



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #3, Bible Truth 3:**  
**The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish**



"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 third of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my invisible ink bottle. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”**





DEEP  
DOWN  
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A: IT'S SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS...  
GOD SENT ???? TO PAY FOR THE SINS OF GOD'S PEOPLE!

ISAIAH  
53:5

Hint: "What's the name  
of God's Son?"



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Is the Gospel? It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God sent ???? to pay for the sins of God's people! Isaiah 53:5." Hint: "What's the name of God's Son?"

**Isaiah 53:5**

**“The  
punishment  
that**

**brought us  
peace was  
upon him.”**



He Was Pierced  
Isaiah 53:5,6

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Isaiah 53:5, and read: “The punishment that brought us peace was upon him.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this truth about the Gospel?" he asked. "We think so. Jesus took the punishment for God's people's sin when He died on the cross, so they could have peace with God and be God's forever."



Big Q & A 3  
Simple  
Song



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"Our Big Question is: What Is the Gospel? And the answer is: It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus... God Sent JESUS to Pay for the Sins of God's People!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 3  
Tell Me More  
Song



We've all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment. The punishment for sin is death--being separated from God and all His goodness forever. But God is full of love and mercy. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, then offer it up on the cross as full payment for God's people's sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.





Bible Chant  
Song

# ***"The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish"***

Genesis, The Gospels



"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 Savior, from Start to Finish.' Listen for who was the Savior, and what He had to do to be the Savior."



# The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish Genesis, The Gospels

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older kids



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Savior?
2. When did the promise of a Savior start? When did it finish?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

### Isaiah 53:5, ESV

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him."

Transgressions and iniquities are other words for sin.

1. Whose transgressions and iniquities deserved God's punishment in our story?
2. Who came to take God's punishment for them?

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

Something to Grow Into



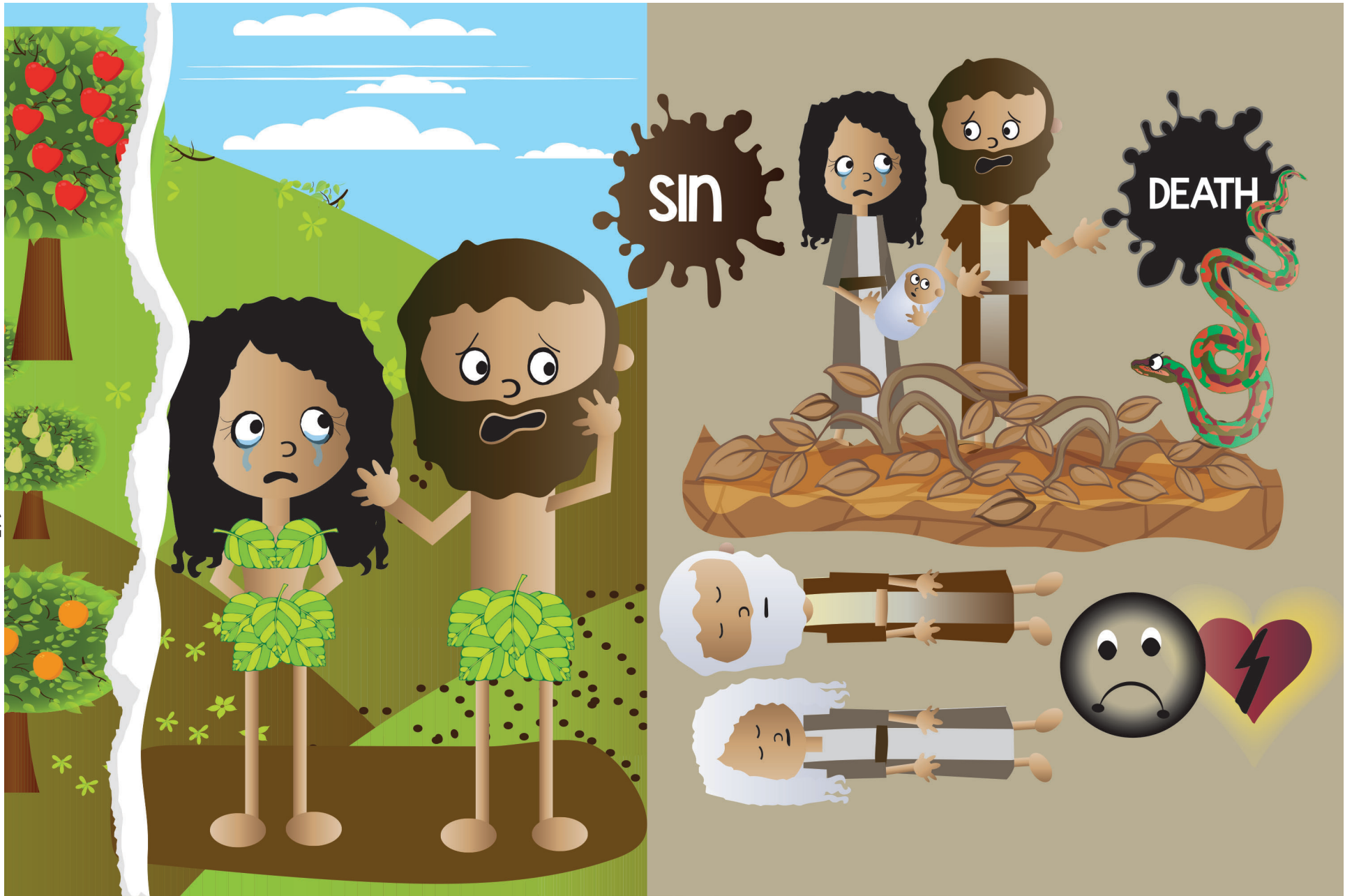
I. In the beginning, God created everything. Best of all, were the people God made. God gave them a spirit so they could know and love Him. Life with God was Perfect Wonderfulness. They had everything they needed, and most of all, they knew and enjoyed God completely.





