

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

**Interactive Stories from
the Hide 'n' Seek Kids Curriculum**



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Hide 'n' Seek Kids Curriculum Resources

There are five companion resources for each of the four volumes of Hide 'n' Seek Kids. (Each volume contains four units. There are sixteen units in total in the curriculum.) Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Hide 'n' Seek Kids resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the "Bits and Pieces" section of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each volume

The Hide 'n' Seek Kids Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene is printed on the bottom of each scene.

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and the take-home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home or informal teaching situations.

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Hide 'n' Seek Kids is the first in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4-6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

About Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Detective Dan's Big Question Box introduces children to the key concepts of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids and the Deep Down Detective curriculums in more of an interactive storybook format. It was created to be used with very little prep and is especially good for your youngest kids with the least attention span, and, for teaching situations where there is no time to prepare or your teachers have very little experience teaching. It is similar to Simple Story Scenes, but the concepts have been simplified and the stories shortened. Also, the music is woven into the format, instead of having to access it separately.

Format Overview

Every Detective Dan story follows the same, three-part format.

Part 1: The Kids and Detective Dan's Big Question

The kids receive a Big Question to solve from Detective Dan. They look in their Bibles and find the answer. They ask Detective Dan to tell them a Bible story related to what they are learning. (The QR codes to some of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids songs are also included on these pages, if you want to use them here.)

Part 2: The Bible Story

This is the same Bible story as is used in the regular Hide 'n' Seek Curriculum. However, I have tried to shorten the text as much as possible to make it more suitable for your youngest children. (Hide 'n' Seek Simple Story Scenes text is the same as the regular Hide 'n' Seek Kids story text.) There are listening questions that give the children something to listen for as they hear the story. (Note: there are two options of these questions: one for younger kids and one for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. After the story, the questions are answered, then there is a choice of two closing prayers: one for younger kids and another for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. There is also an optional gospel page that ties the gospel directly into the Bible truth/story, best for older kids. You can alternatively use the gospel songs to incorporate the gospel into every session via Wiggle and Worsip Time music instead of this gospel text page. This is usually better for younger kids' attention spans.)

Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

The session ends with Wiggle and Worship Time, in which the kids sing songs related to what they are learning. (The Big Question and Answer song, the Bible verse song, and other songs.) QR codes allow teachers to directly access the songs with a smart device. Or, you can always download the songs onto a device in advance.

Why I Created This New Version

Post-Covid, our volunteer numbers of experienced teachers are still low. We needed a new version of the curriculum, so that even these very inexperienced teachers could easily teach the kids. Detective Dan fits this bill.

How We Use This Detective Dan's at CHBC

Currently, we are using all three parts, plus the briefcase and props, with our 4 and 5 year olds. But, we are only using Parts 2 and 3 with our three year olds; and only Part 3 with our two year olds. This has each group of kids learning what seems best suited for their age in our large, classroom settings. We don't use any of the questions/prayers for older kids, just the more simpler ones for younger kids.

Available Formats

Print Version

You can also choose to download or to purchase from Amazon, the regular, 8.5" x 11" size of Detective Dan. This will work just fine for smaller teaching situations.

Screen Version

You can also download Detective Dan and show on a screen. This is a very inexpensive way to make a large version of the curriculum with the printing expense. And, without having to decide where to store curriculum when not in use.

Need More?

Feel free to use any of the games, coloring sheets, and other elements of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids curriculum, as found on the praisefactory.org website. Hide 'n' Seek Kids Bits and Pieces section is best for this.

Using Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Prepare Your Materials

1. Choose a Big Question "Case" story to teach the kids.

2. Choose how you want to present the curriculum.

Print out/purchase from Amazon hard copies. Or, if displaying the curriculum on a screen, download the materials to a computer (or teach directly from the Praise Factory website -- Bits and Pieces section.) Connect your computer to the screen.

3. Choose which parts you want to use with your kids.

See previous page for a description of each part and what might be most suitable for your kids. Here's what we do:

2's Introduce the Big Question, then use Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

3's: Part 2: Introduce the Big Question and Answer, then use the Bible Story and Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

4's and older: Parts 1,2,3 as written, and we incorporate the props and briefcase, as mentioned below in #5 optional props.

OTHER, OPTIONAL PREPARATIONS

4. Prep for the music.

If using the music, you will need to connect to the internet or download the songs. You will likely want to get a portable bluetooth speaker to connect to your device to better amplify the songs. This is especially important if you are teaching a larger classroom of kids.

