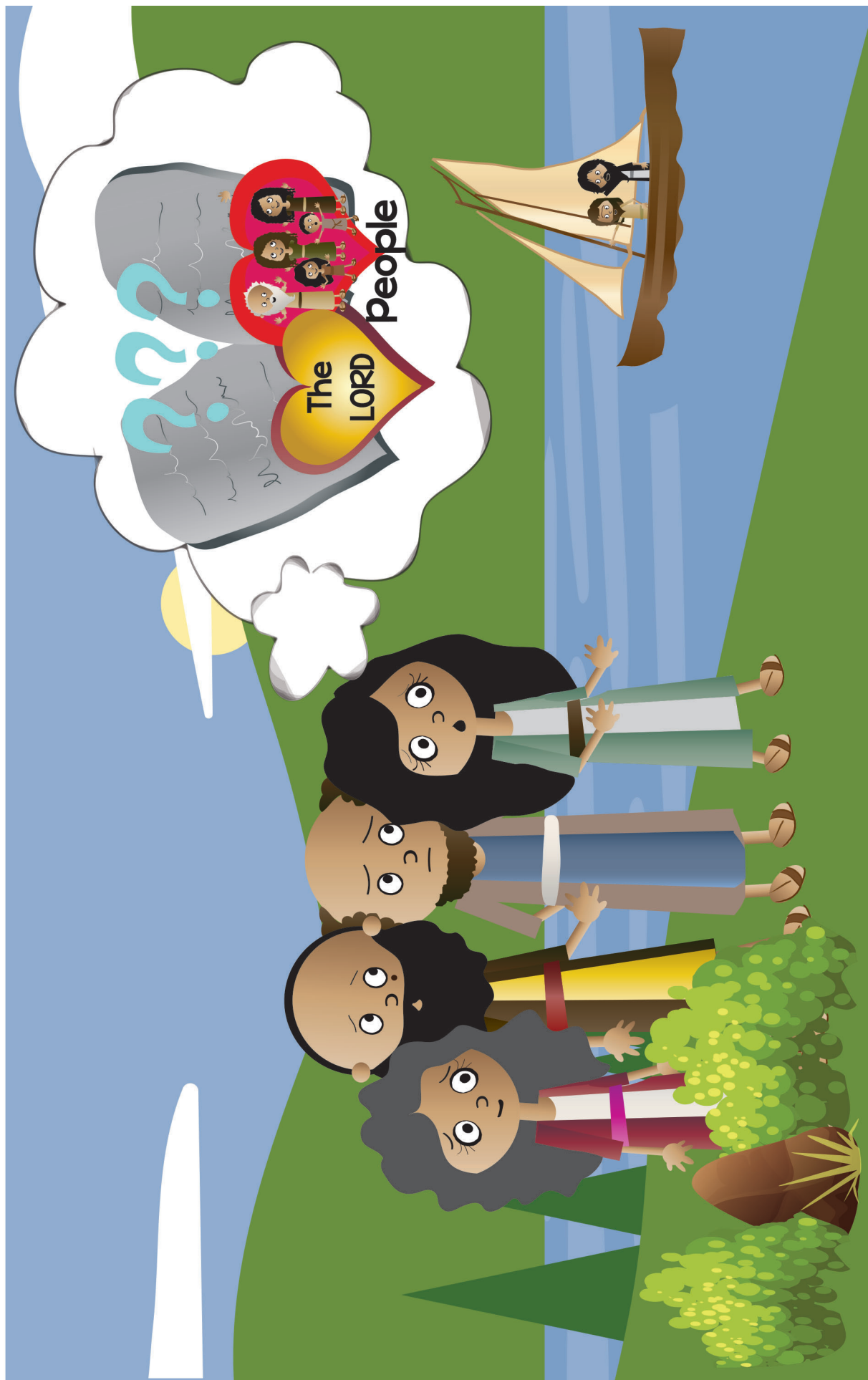
613
Laws

=

2
Laws



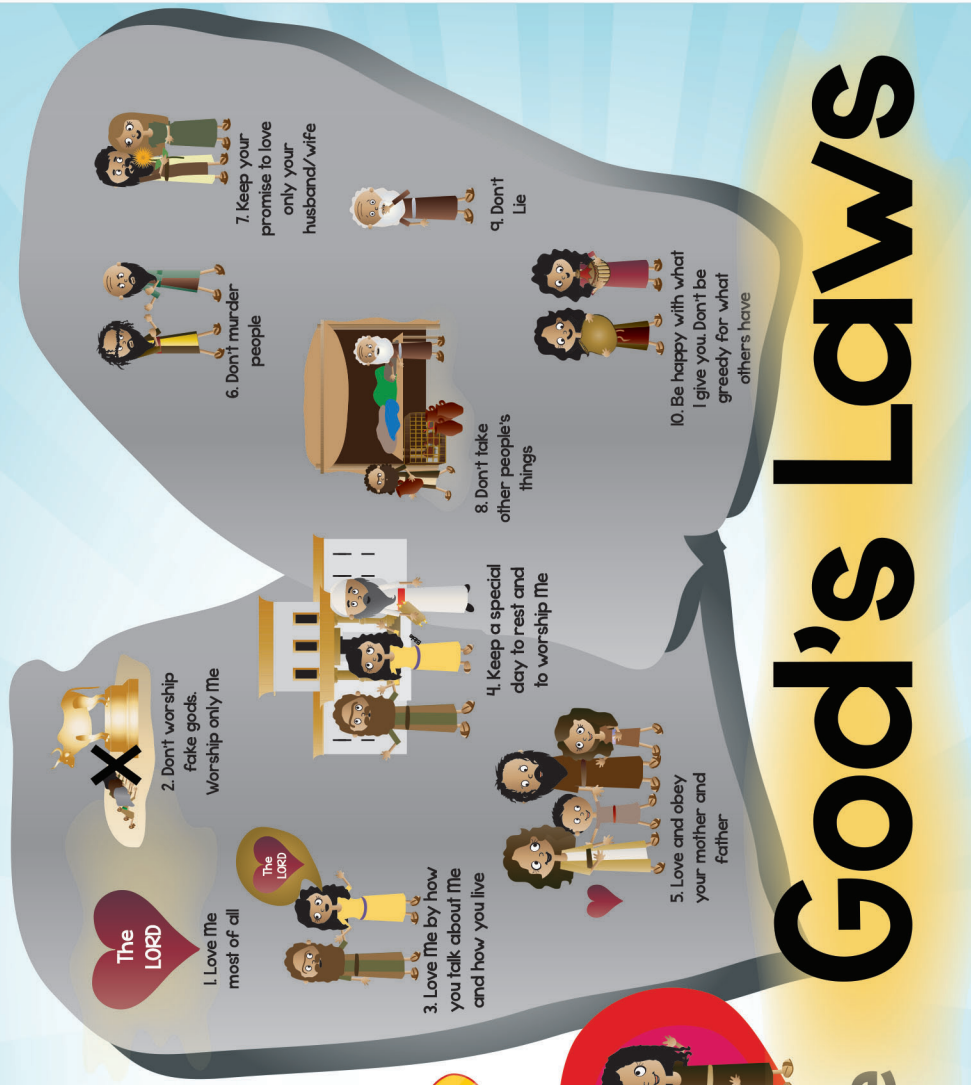
4. As Jesus later said: "Love the LORD with all your heart, mind, and strength. Love others --even your enemies-- as much as you love yourself. Treat them as you want them to treat you. If you love like this, you will be obeying all of God's laws. This is what God's laws are all about."



5. What did the people think as they climbed down the mountain that day? Jesus had given them less rules to follow, but they were much harder to obey. Could they ever love God and others with sinful hearts like theirs?



6. No, they could not, (and neither can we). But praise God for sending Jesus! He came to fulfill God's Laws. Jesus **COULD** love this way. And as the Savior, He **WOULD** forgive God's people's sins and help them love this way, too!