2. But Satan, God's enemy, came. He tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God.





3. Life in God's perfect world was broken. Now, there would be sin, sadness, sickness, and death. And the sin in their hearts separated them from God.



4. God is GOOD and HOLY. He hates sin. He punished Adam and Eve for disobeying Him. But God is full of love and mercy. He promised to send a Savior to crush the enemy. Yes, Jesus, God's Son, would pay for their sins and win back God's people to be His forever.





5. God's plan to send the Savior began to unfold. God told Abraham that the Savior who would be born into his family one day. Abraham's family grew into a big nation. He gave them His good laws to live by and a beautiful land to live in.

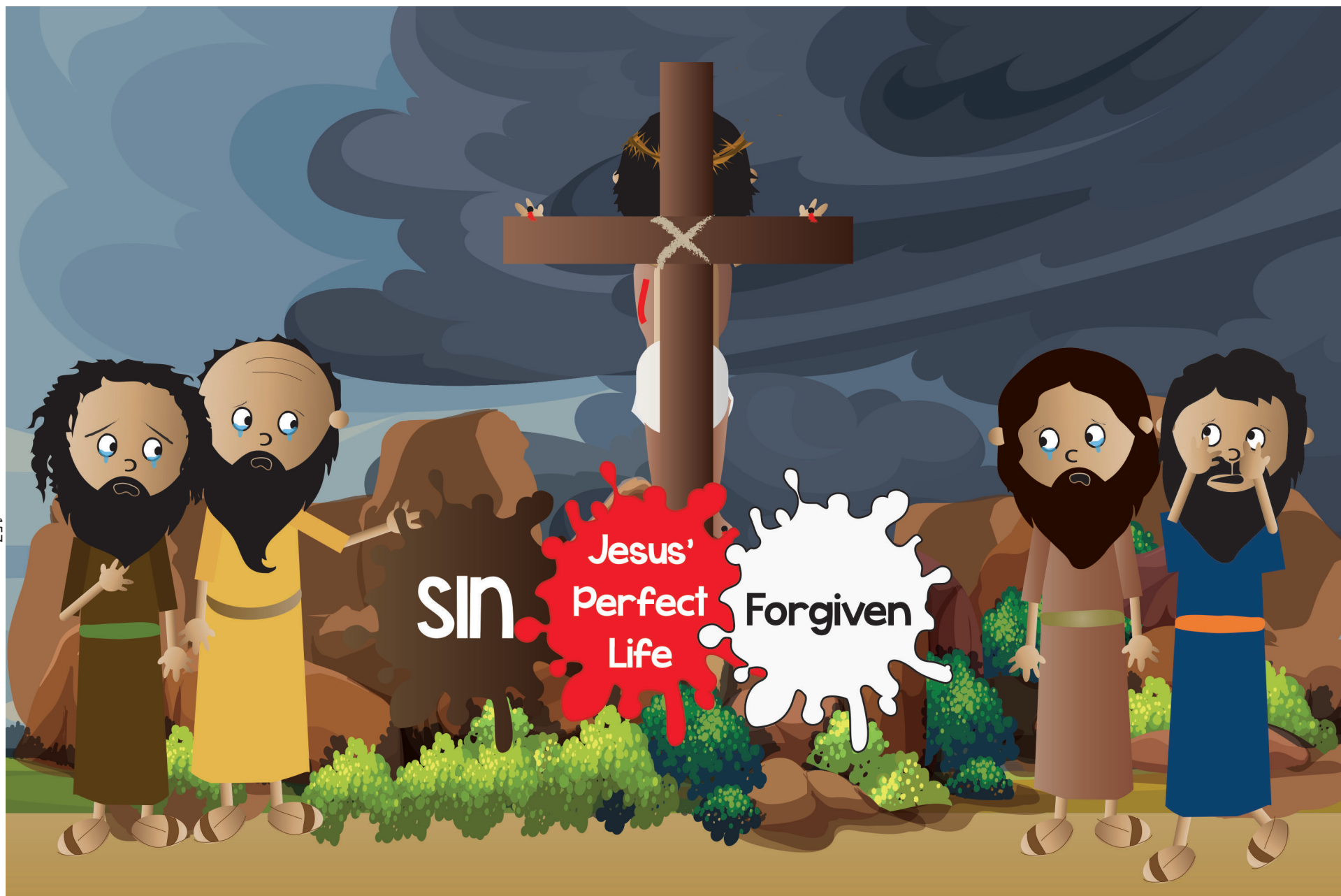




6. Life was good when they obeyed God, but life was bad when they turned to worship fake gods. God punished them for their sins, but helped them turn back to Him and promised to still send the Savior.