5. Prep the optional props.

You can simply read the story from the pages, without any additional props. However, we find our kids (older 3's, 4's, 5's and up) LOVE to be part of the story by use of a "real" briefcase and "real" props, mirroring those used in the stories. We purchase a child's size briefcase, then, cut out and laminate the detective props, found in the back of this book. Put the Big Questions inside the corresponding props. The kids will get to pick out the prop and pull out the Big Question during that part of the story.

6. Other resources we find useful.

A bell: We find a bell is a helpful way to call the kids gather for Bible Time.

Egg shakers: kids to enjoy shaking as they sing the songs during Wiggle and Worship Time.

Get Ready to Teach

1. Choose which "Case" you are teaching.

2. If using the music, connect your device to the internet. If amplifying the music through a speaker, connect your phone to the speaker via bluetooth or cord.

3. Put your resources in place.

- Story
- Bell
- Mp3 player and speaker
- Big Question Box
- Music Shakers

4. Pray.

Calling the Kids to Bible Time

1. Ring the bell.

2. Play the Gathering Song.

3. Ask kids to "park their toys" and join you in the Bible Time area.

4. Use the Criss-Cross Applesauce song to help kids to sit down and settle.

5. Pray the Opening Prayer.

6. Use the curriculum, whichever parts you are using with your kids. (See above)

Optional Briefcase and Props

Kids, ages 4 and up, love being a part of the story with the use of an actual briefcase and props. Here's how to make these props. Each pair of props form the front and back of a finished prop. There are 16 props, one for each Big Question. The Big Question is slipped inside the opening in each prop.

Assembling the Optional Props for the Big Question Briefcase

1. Go to praisefactory.org and download the Prop Pictures and Big Questions file from the Hide 'n' Seek Kids Bits and Pieces section on praisefactory.org.

This file will be located next to the Detective Dan Big Question Box files for each Bible Truth.

2. Pair Up.

Some are already attached and you cut them out as one and fold. Others, are two pieces that you will put together.

3. Cut out each pair of props.

Fold or piece back to back with picture sides outward.

4. Laminate each pair together, leaving one edge of the assembled piece un laminated, forming a pouch opening.

Do this by placing that edge along the side of the laminating sheet so that it doesn't seal when it goes through the laminator. You can also create the pouch opening by simply snipping one area of lamination. You can also enlarge your pouch opening this way, if you accidentally formed too small of an opening.

5. Cut out the Big Questions and laminate them.

6. Fold and place each Big Question in the props as follows:

Big Question 1	Clue Jar
Big Question 2	Magnifying Glass
Big Question 3	Shoe
Big Question 4	Sunglasses
Big Question 5	Invisible Ink Jar
Big Question 6	Bow Tie
Big Question 7	Badge
Big Question 8	Sock
Big Question 9	Camera
Big Question 10	Detective Hat
Big Question 11	Flashlight
Big Question 12	Watch
Big Question 13	Notepad
Big Question 14	ID Card
Big Question 15	Walkie-Talkie
Big Question 16	Wallet

7. Tip: We used a sharpie to write the number on the prop, too, so we didn't have to remember which Big Question goes into each prop, if one fell out.

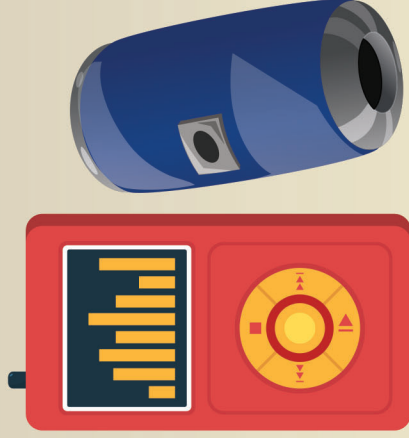
8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

Get Ready to Teach

1. Look on the title page for which Big Question you're teaching.



2. Power up the mp3 player & speaker. Open the playlist for your Big Question.



3. Put your resources in place:

- Bell
- Story
- Mp3 player and speaker
- Big Question Box (optional)
- Music Shakers (optional)



4. Pray!



Transition to Bible Time

1. Ring and Sing

Ring Bell

Sing "The Gathering Song"



The Gathering Song

"Let's gather together
to worship God,
Let's gather together
to worship God.
Come gather here with me."