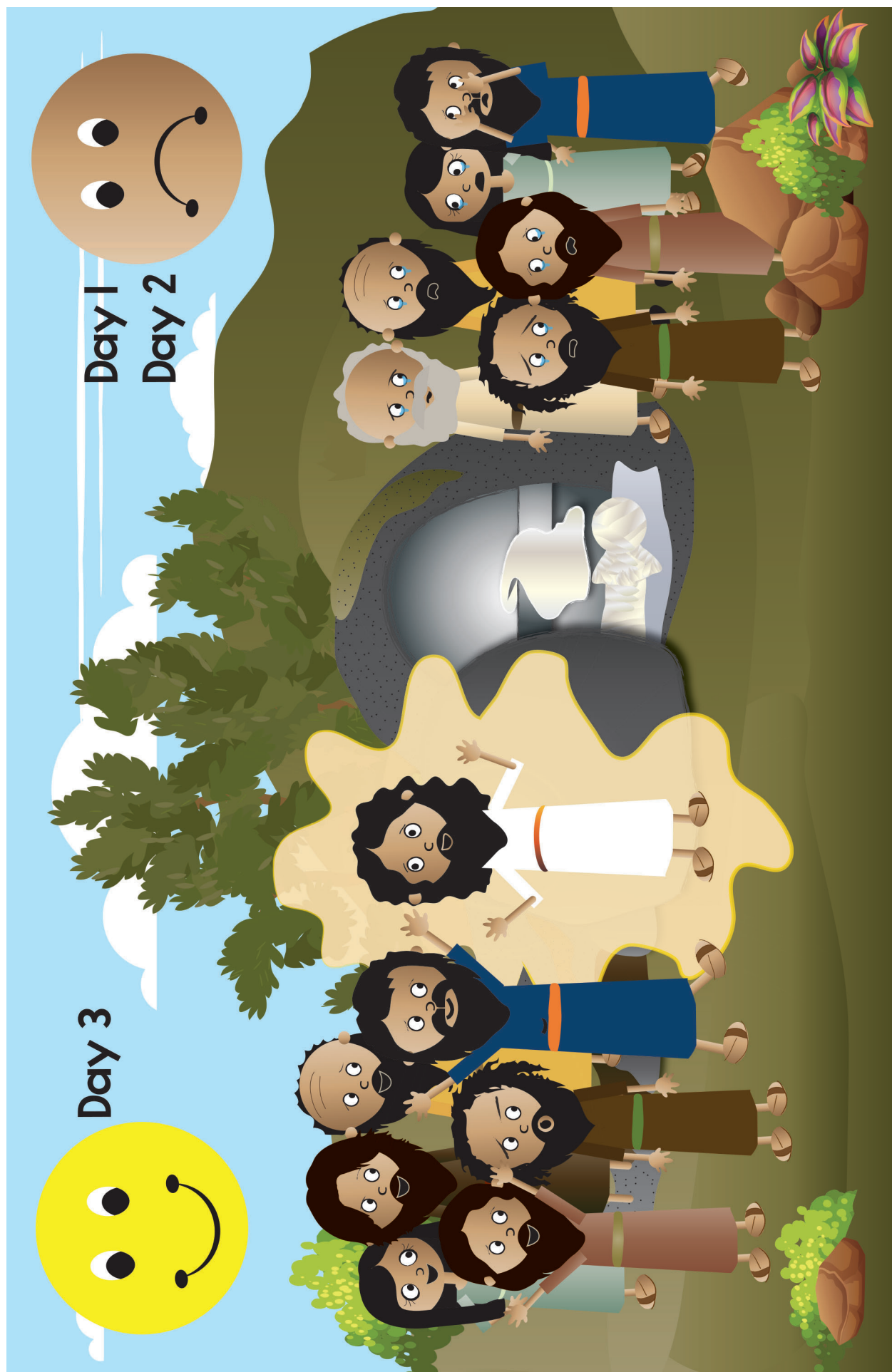


God's Laws

7. You see, Jesus didn't just come to TELL people how to live out God's laws. But, to DO it, HIMSELF. Yes, Jesus lived out God's laws perfectly by loving God and others as we all should. He is the perfect Son of God who never disobeyed God, no matter how hard it was.



8. The teachers of God's law hated what Jesus taught. "Let's get rid of Him," they decided, and put Jesus on a cross to die. But what good Jesus did on that cross! He gave His perfect life as the full payment for God's people's sins. Now, they **COULD** please God. Not with their lives, but with His.



q. Jesus died and was buried that sad day, but did He stay there? No, He did not! On Day Three, He rose from the dead. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people.



10. After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers. "I'm going to heaven, but I will send the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts," Jesus told them. "He'll give you love for God and others. He'll help you your whole life until you come home to live with Me," Jesus promised.



II. As He promised, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. Together, they praised God. Jesus had lived a perfect life of love and given it on the cross to save them. Now, He had sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and help them live out God's laws by loving God and others.