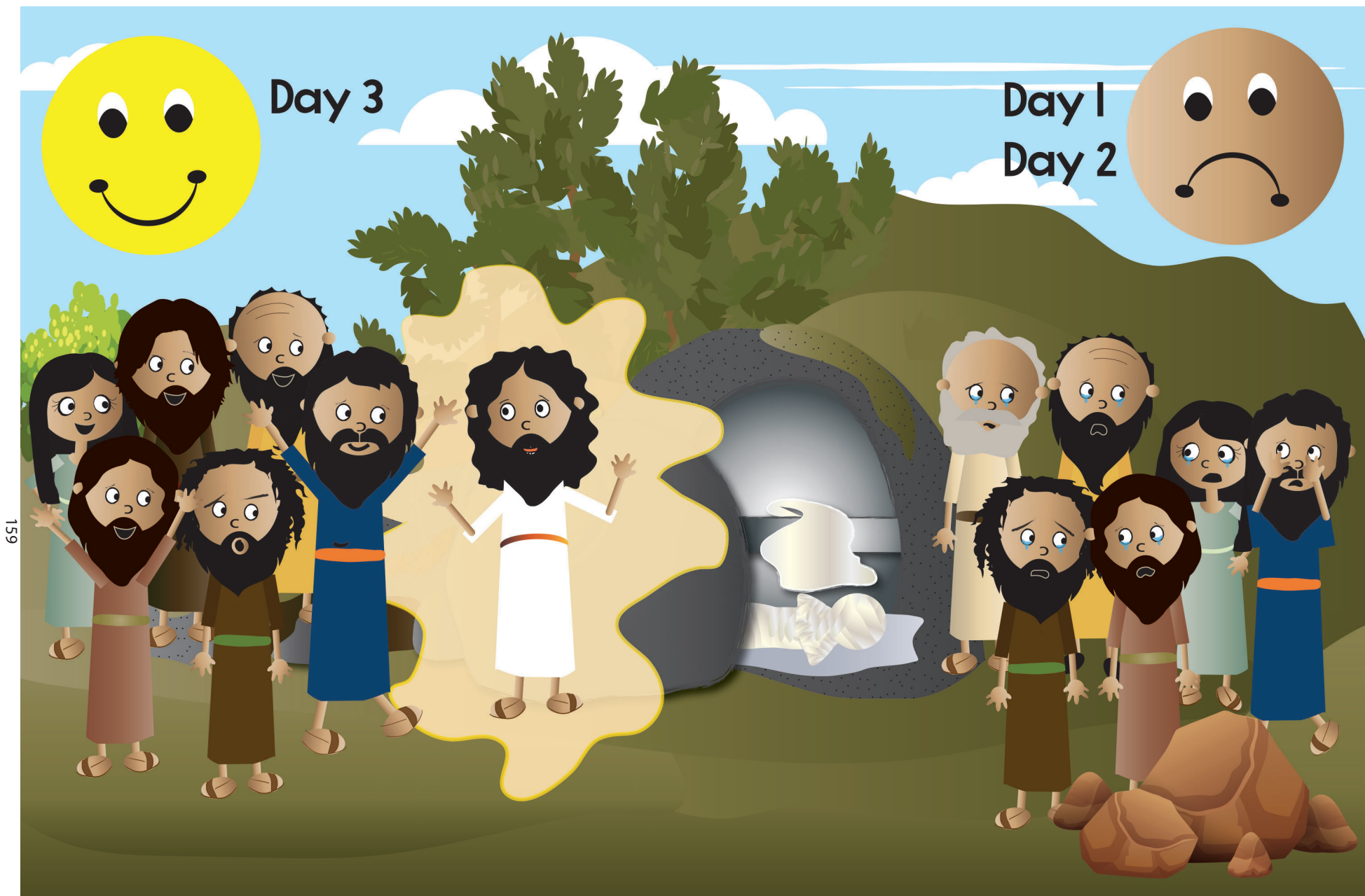


7. At last, the Savior, Jesus, came. He taught about God and did many amazing things. He lived a perfect life-- the life that Adam and Eve and all of us were supposed to live, but never did.



8. Jesus did this so He could pay for the sins of God's people. He died on the cross, giving His life as the perfect sacrifice for their sins. He was their substitute, their payment. Amazing!





9. Jesus was buried that day, but on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. The way back to Perfect Wonderfulness with God was made!



10. Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can become God's people. They can know God in their hearts now. And one day, they will go to enjoy Perfect Wonderfulness with God forever. All this can be ours, because Jesus, the Savior, came. Thank You, Jesus!



# “The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish”

Q: “Who was the Savior, and what He had to do to be the Savior?”

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younger  
kids



**THE GOSPEL IS SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS!**

God Sent Jesus to Pay for the Sins of God's People!

A: “Jesus was the Savior who died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people!”



# The Case of the Savior, from Start to Finish Genesis, The Gospels

## SOLVED

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Savior?  
God's Son, Jesus.

2. When did the promise of a Savior start? When did it finish?  
It started back in the beginning when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. It finished when Jesus died on the cross for the sins of God's people and rose from the dead in victory.

For You and Me:

The promise of the Savior wasn't just for Adam and Eve or all those people who lived long ago. It is for us, too. It is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to give us special closeness with God. He came so we could know the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with God. Thank You, Jesus!

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Isaiah 53:5, ESV

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him."

Transgressions and iniquities are other words for sin.

1. Whose transgressions and iniquities deserved God's punishment in our story?  
All people.

2. Who came to take God's punishment for them?  
Jesus, God's Son.

For You and Me:

The promise of the Savior wasn't just for Adam and Eve or all those people who lived long ago. It is for us, too. It is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to give us special closeness with God. He came so we could know the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with God. He did this by paying for our sins, Himself! Thank You, Jesus!