2. Park and Come

"It's Bible Time, kids.

Park your toys, and
join me on the mat."



3. Settle with Criss Cross

Sing "Criss Cross
Applesauce Song"
to help kids settle.



Criss Cross Applesauce

(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down, please,
Hands in your lap.
Shhh... Look at me.





Let's Pray
Song

Let's Pray Song

1,2,3

Close your eyes,
Bow your head,
Fold your hands,
Let's pray!

Opening Prayer

Lord,
Work in our hearts.
Help us to listen and learn about You.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

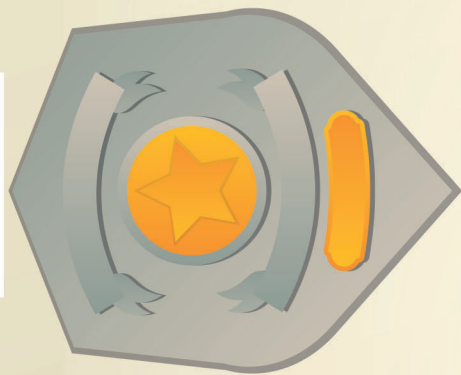


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #9

The Case of the Son Who Came Down



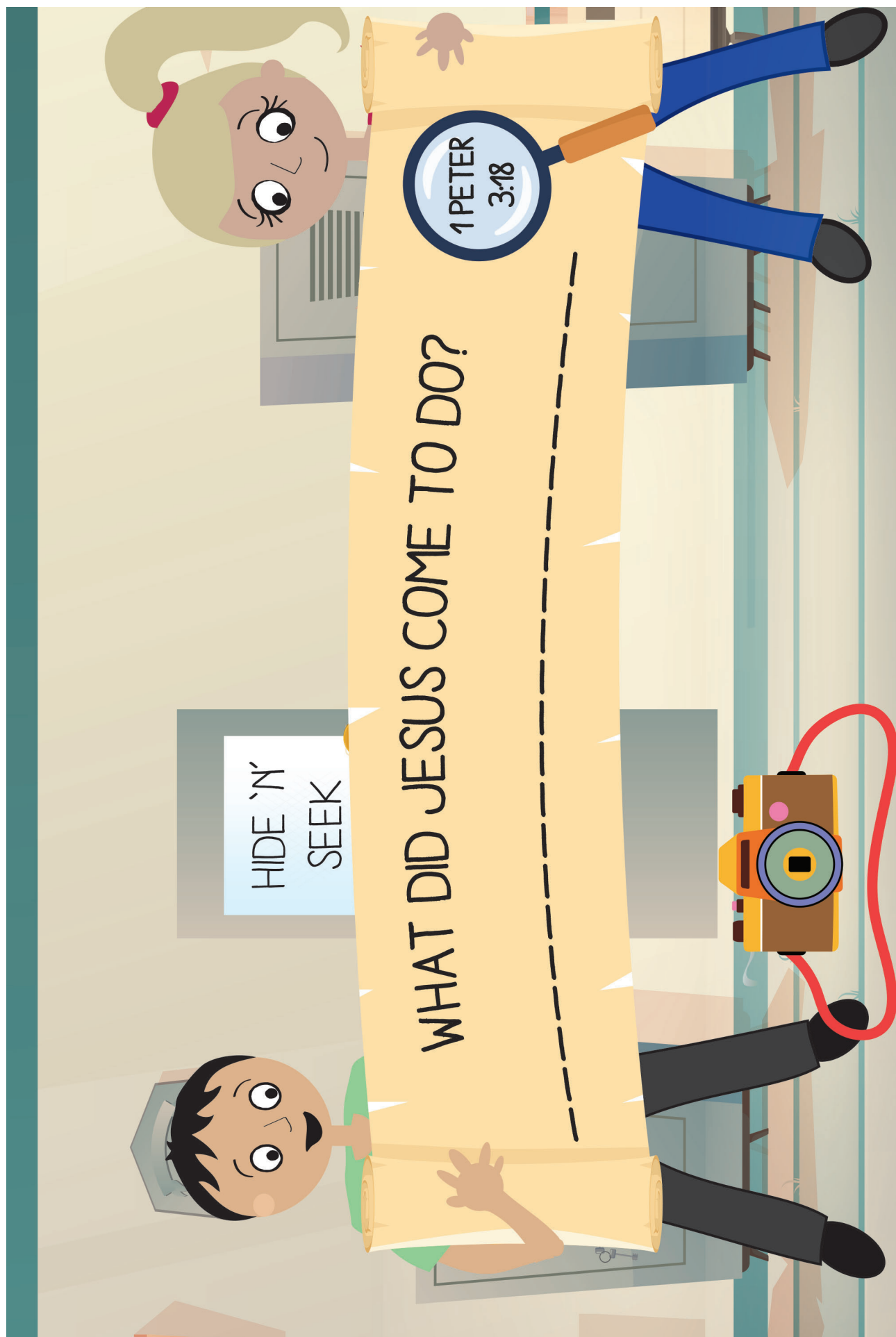
"Hi! Welcome to Hide 'n' Seek Kids! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a secret message inside for the Hide 'n' Seek Kids. Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



