



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



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. His Big Question is: 'How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and read his clue."



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



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? Bad Things Came through Sin... When Sin Spread to the Whole ???? Chose to Disobey God." Psalm I4:3." Hint: Another word for "Earth." It rhymes with "curled."

Psalm 14:3

"All have turned away...

There is no one who does good, not even one."



The LORD Looks Down from Heaven Psalm 14:2,3

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 14:3, and read: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."

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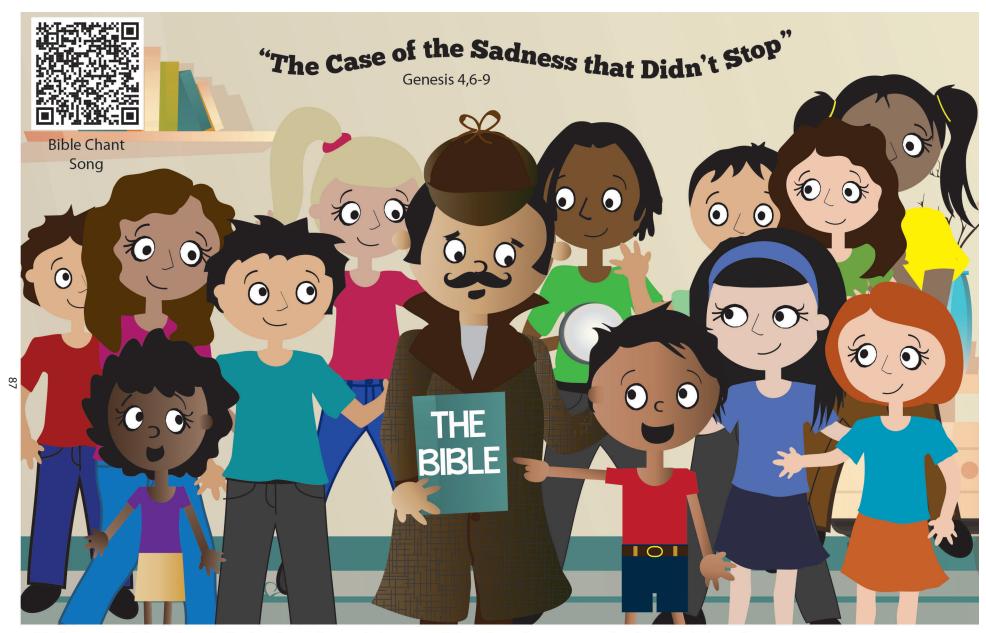
Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out the second way bad things came to God's good world?" he asked. "We think so! The sin that started with Adam and Eve spread to all people. We all have sinful hearts. We all choose to disobey God."



"Our Big Question is: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? And the answer is: "Bad Things Came through Sin...When Sin Spread to the Whole <u>WORLD</u>." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Sin began with Adam and Eve, but it didn't stop there. It spread out to everything in God's good world, and into the hearts of all people. That's why even you and I have sinful hearts and deserve God's punishment. But God is so merciful! He sent Jesus to be the Savior we need. He died on the cross to pay for the sins of all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.



"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 Sadness that Didn't Stop.' Listen for who the sadness of sin spread to in God's good world."

# "The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop" Genesis 4,6-9



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

- I. Where did the sadness come from?
- 2. Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Psalm 14:2-3, ESV

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."

- I. What did the LORD see in the hearts of people?
- 2. What did they deserve? How did the LORD show His mercy to them?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, EVERYTHING God created was broken by sin. Not only was it broken, but sin grew worse and worse. Especially in people. The whole world became a place filled with people disobeying God and hurting one another. It was terrible!



2. The LORD hated the sin in His good world, but He is so patient. He waited years and years for people to turn back to Him. But at last it was time: He would send a flood to do away with all who still refused to obey Him. And with them, the creatures would be swept away, too.



3. This sounded like the end of God's world, but it wasn't. God isn't ONLY fair and good. He is merciful, too. God would save one man who fought his sin and sought to love and obey Him --Noah. And with Noah, God would save Noah's family and some of every kind of creature.



4. "I'm sending a huge flood because of the sin in the world," God told Noah. "Build a big, wooden boat. Fill it with food. I'll keep your family and some of every creature safe in it," God promised. A huge flood? A big boat filled with creatures? Could it really be? Would Noah believe and obey?



