

# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #4, Bible Truth 5:  
The Case of the Missing Donkeys**



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





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



**"Deep Down Detectives! This is your fifth of eight missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my magnifying glass. 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 KNOWS ???? THERE IS TO KNOW.

DANIEL  
2:20

Hint: "The opposite of "nothing."  
It starts with the letter "E."

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



**Daniel 2:20**

**“Blessed be  
the name  
of God...**

**to whom  
belong  
wisdom and  
might.”**



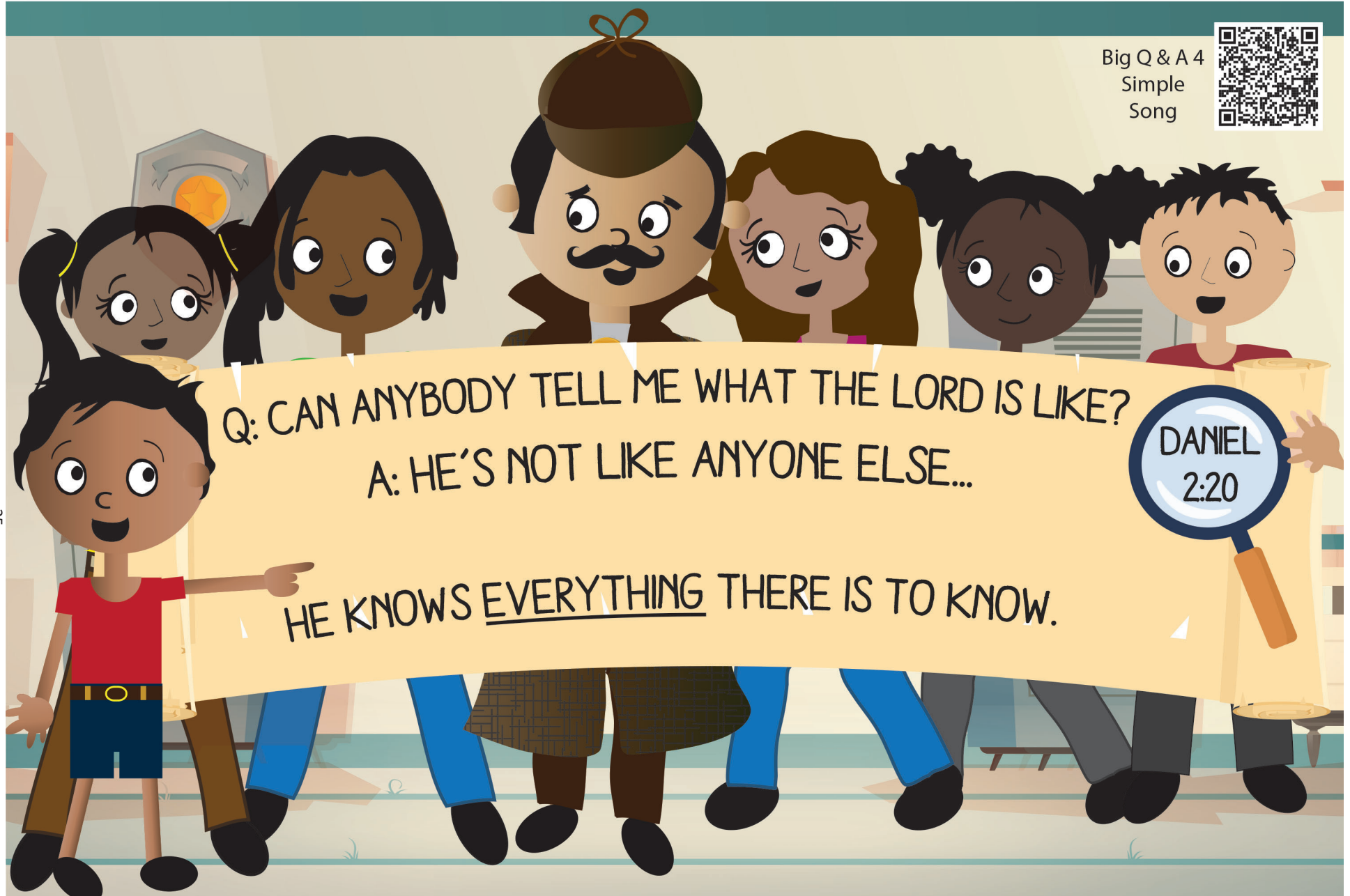
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Name of God  
Daniel 2:20

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





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



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



Big Question 4  
Tell Me More  
Song



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





Bible Chant  
Song

# **"The Case of the Missing Donkeys"**

1 Samuel 9



"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 Missing Donkeys.' Listen for why Samuel was so sure Saul would show up for the worship feast."