"Hide 'n' Seek Kids! I've got a Big Question about God for you. It's hidden in my camera. Read it and see if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Your Friend, Detective Dan!"



The Hide 'n' Seek Kids pulled the message out of the camera, and read: "What Did Jesus Come to Do? | Peter 3:18."



Christ Suffered
Once for Sin
1 Peter 3:18

1 Peter 3:18
“Christ
suffered
once for
sins,
the righteous
for the
unrighteous,
that He might
bring us to
God.”

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible up to 1 Peter 3:18, and read: “Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Do you have the answer to my Big Question?" he asked. "We think so! Jesus took the punishment for disobeying God so that all who trust in Him as their Savior could become God's people and go to live with Him forever."



Big Q & A 9 Simple Song



“Our Big Question is: What Did Jesus Come to Do? And the answer is: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!”
“Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 9
Tell Me More
Song



"We have all disobeyed God's good ways and deserve His punishment. But from the very beginning, God promised to send a Savior to rescue His people. This Savior would take the punishment for their sins, so they wouldn't have to. This is how He would make them God's people. God's Son, Jesus, is that Savior! We can become God's people, too, if we trust in Jesus as our Savior and live our lives for Him. Ask Him to help you!"



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Son Who Came Down”

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 Son Who Came Down.’ Listen for what Jesus did to save people like you and me from our sins.”

"The Case of the Son Who Came Down" The Gospels

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the Son who came down?
2. Where did he come down from and what did he come to do?