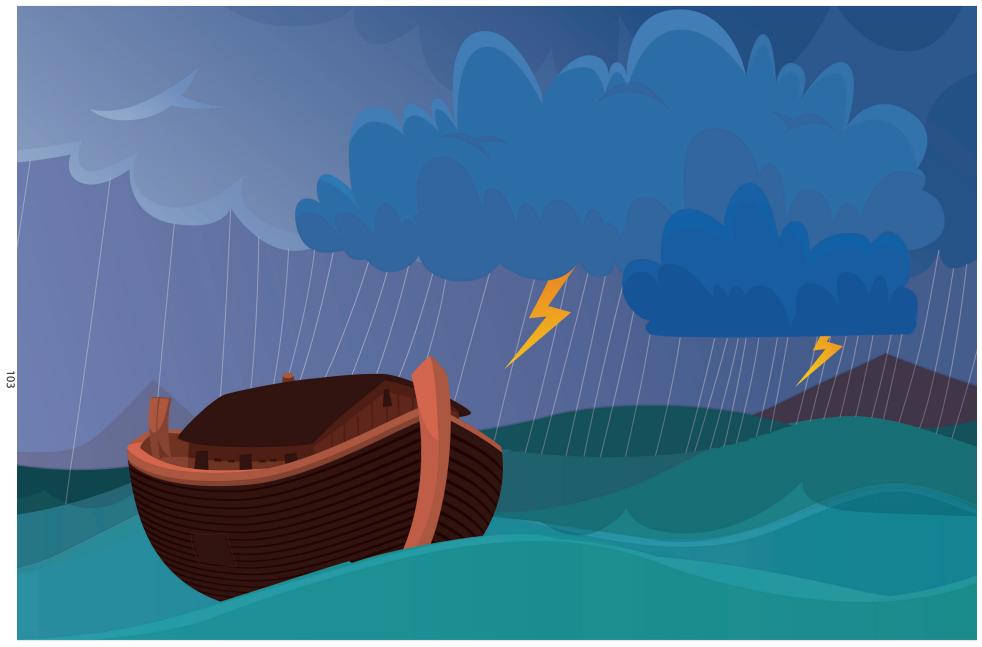
5. Yes, he would! Noah didn't have to understand God's plans for them to be true. God was pleased with Noah's faith and accepted him.



6. Chop, chop! Saw, saw! Hammer, hammer! Noah and his sons worked on the huge ark. People came to see what Noah doing. Noah warned them about the flood God was sending. "Turn back to God and be saved!" he told them. But no one did. Not even one! How sad!



7. At last, the boat was finished and the food all loaded. Then the LORD, in His wonderful, mysterious way, led some of every creature to join Noah and his family in the ark. When everyone was safe inside, the LORD, Himself, shut them in. Then, the rain began.



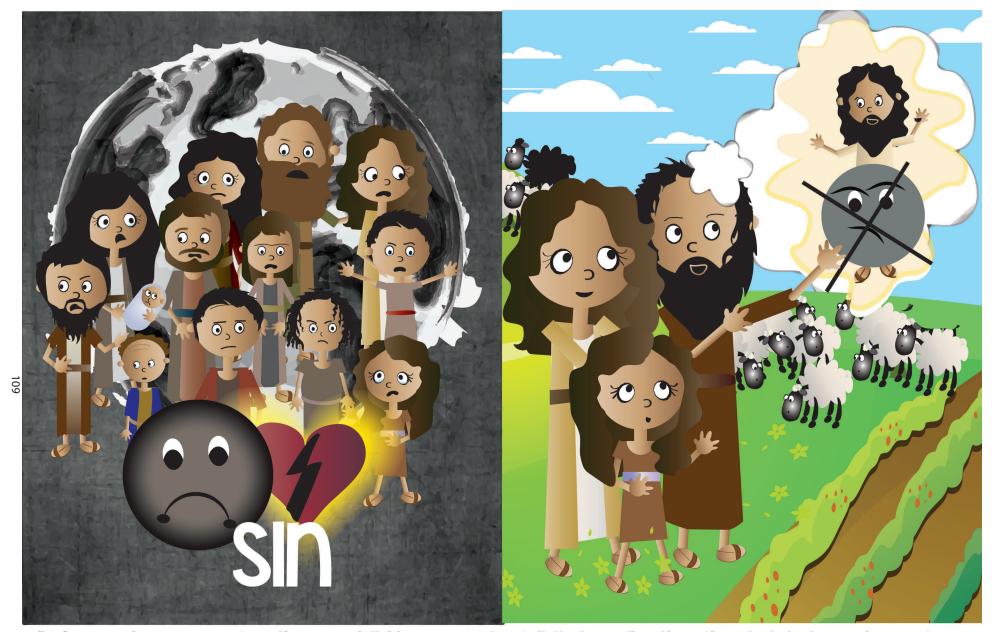
8. Forty days and nights it rained. The water rose higher and higher until the land was completely covered up. Inside the ark, all were safe; but outside, everyone was swept away.



