

# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #4, Bible Truth 1:**

**The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness**



**"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, 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



**"Deep Down Detectives! This is your first of eight 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!"**



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Q: CAN ANYBODY TELL ME WHAT THE LORD IS LIKE?

A: HE'S NOT LIKE ANYONE ELSE...

HE IS A GLORIOUS ????.

JOHN  
4:24

Hint: "What does God's glory  
shine out from? It starts with an  
"s" and it rhymes with "hear it."

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 a Glorious ????. John 4:24." Hint: "What does God's glory shine out from? It starts with an "s" and it rhymes with "hear it."

**John 4:24**

**“God is  
spirit.”**



God Is Spirit  
John 4:24

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to John 4:24, and read: “God is spirit.”





Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about what the LORD is like?" he asked. "We think so! God is spirit."



"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 a Glorious SPIRIT!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"God is a spirit, great and glorious. We can't see God's Spirit with our eyes or touch His Spirit with our hands. Sometimes, in Bible times, God let people see some of His glory--the shiny brightness of His pure goodness and greatness. God made each of us with a spirit, a bit like His great and glorious Spirit, so we might know and love Him in our hearts. One day, God's people will see Jesus in heaven. shining brightly with the beautiful glory of God's Spirit. How amazing that will be!"





Bible Chant  
Song

# **"The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness"**

1 Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7



"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 Day of Blazing Brightness.' Listen for what the LORD showed the people as they worshipped Him at the new Worship Place."



# The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness | Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness?
2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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### John 4:24, ESV

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed the people He had come to meet with them in the Temple, the new worship house?
2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?