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

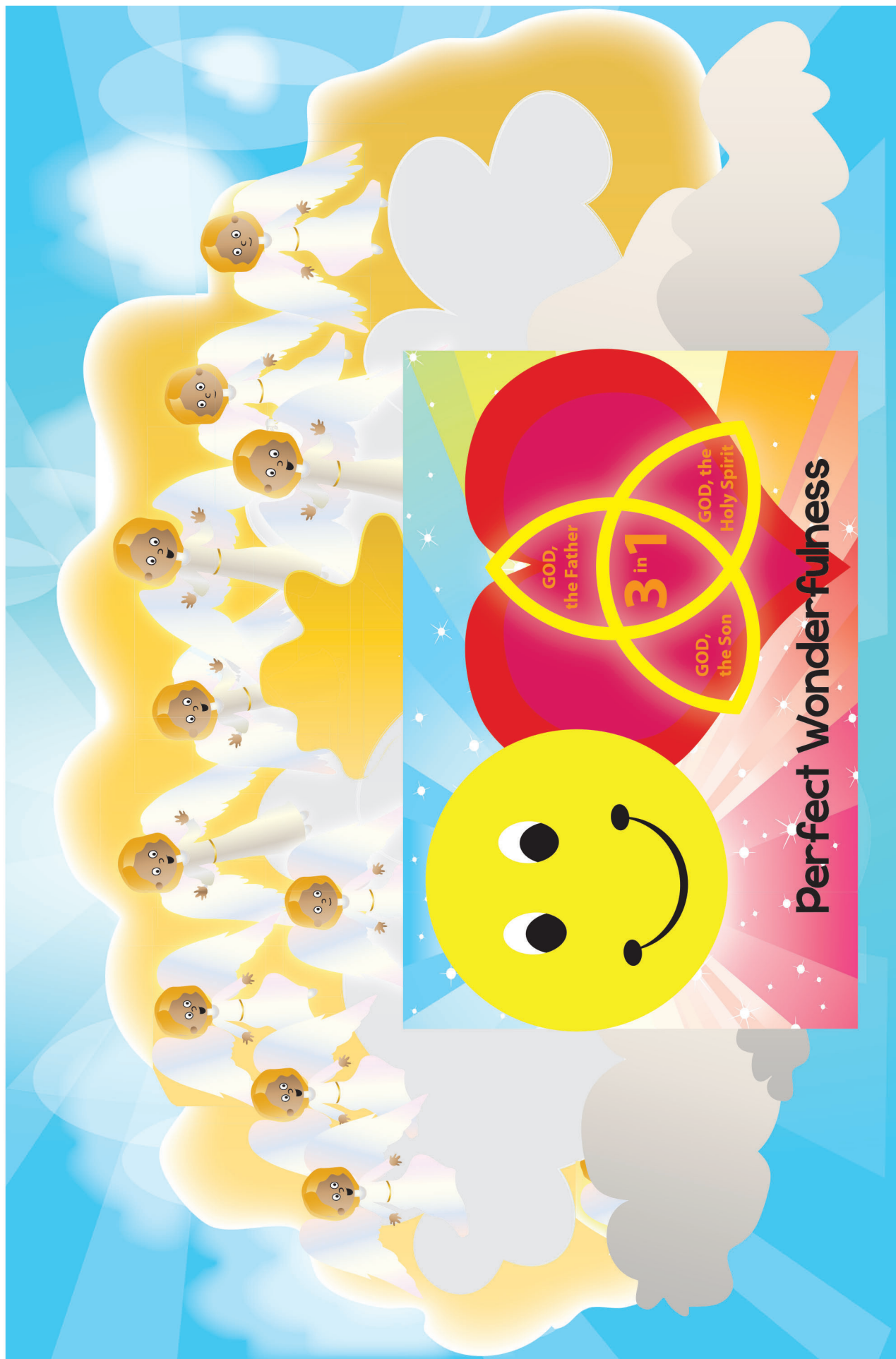
1 Peter 3:18, ESV

"Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

1. Who did Jesus die for?
2. Who did Jesus bring us to?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. This story starts in heaven, where God is in all His glory. Heaven is filled with God's love and goodness, beauty and light. It is so perfectly wonderful that you never want to leave.



2. But Jesus, God's Son, chose to leave heaven. He loved the full closeness of God He enjoyed there. But because of God's great love for sinners, Jesus left His home. Only He could bring us to God.



3. Jesus was born a baby. He was still fully God, but now He was fully human, too --like us. But, **UNLIKE** us, Jesus had no sin in His heart. Jesus' first bed was just a dirty, animal food holder. How much God loved us to send His Son **HERE** to be our Savior!



4. When Jesus grew up, He taught people about God. and did amazing things by God's power. People began to think: "Jesus is God's Son! He has come to bring us to God!"



5. One day, Jesus' enemies put Jesus on a cross to suffer and die. But this was God's plan. Jesus was paying the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to. This was the only way.



6. Jesus' friends buried His body. Jesus' friends were so sad. They thought Jesus was dead and gone. forever.



7. Jesus stayed dead on Day One and Two, but not on Day Three! The earth rumbled as an angel came down from heaven. "Don't be afraid. Jesus is risen from the dead, as He said He would. Go tell the others," he told Jesus' friends.



8. Jesus' friends told the others: Jesus had beaten sin and death! God had completely forgiven His people for disobeying Him. Jesus had made the way for them to come to God!



q. Jesus told His friends the Holy Spirit would come live in their hearts now. One day, they would go to heaven to be with God forever. Then, Jesus went home to heaven. He had come to bring us to God... and He had done it! Now, all who put their trust in Him as their Savior can be God's people.

“The Case of the Son Who Came Down”

Q: “What did Jesus do to save people like you and me from our sins?”

plenty for
younger
kids



JESUS CAME TO BRING US TO GOD!

A: “On the cross, He gave His perfect life as full payment for their sins.”

"The Case of the Son Who Came Down" The Gospels

more depth
for
older kids

SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. Who was the Son who came down?
Jesus, the Son of God.
 2. Where did he come down from and what did he come to do?
He came down from heaven to bring us to God by being our Savior.
- For You and Me:**
Isn't it amazing that Jesus would leave His wonderful home in heaven, so He could bring us to God! Isn't it amazing that He would love us so much to suffer and die for the sins of God's people! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That is how Jesus brings us to God, so we can know Him and enjoy Him forever.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Peter 3:18, ESV

"Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

1. Who did Jesus die for?
For the unrighteous--that is, for people like you and me who do bad things.
2. Who did Jesus bring us to?
To God. We can know God and live as His people because of Jesus!