## Something to Grow Into

**What Is the Gospel?**

**It Is Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...**

**God sent Jesus to pay for the sins of God's people!**



**How merciful is God! How great is His love for sinners, like you and me! Though we have all chosen to disobey Him, He always planned to provide us with a Savior!**

**That Savior would be Jesus, God's own, dear Son! Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross and give up His perfect life as the full payment for sin that we needed. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory! He had beaten sin and death for God's people completely!**

**How can Jesus be our Savior? How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!**

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Gospel Songs

**Something to Grow Into**





**“The gospel is God’s good news to us! Let’s pray to God now.”**

## **A Prayer**

**We praise You, LORD. You give us the good news that we can be saved from our sins!**

**Thank You for sending Jesus that we can become your people.**

**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





## Something to Grow Into

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# A Prayer

**A** God, we praise You for being the good Creator and King of the world.

**C** God, we confess rebelling against You and Your good ways. Too many times we choose to live life our own way instead of Yours. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You for being our good Creator and King. Thank You for making everything in the world for Your good purposes. Thank You for being so merciful to us! Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Him as our Savior.

**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to obey Your good ways and bring You glory.

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 Question #3

### Simple Song



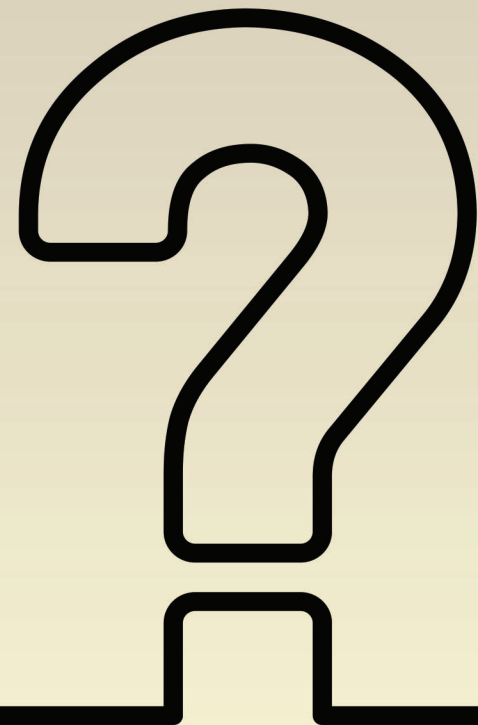
What's the gospel?

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)



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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:

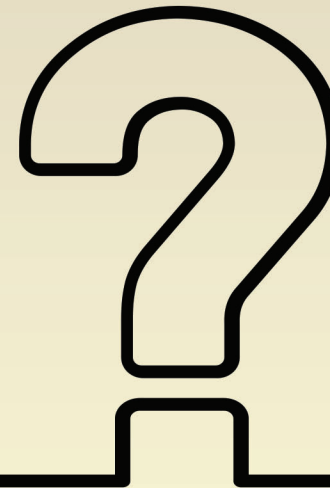
Jesus died on the cross,

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.

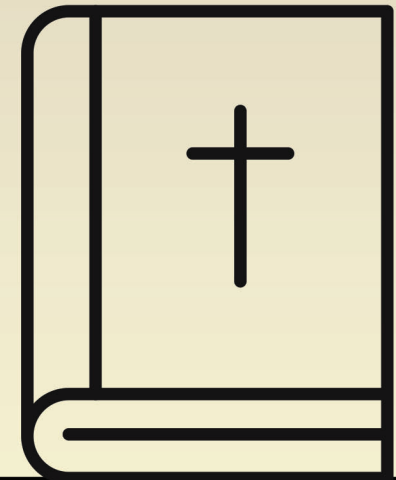
Big Question #3, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:  
He Was Pierced, Isaiah 53:5



He was pierced, He was pierced,  
He was pierced because of our transgressions,  
He was crushed, He was crushed,  
He was crushed because of our iniquities.

Punishment for our peace was on Him, on Him,  
and by His wounds, we are healed, we are healed.

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He was crushed, He was crushed,  
He was crushed because of our iniquities.  
Isaiah Fifty-three, verse five.



"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.