(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

Something to Grow Into

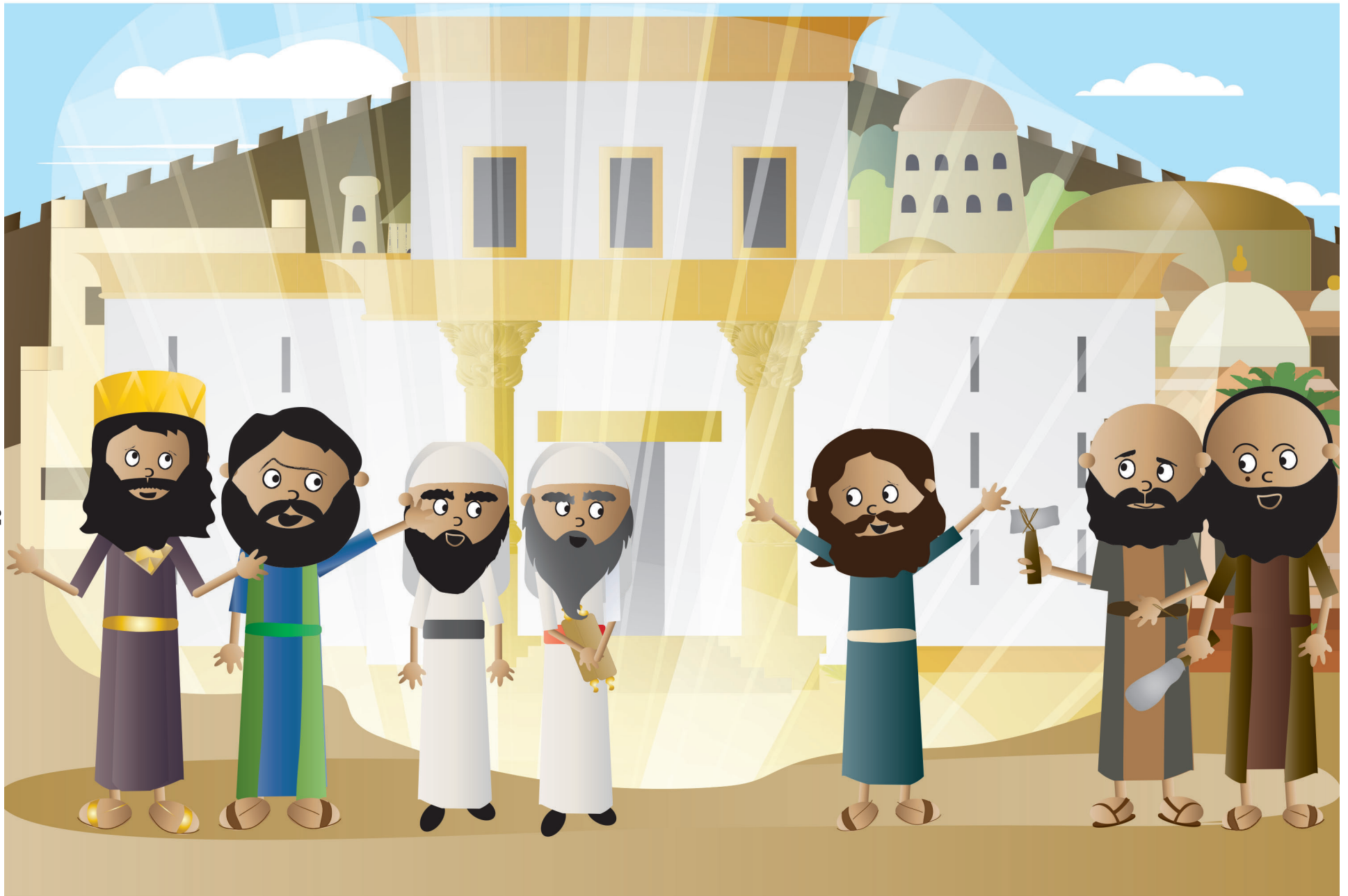


I. King David lived in a big, beautiful palace. But the Ark of the Covenant --the special, golden box where God met with His people-- was only in a tent. "I want to build a Temple, a fine, worship place for the LORD," David told Nathan, God's messenger.



2. "Not you, but your son, Solomon, will build the new worship place," the LORD told David. So, when Solomon became king, he chose Hiram, the best builder, to build the Temple.



