

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #3, Bible Truth 2:
The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters



"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 'What Is the Gospel?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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



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Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

WE HAVE ALL DISOBEYED GOD AND DESERVE HIS ????.

ECCLESIASTES
7:20

Hint: What we deserve when we
do something wrong on purpose.
A sad word that starts with "P".

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His ????. Ecclesiastes 7:20." Hint: "What we deserve when we do something wrong on purpose. A sad word that starts with 'P'."

**Ecclesiastes
7:20**

**“There is not
a righteous
man**

**on earth
who does
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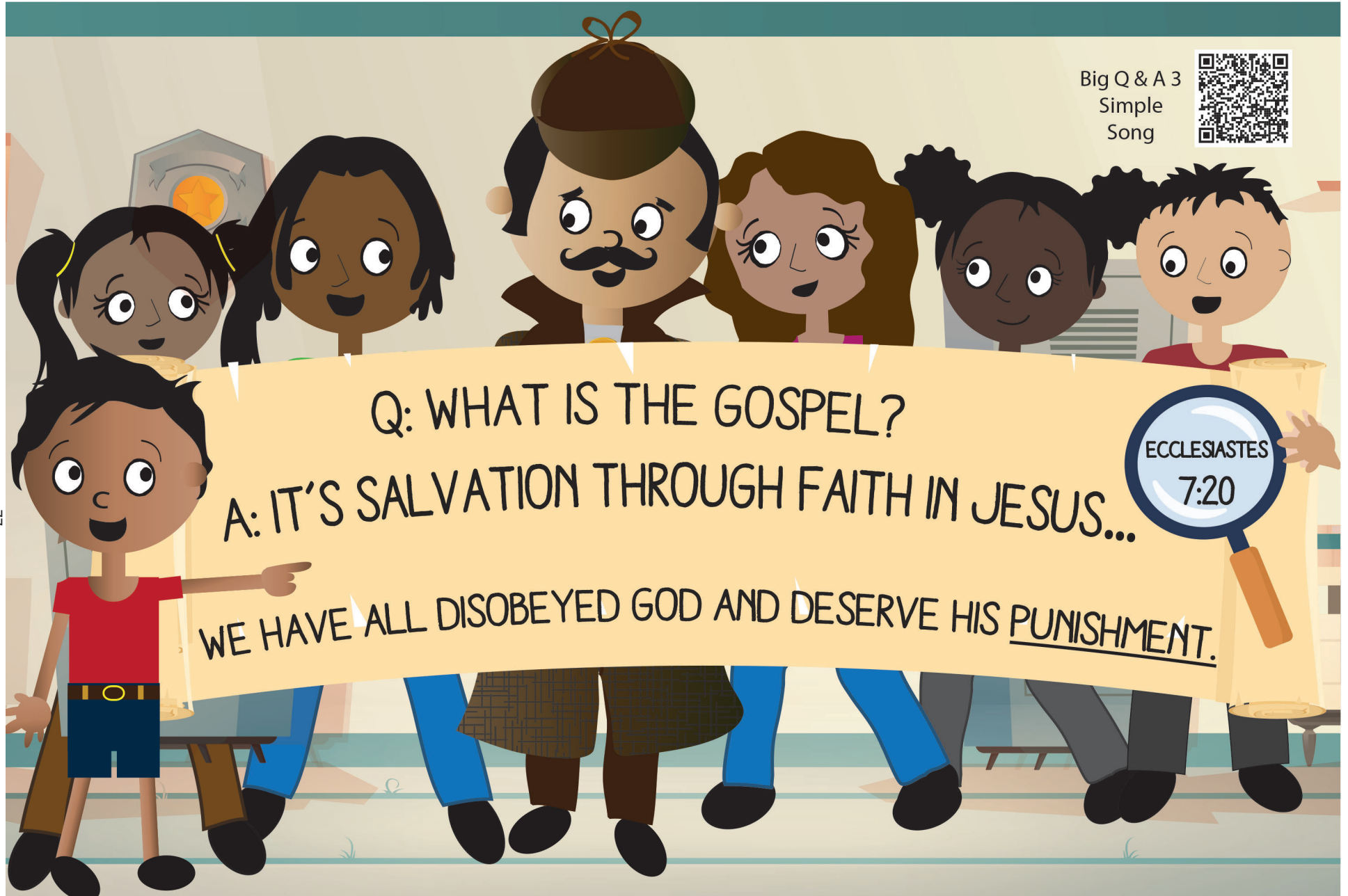
There Is Not a
Righteous Man
Ecclesiastes 7:20