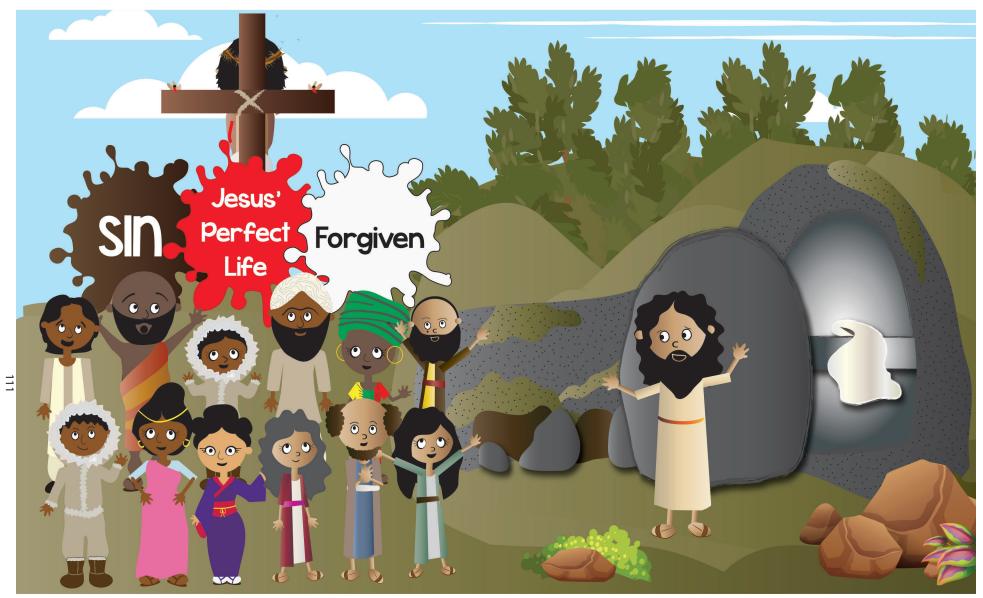
9. At last, God's judgment was finished. He sent a big wind to dry up the waters. "It's time to begin again. Fill the earth, like Adam and Eve and the creatures did, long ago," God told Noah. Noah happily obeyed. It was good to get off that ark and stand on dry ground again!



10. And what did Noah do first when he got off that ark? He gave God a worship gift of thanks for saving them. God was pleased, and said: "Never again will I destroy the whole earth with a flood. When it rains, look for a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of My promise."



II. A new beginning for the world! How wonderful! But sadly, the flood didn't wash sin from people's hearts. They still all disobeyed God. But there were always some, like Noah, who fought their sin and turned to God. They looked forward in faith to the day the Savior would come.



12. The Savior did come --Jesus, God's Son. Jesus lived a perfect life, then died on the cross, giving His life as full payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, beating sin and death for God's people. We can become God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Q: "Who did the sadness of sin spread to in God's good world?"

plenty for younger kids



Bad Things Came Through Sin...
When Sin Spread to the Whole World!

A: "It spread to everything and everyone ...even to you and me!"

# "The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop"

Genesis 4,6-9

more depth for older kids



## **Detective Dan's** Listening Assignment #1

- I. Where did the sadness come from? It came from sin that came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
- 2. Who did it spread to? Who would come to stop it one day? It spread to all people, all of Adam and Eve's children. God would send the Savior, Jesus, to stop it one day.

## For You and Me:

We are all Adam and Eve's children, and that means that their sin has spread all the way down to us, and all the way into our hearts. We need a Savior, just like they did. Jesus can be our Savior, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