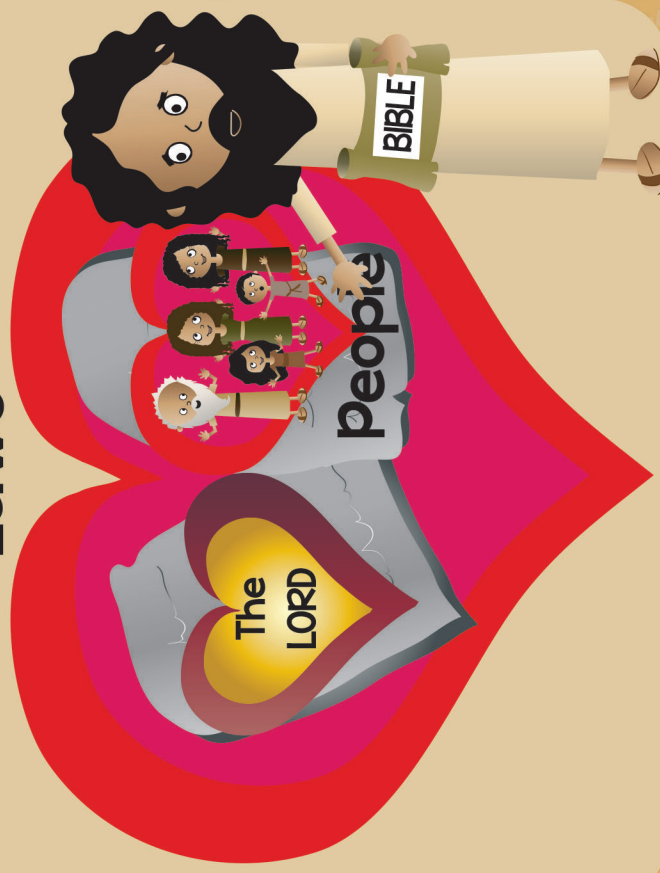


12. But the best is yet to come for God's people. One day, they'll live with God in heaven, and their lives will be free from sin forever. Always loving and obeying God. Always loving one another. We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

“The Case of the Do’s and Don’ts”

Q: Who did Jesus say we love, when we obey God’s laws from our hearts?

2 Laws

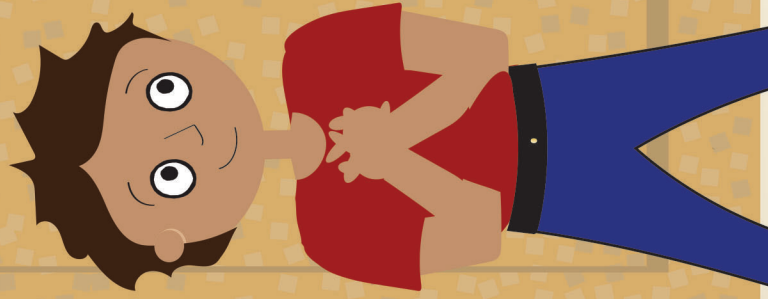
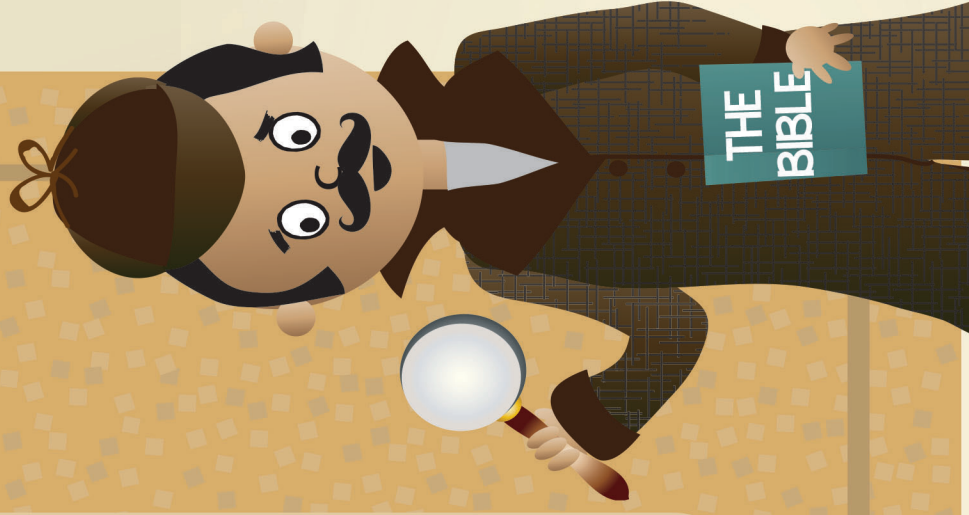


God’s Laws Are Perfect...