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Ecclesiastes 7:20, and read: “There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about the gospel?" he asked. "We think so! 'Righteous' is a Bible word for someone who pleases God by only doing good. Our verse tells us that we all disobey God, and that means we all deserve His punishment."

Big Q & A 3
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? And the answer is: It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His PUNISHMENT." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



We have all chosen to disobey God, our good Creator. This is called 'sin'. God is good. He hates sin, and will punish it. God's punishment for sin is living apart from Him and everything good forever. But God is so merciful. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and give it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Then, He rose from the dead in victory. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters"

Romans



"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 Squabbling Brothers and Sisters.' Listen for what Paul told the believers in Rome to help them stop fighting with one another."

The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters Romans

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling?
2. What were they squabbling about?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ecclesiastes 7:20, ESV

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins."

1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from?
2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Squibble, squabble, squibble squabble. The believers in the big city of Rome were fighting with each other. They were all part of God's family. And they should have been loving each other like sisters and brothers; but, they weren't! They were fighting with each other, instead.

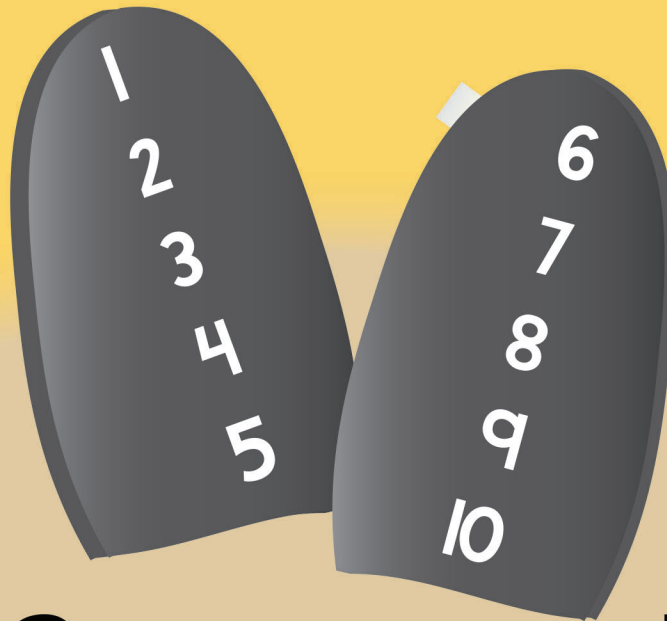


2. They weren't fighting each other with fists, like you might be thinking. This was a fight with words. They were fighting over families --whether you came from a family of Jews or a family of Gentiles. Jew and Gentile. Have you ever heard of those Bible family names? Let's find out what they are.



3. Some of the believers grew up as Jews. They came from families who worshipped the LORD. They grew up learning the Bible and trying to obey its laws... ALL of them... and there were A LOT! (Laws is another word for rules.)

10 Big, Love Laws



(The 10 Commandments)

4. There were the Ten, Big Laws God gave them, the 10 Commandments. They were the LOVE laws. These laws told how to love God and love one another. That was the FIRST kind of laws that God gave the Jews to obey, and these are the way God wants us all to live.

Live Together Laws



5. But the Jews had more laws. These laws were the LIVE TOGETHER laws. These told the Jews how to live their everyday lives--what clothes they should wear; what food they should eat; and, other things like that. And some of these were just extra rules, not even in the Bible.