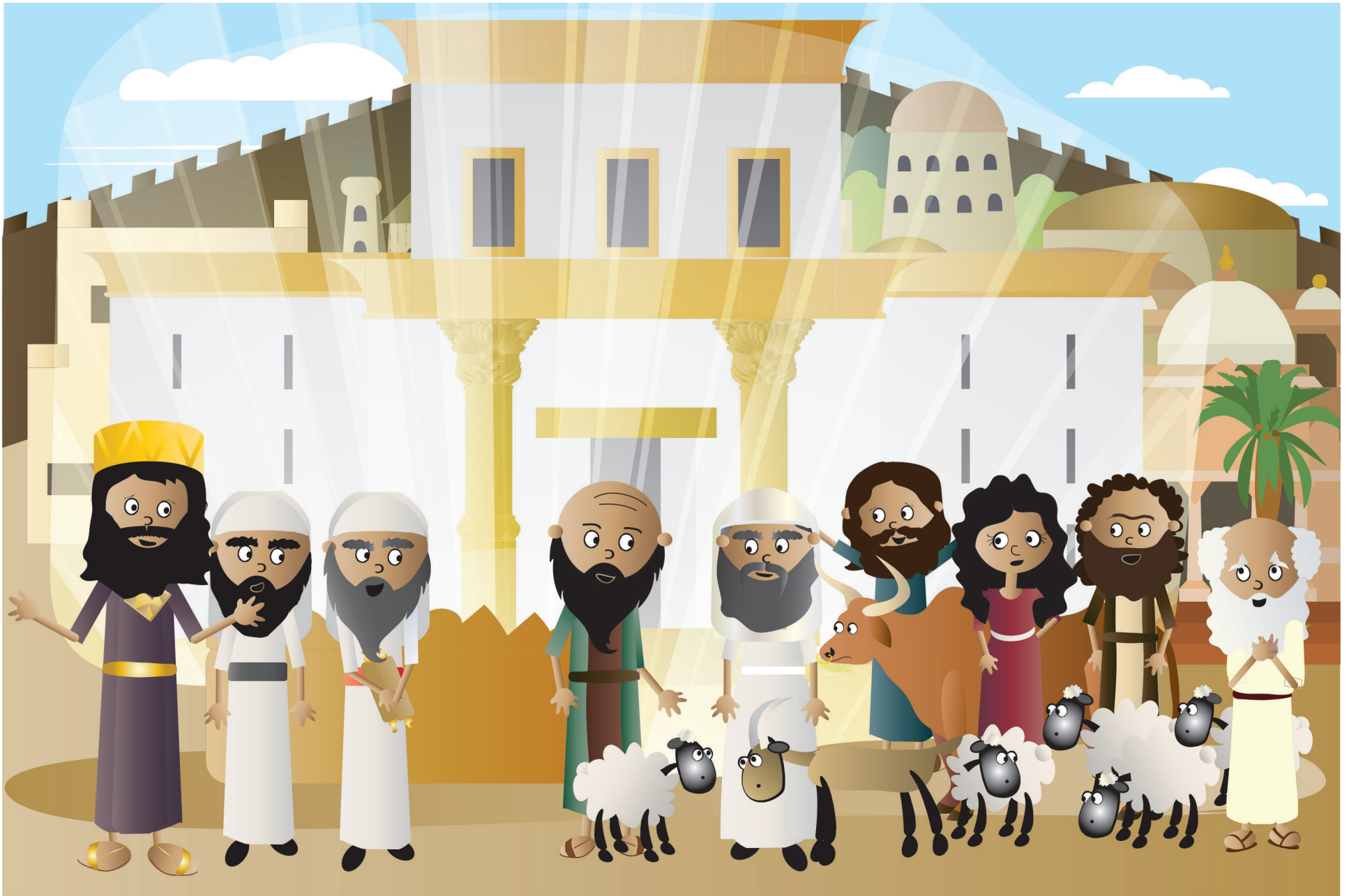


3. Hiram used pure, white limestone on the outside of the Temple. It glistened in the sun. It reminded the people of the LORD's glory --the beautiful, shiny, brightness that shines out from His Spirit.





4. Inside, Hiram covered the floors and walls with gold, angels, trees, and sparkly jewels. A beautiful curtain hid a special room called the Holy of Holies. That's where the Ark of the Covenant would be. God would meet with His people there.



5. When everything was done, the people gathered with the king outside the Temple. They came with thousands of worship gifts, ready to worship the LORD.





6. As King Solomon and the people gave their gifts to the LORD, the priests and Levites put the Ark and other worship things inside the Temple.



7. Everyone praised the LORD; then, King Solomon prayed: "LORD, You are too great to live in this Temple. The whole world isn't even big enough to hold You. But please, make this a special place where all people can come worship You and meet with You," he asked.





8. Suddenly, there was a bright flash of light and a big wave of heat, as the LORD sent down a great fire from heaven. “Whoosh!” It burnt up the huge pile of worship gifts. This was the LORD’s mighty “yes!” to King Solomon’s prayer.



9. Then, the LORD did something even more amazing. He showed the people some of the beautiful, shiny glory that shines out from His Spirit. It came down from heaven like a great, sparkly cloud over the Temple.





**10. And inside, the Temple was filled so full of God's glory that none of the priests or Levites could even go in!**





II. Then, everyone bowed down and worshipped the LORD. "Praise the LORD, for He is good! His love goes on forever," they exclaimed. And they all stayed there, worshipping and celebrating for a whole week.

# **“The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness”**

**Q: “What did the LORD show the people as they worshipped Him  
at the new Worship Place?”**

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younger  
kids



**HE'S NOT LIKE ANYONE ELSE...**

**He Is a Glorious Spirit!**

**A: “The LORD showed them some of the glory that shines out from His Spirit.”**



# The Case of the Day of Blazing Brightness | Kings 6:8; 2 Chronicles 3-4,6-7

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the special celebration on the Day of Blazing Brightness?

The Temple, the new Worship House, was finished and ready to be used for worship.

2. What caused the Blazing Brightness? What did it mean? The blazing brightness was the glory of the LORD that came down from heaven and filled the Temple. It was how the LORD showed the people that He would meet with them in the new Worship House.

For You and Me:

How wonderful it must have been to see the beautiful glory of the LORD's Spirit that day! But how more amazing it is that God's own Son, Jesus would come to earth to live among us, and to suffer and die for our sins! Jesus can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then, He will send the Holy Spirit to live inside our very hearts and meet with us, His dearly-loved people, there!

# SOLVED

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

John 4:24, ESV

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

1. What did God do on the Day of Blazing Brightness that showed He had come to meet with the people in the Temple, the new Worship House?

He let them see the blazing brightness from the glory of His Spirit as it came down and filled the new Worship House.

2. What did the people do that showed they wanted to worship the LORD in spirit and truth?

They brought their worship gifts to the LORD. They sang praises to Him. They prayed to Him and bowed down before Him.