They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

A: We love God and others the way God wants us to.”

plenty for
younger
kids



"The Case of the Do's and Don'ts"

Matthew 5,6,22

more depth
for
older kids

SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. Who made up extra, little rules of do's and don'ts?
The Pharisees.

2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts?
What did Jesus say God's real laws help people to do?
Jesus knew those do's and don'ts weren't what pleased God. Jesus said God's real laws help people love God most of all and love others.

For You and Me:
None of us can ever obey God's laws well enough to please God or to truly love others as God wants us to. Only keeping God's laws perfectly can do that, and we are all lawbreakers! Our only hope is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He is the only way we can please God. God can work in our hearts and help us to better love others as He wants us to. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Matthew 22:37,39, ESV

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to obey?
God's laws.

2. Who is the only person to obey God's laws perfectly?
How did He share His perfect life with us?
Jesus. He gave it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross.

For You and Me

How amazing that Jesus obeyed God's laws perfectly! It's even more amazing that He offers to share His perfect life with us, that we might be saved! This is His promise to all who 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!

Something to Grow Into

What Are God's Laws Like?
God's Laws Are Perfect...

They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

The Gospel

God's laws tell us how to love God and others, but we are all lawbreakers. We do not love as we should. God would be fair to give us the punishment we deserve for breaking His laws, but He is so rich in mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus obeyed God's laws, and loved God and others perfectly.

On the cross, Jesus suffered and died, giving His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, beating sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can be God's people. They will know God in their hearts, now. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever.

We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

more depth
for
older kids



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

**“The LORD gave us His laws to live by. Let’s ask Him to help us now.
Let’s pray.”**

A Prayer

**We praise You, LORD. You give us Your good laws
to live by. They show us how to love You and
others.**

**We know Your good laws, but we disobey them.
Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we
need.**

**Work in our hearts. Help us to obey Your good
laws. Help us to turn away from our sins and
trust in Jesus as our Savior.**

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth
for
older kids

A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws. They tell us how to love You and love others.

C God, many times we do not obey Your good laws. Many times, we do not love You or others as Your laws tell us to. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws that show us how to love You and others. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. He helps us to obey Your good and loving laws.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts and help us to love You and others as You want us to.

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!)

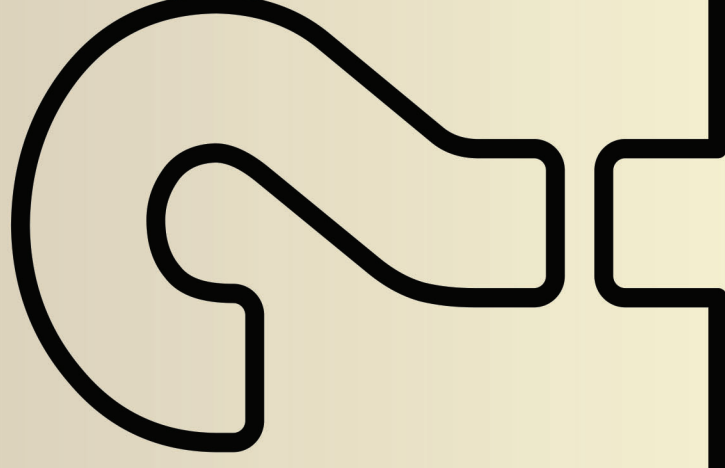


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #7

Simple Song

What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
What are God's laws like?
God's laws are perfect!



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

Big Question #7 Tell Me More Song What Are God's Laws Like?

Refrain

What are God's laws like?
What are they like?

God's laws are perfect!
God's laws are perfect!

What are God's laws like?
What are they like?

God's laws are like Him,
They are good and just.