Live Together Laws

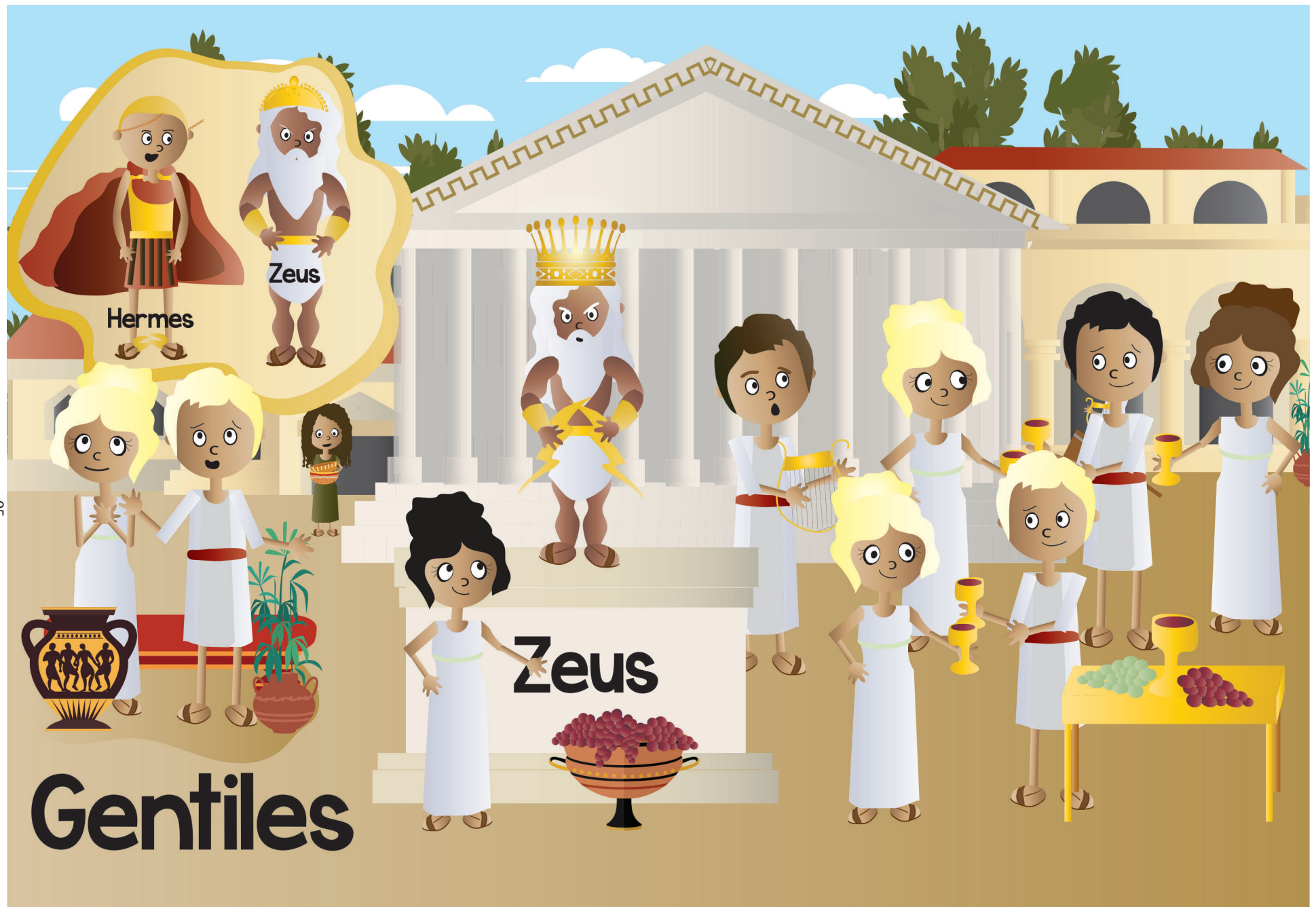
Jewish
Christians



Gentile
Christians



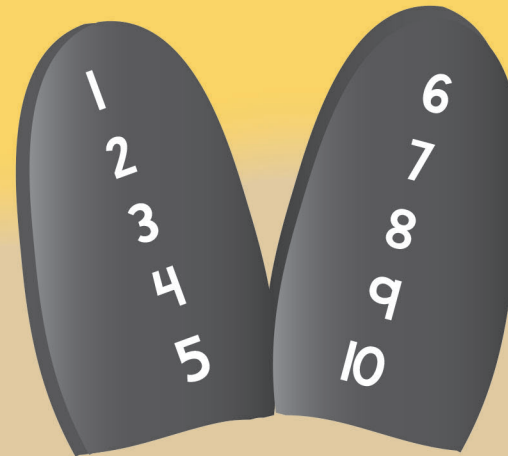
6. After the Jews believed in Jesus as their Savior, they knew they should live by the LOVE laws, but they also thought even Christians should keep all those other laws, too. And that's where all the squibbling and squabbling came in with that other kind of family—the Gentiles.



7. You see, the other believers grew up Gentiles, from families who worshipped fake gods.

Gentile
Christians

10 Big, Love Laws



YES!!!



8. They DIDN'T grow up with the Jews' laws. But when they became Christians, they knew they should obey God's LOVE Laws—all people should live by them.

Live Together Laws

Gentile
Christians



no!!!



9. But they refused to keep the Jews' LIVE TOGETHER laws. They were Christians, not Jews!

Jews Are Best

Gentiles Are Best



10. "We're right. You're wrong. Live our way. We're better than you. No, you aren't," the Gentile and Jew believers fought back and forth.



II. Faraway in Corinth, Paul heard about their squabbles and wrote them a letter, "Dear believers in Rome, no one's better. You ALL have sinned against God and deserve His punishment. Only through faith in Jesus are you saved," he reminded them.



12. "You are ALL part of God's family. The Holy Spirit lives in ALL of you. Stop your squibble-squabbling! Love each other like sisters and brothers should. Loving each other fulfills God's law. He gives us everything we need to do this through Jesus, our Savior," signed Paul.



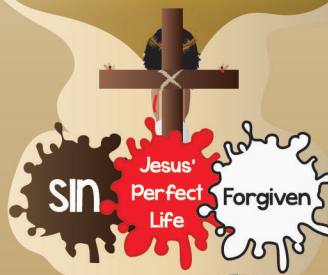
13. Phoebe took Paul's letter to the believers in Rome. What happened when the believers read Paul's letter? The Bible doesn't tell us. I hope it helped them remember that they ALL needed Jesus to be their Savior! And, to love God and love one another through Him.

"The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters"

Q: "What did Paul tell the believers in Rome to help them to stop fighting with each other?"

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GOOD NEWS



To the
Romans

IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...

We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His Punishment!

THE
BIBLE

A: "They all deserve God's punishment. Only through Jesus has God saved any of them."

The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters Romans

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling?
The believers in Rome.

2. What were they squabbling about?
They were squabbling about who was best--the Jews or the Gentiles. And, if all believers should keep the Live Together laws of the Jews.

For You and Me:

Just like the believers in Rome, we need to remember that it is only through God's free gift of forgiveness through Jesus that anyone can become one of God's people. This can be His gift to us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ecclesiastes 7:20, ESV

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins."

1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from? From Jew and Gentile families.

2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other?
That none of them had been righteous. None of them had pleased God by their own, good works. They were saved only through the Savior, Jesus. That's what mattered. Not the Live-Together Laws.

For You and Me:

None of us can ever be good enough to please God. None of us would ever be able to know God or be His people on our own. But the good news is that Jesus did live a perfect life. He offered up His righteous to pay for the sins of God's people, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

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Something to Grow Into

What Is the Gospel?

**It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...
we have all disobeyed God and deserve His
punishment!**

The Gospel



Did you know that Paul's letter to those believers in Rome became part of God's Word, the Bible? Many people have read his letter to those people in Rome and learned from it. Why, even you are learning from it today!

One of the most important things we can learn from Paul's letter is that we are lawbreakers who have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment.