# The Case of the Lost Donkeys | Samuel 9

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who lost their donkeys?
2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Daniel 2:20, ESV

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

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

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

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



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





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





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



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



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





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





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



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



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





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

# "The Case of the Missing Donkeys"

Q: "Why Samuel was so sure Saul would show up for the worship feast?"

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HE'S NOT LIKE ANYONE ELSE...

He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

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

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who lost their donkeys?  
Kish did.

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

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

# SOLVED

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Daniel 2:20, ESV

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

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare for?  
Saul.

2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this  
stranger would come? Samuel knew that the LORD was the  
God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom  
(and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned  
for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And  
so, he did!

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to carry out His good plans, even when we don't  
understand how and when He will carry them out.

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## Something to Grow Into



Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?  
He's Not Like Anyone Else...  
He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

# The Gospel



Sometimes it is scary that God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all deserve His punishment because we have all chosen to sin.

But God is so kind to us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it as full payment for the sins of God's people. Jesus died on the cross, then He rose from the dead on the third day, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them.

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

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



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

## **A Prayer**

**We praise You, LORD. You are the God who knows everything there is to know.**

**Thank You for knowing the sin in our hearts and choosing to send Jesus to be the Savior we need.**

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

**In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**



ACTS Prayer Song





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# A Prayer

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A We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!

C God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.

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

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!"

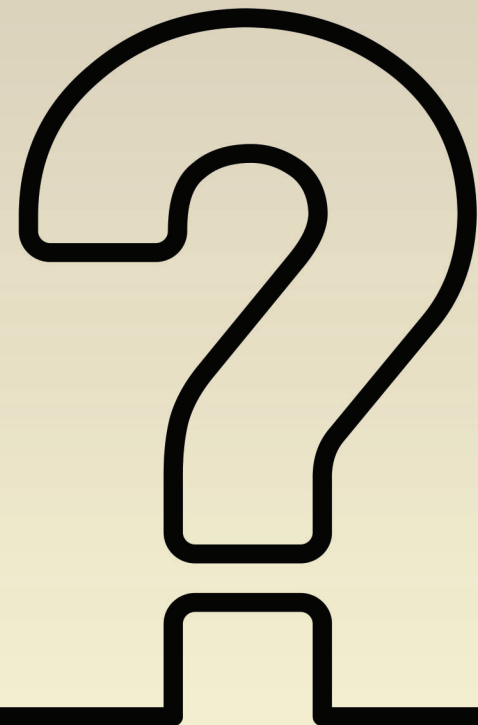
## Big Q & A #4

### 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 5 Bible Verse Song:

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

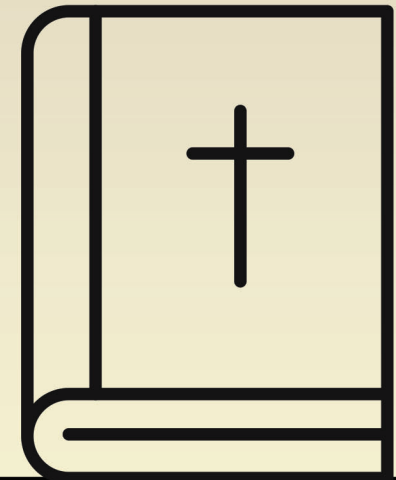


### Refrain

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

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

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



"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.

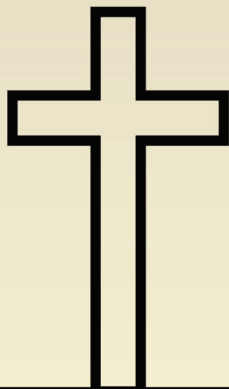


"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderful ways He's not like anyone else!"

## 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.