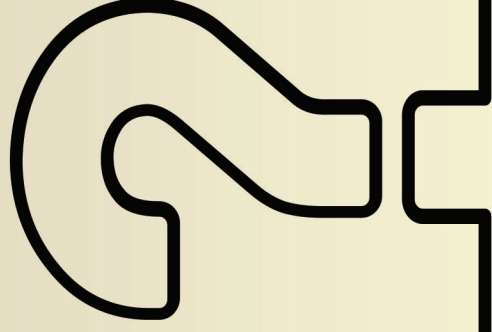
Verse 2

God's laws are the best way,
For us all to live,

God calls us to obey them,
To reflect His righteousness. Refrain

Verse 1

God is our creator,
He's in charge of the whole world.
He gave us laws to live by,
They are written in His Word. Refrain



Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

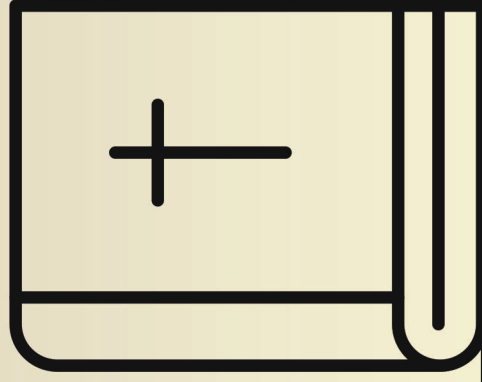
Big Question #7, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

Love the LORD, Matthew 22:37-40

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
Love the Lord your God with all your soul,
Love the Lord your God with all your mind,
This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it...
Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
On these two commandments depend,
All the Law and Prophets.

Matthew Twenty-two, thirty-seven through forty.



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

Big Question #7 Hymn
Holy Bible, Book Divine

Verse 1

**Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine,
You're the only Book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine.**

Verse 2

**Mine, to learn God's holy ways,
How He'd have us live each day;
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,
Who died to give eternal life.**



Big Question 7 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 giving us His perfect laws in the Bible!"

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

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



Bible Chant Song

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



Classroom Rules Song

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



ACTS Prayer Song

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

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



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Do's and Don'ts Matthew 5,6,22

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

1. "Do this! Don't do that!" The teachers of God's law gave the people so many rules. Besides the Ten Commandments, they counted 613 Do's and Don't's in God's Word to obey. Then, they added even more extra rules that weren't in the Bible at all. No one could keep them all!
2. Then, Jesus came. "Will JESUS obey all those Do's and Don'ts laws and the Pharisees' extra rules? Will He tell US to obey them?" the people wondered. One day, on a mountain high above the Sea of Galilee, Jesus answered their questions.
3. "Some people LOOK like they obey God's laws, but in their hearts, they are angry, jealous or hateful," Jesus said. "What goes on inside your heart breaks God's laws, too," Jesus explained. "God knows the sin hiding there. Truly obeying God's laws comes from the heart, with love."
4. As Jesus later said: "Love the LORD with all your heart, mind, and strength. Love others --even your enemies-- as much as you love yourself. Treat them as you want them to treat you. If you love like this, you will be obeying all of God's laws. This is what God's laws are all about."
5. What did the people think as they climbed down the mountain that day? Jesus had given them less rules to follow, but they were much harder to obey. Could they ever love God and others with sinful hearts like theirs?
6. No, they could not, (and neither can we). But praise God for sending Jesus! He came to fulfill God's Laws. Jesus COULD love this way. And as the Savior, He WOULD forgive God's people's sins and help them love this way, too!
7. You see, Jesus didn't just come to TELL people how to live out God's laws. But, to DO it, HIMSELF. Yes, Jesus lived out God's laws perfectly by loving God and others as we all should. He is the perfect Son of God who never disobeyed God, no matter how hard it was.
8. The teachers of God's law hated what Jesus taught. "Let's get rid of Him," they decided, and put Jesus on a cross to die. But what good Jesus did on that cross! He gave His perfect life as the full payment for God's people's sins. Now, they COULD please God. Not with their lives, but with His.
9. Jesus died and was buried that sad day, but did He stay there? No, He did not! On Day Three, He rose from the dead. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people.
10. After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers. "I'm going to heaven, but I will send the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts," Jesus told them. "He'll give you love for God and others. He'll help you your whole life until you come home to live with Me," Jesus promised.
11. As He promised, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. Together, they praised God. Jesus had lived a perfect life of love and given it on the cross to save them. Now, He had sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and help them live out God's laws by loving God and others.
12. But the best is yet to come for God's people. One day, they'll live with God in heaven, and their lives will be free from sin forever. Always loving and obeying God. Always loving one another. We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