But God is so merciful that He sent a Savior --His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross, offering up His perfect life to God as full payment for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead in victory on the third day.

We all need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God will forgive us and make us His people forever!

Gospel Songs



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Something to Grow Into



"We all disobey God, too, but He can forgive our sins and save us. Let's ask Him now. Let's pray."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. We disobey You, but You offer to forgive us!

Thank You for 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



Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the good God who hates sin.

C We confess that we have all rebelled against You and Your good ways. We have all chosen to live life our own way instead. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for not just being good, but for being merciful, too. Thank You for taking the punishment that sinful people like us deserve on Yourself that we might be saved. Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from living against You and Your good ways. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and know You. Help us to obey 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!)



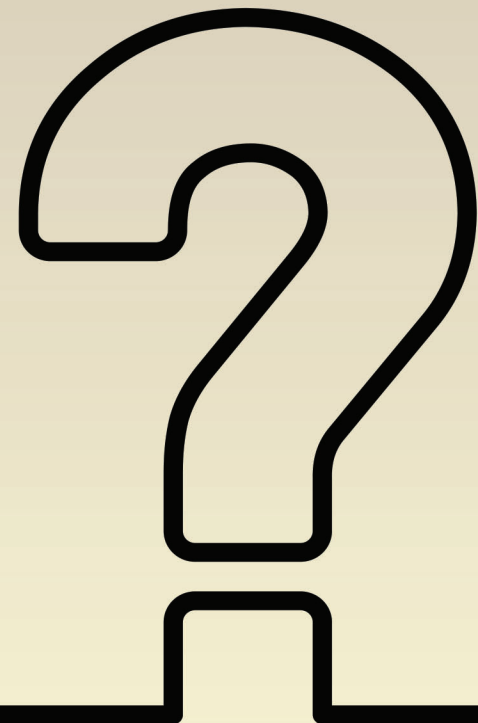
“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #3

Simple Song



What's the gospel?
What's the gospel?
Can you tell me what it is?
It's salvation through faith in Jesus,
That's what the gospel is. (repeat)



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

Big Question 3 Tell Me More Song

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.



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:

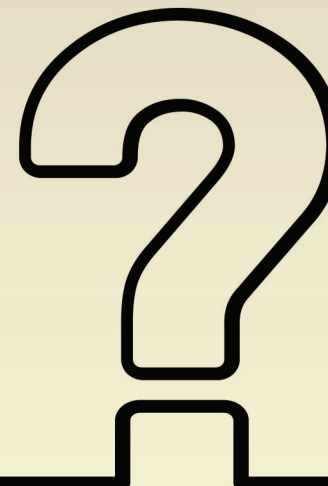
Jesus died on the cross,

Then on the 3rd day...

He rose from the dead.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too.

Ask Him to be your Savior, too!

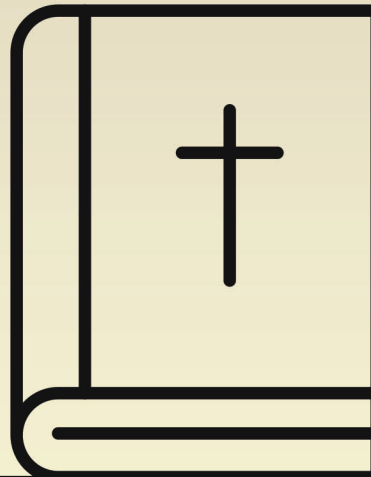


Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #3, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:
There Is Not a Righteous Man: Ecclesiastes 7:20,29



There is not a righteous man on earth,
Who does good and never sins.
See, this alone I found, that God made man upright,
But they have sought,
Sought out many schemes.
Ecclesiastes Seven: twenty and twenty-nine.



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

Big Question #3 Hymn

And Can It Be, Refrain

Refrain

Amazing love, how can it be?
That thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love, how can it be?
That thou, my God, should die for me?

Big Question #3 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.1

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.



"Let's praise the Lord for the wonderfully good news of the gospel!"

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.