For You and Me:

God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth, too. How can we do that? We can sing praises to Him and pray to Him, like those people did long ago. Most of all, we can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can help us do this. Ask Him!

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## Something to Grow Into



Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like Anyone Else...  
He is a Glorious Spirit!

# The Gospel

What a day it was, when God showed Solomon and all the people some of His glory as His presence filled the Temple! But it's even more amazing that God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to be our Savior. He was still God, but now He was human, too. When people saw Jesus, they were seeing God!

What did Jesus have to do to be our Savior? He lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave his life to pay for all of the sins of God's people. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose to life. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. God can help you become one of His people, too.

Ask Him! He loves to do this!

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Gospel Songs



“There is no god like the LORD. Let’s pray to Him now.”

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. There is no one like You. You are a glorious Spirit.

Thank You for wanting us to worship You.

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.



ACTS Prayer Song





## Something to Grow Into

# A Prayer

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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 a glorious spirit!
- C** God, many times we forget how great You are. We cannot see You and we act like You are not really there. We forget to praise You. Please forgive us.
- T** Thank You, God, for wanting us to know and love You, even though we are just little people and You are the great and awesome God, a glorious spirit. Thank You for giving us a spirit so we can know and love You.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others about You so they can know how great and awesome You are. Help us to know and love You truly from our hearts.

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!)





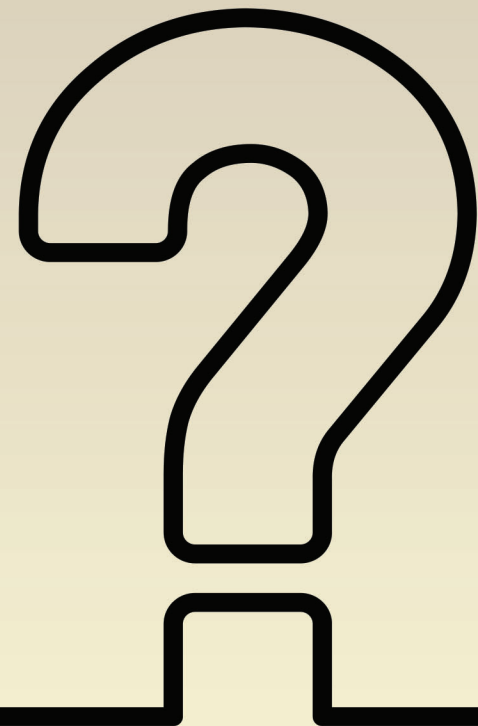
"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

## Big Q & A #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



### Refrain

Tell me, can anybody tell me,  
Tell me, what the LORD is like?  
Tell me, can anybody tell me,  
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,  
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 1:

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



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



## ABC's of God Rap, page 1



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

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)

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

## 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!

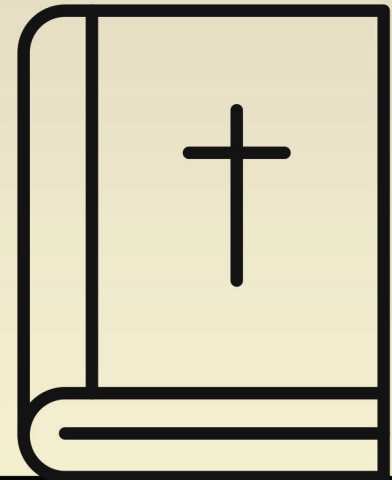
Now I've said my ABC's, Come and praise the Lord with me!  
Now I've said my ABC's, Won't you come and praise the Lord with me,  
Come on! (Refrain)

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

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

God Is Spirit: John 4:24

God is spirit, God is spirit,  
And those who worship him  
Worship in spirit and truth.  
God is spirit, God is spirit,  
And those who worship him  
Worship in spirit and truth.  
John Four, twenty-four.



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



## Big Question #4 Hymn

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

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

## Big Question #4 Praise Song

God Is So Good

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

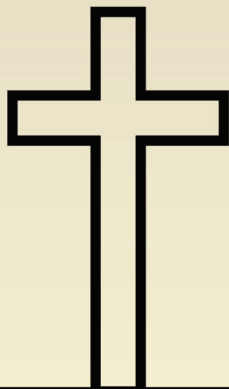


"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He's not like anyone else!"

## 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!  
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.