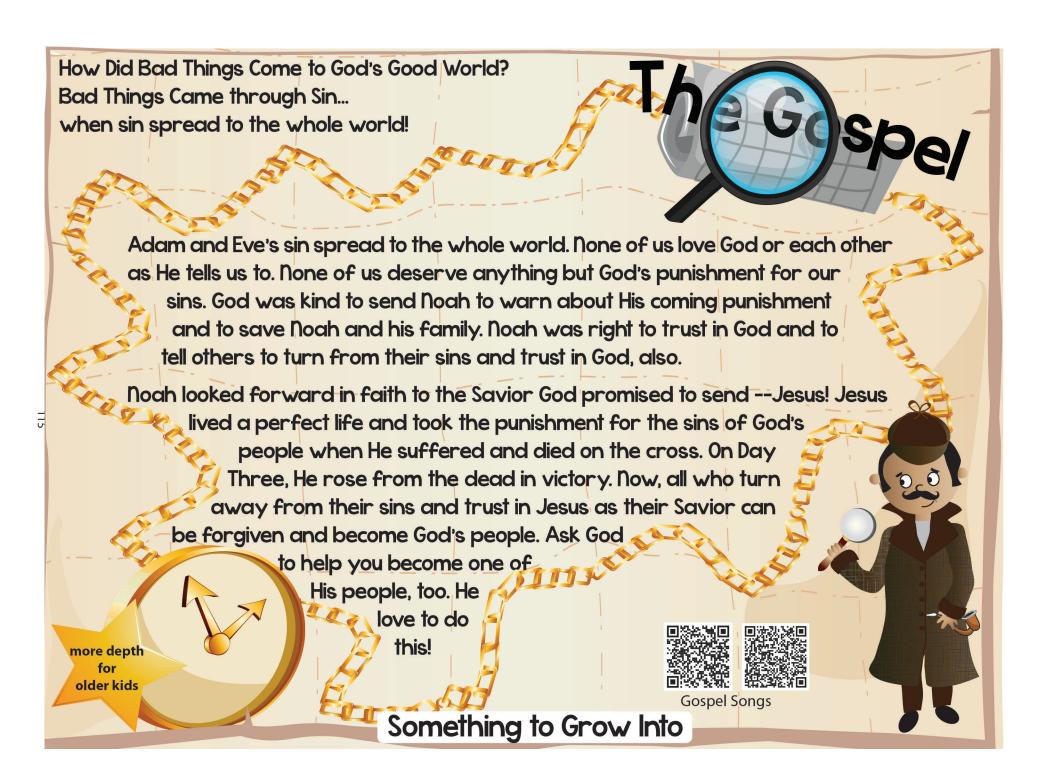
Psalm 14:2-3, ESV

- "The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one."
- I. What did the LORD see in the hearts of people? He saw that they were all sinners who had chosen to disobey Him.
- 2. What did they deserve? How did the LORD show His mercy to them? They all deserved His punishment. They all deserved to be separated from Him forever. God showed them mercy by warning them through Noah to turn away from disobeying Him. And in Noah's case, God forgave him and saved him, when he turned away from his sins and trusted in the LORD.

#### For You and Me:

We are all Adam and Eve's children, and that means that their sin has spread all the way down to us...and into our hearts. We need a Savior, just like they did. God has warned us of the punishment we deserve for our sins. But, He also offers us to save us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

Something to Grow Into



"The LORD is the one, true God we have all disobeyed. Let's pray to Him now."

# A Prayer

LORD, we praise You for being good and hating sin. We all deserve Your punishment.

Thank You for also being merciful and sending 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.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



**ACTS Prayer Song** 



- A We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin. You are fair in Your punishments for our sins against You and Your good laws.
- C God, we know that every one of us have sinful hearts. We are no different from those people who sinned against You, long ago. We have all chosen to disobey You. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us, when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You for promising to forgive all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- S God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn way from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. Help us to tell others the good news of Jesus that they might be saved, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**ACTS Prayer Song** 



"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 #6 Simple Song

How did bad things,
How did bad things,
Come to God's good world?
Come to God's good world?
Bad things came through sin,
Bad things came through sin,
That's how bad things came,
That's how bad things came.





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

Big Question #6 Tell Me More Song

Refrain:

Bad things, bad things,

How did bad things come to God's good world?

Bad things, bad things,

Bad things came through sin.

Sin is saying "no" to God,

when we should say, "Yes,"

Satan said "no" to God

And so began the me-ee-me-ee-ess.

Refrain

Adam and Eve said "no" to God,

And so sin came to men,

It spread to all of God's good world,

And down to their children-ee-en-ee-en.

Refrain

We all deserve God's punishment,

Death is the wages of sin,

But there's eternal life through Jesus Christ,

For all who believe in Him-ee-im-ee im.

Refrain

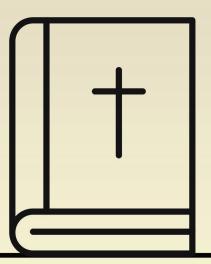




Big Question #6, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: The LORD Looks Down from Heaven: Psalm 14:2,3

The LORD looks down from heaven, On the human race To see if there is one who is wise, One who seeks God.

But all have turned away;
All alike have become corrupt.
There is no one who does good,
No, not even one.
Psalm Fourteen, two and three.



Big Question #6 Hymn Nothing But the Blood

Verse I

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 2
For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Big Question #6 Praise Song I Will Sing of the Mercies

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing, I will sing,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.







### 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,

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.