For You and Me:

Only Jesus lived a perfect life that pleased God. He was perfectly good (righteous). But Jesus didn't just come to live a perfect life. He came to give up that perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Yes! Jesus gave up His life, so that we could be forgiven for all the bad things we do and could be God's people. You and I can become God's people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

Something to Grow Into

Our Bible Truth is:

What Did Jesus Come to Do?
Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

The Gospel

The gospel is the good news that Jesus came to bring us to God. And oh, how we need this good news! You see, we all are unrighteous. That is, we have chosen to rebel against God, our good king. And for this, we deserve God's punishment.

But God chose to send Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross, as the full payment for the punishment we deserve. He died that we might know God and live with Him forever.

Jesus suffered and died on the cross. He was buried in a grave, but that wasn't the end of the story. He rose up in victory on Day Three. He had beat sin and death for God's people.

How can we become one of God's people, those who Jesus brings to God? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. And what a wonderful beginning that will be, if we do. We will get to know God in our hearts now. And then one day, we will go to live happily with God forever. That will be best of all!



Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“Jesus came to bring us to God. Let’s pray to Him, now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, God! You have been so merciful to us.

God, we have disobeyed You, yet You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Thank You!

Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



**plenty for
younger
kids**



ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth
for
older kids

A Jesus, we praise You for being our Savior. You came to bring us to God.

C God, You sent Jesus to save us, and we certainly do need a Savior! We are all sinners who choose to disobey You and Your good rules. We deserve Your punishment, not Your love. Please forgive us for disobeying You and Your good rules. Please rescue us from the punishment our sins deserve!

T Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross to save all who trust in You as their Savior. You took the punishment they deserved for disobeying God. You made the way to bring us to God.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to see that we are sinners who have disobeyed you. Help us to turn away from our sins and ask You to save us. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You in our hearts even today.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



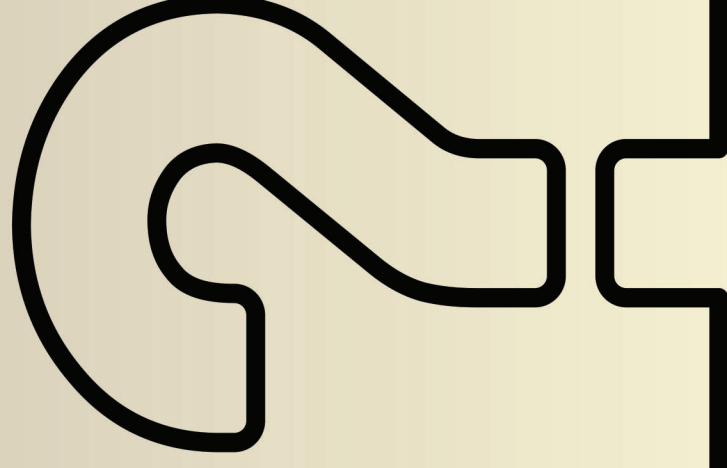
ACTS Prayer Song



A = Adoration (God, we praise You!) C = Confession (God, forgive us!) T = Thanksgiving (Thank You, God) S = Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)

Big Q & A #9 Simple Song

What did Jesus come to do?
What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to bring us to God.
That's what Jesus came to do!



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

Big Question #9 Tell Me More Song What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Refrain

What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to bring us to God.
What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to bring us to God.

Verse 1

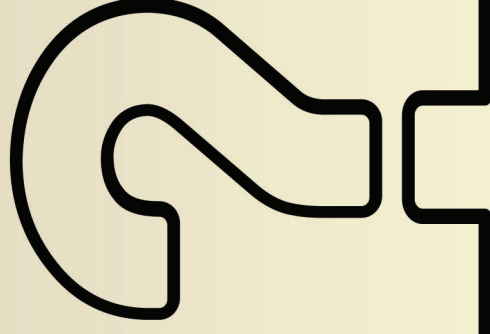
In the beginning, people enjoyed
Perfect fellowship with God.
But they disobeyed, their fellowship lost.
Would things always stay this way?
Refrain

Verse 2

At just the right time, God sent His Son
to pay for His people's sins,
He offered His life, the perfect sacrifice,
Gave them fellowship with God again.
Refrain

Verse 3

On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave,
Then He went back home to heav'n.
Now all who repent and believe in Him,
Can know God forever.
Refrain



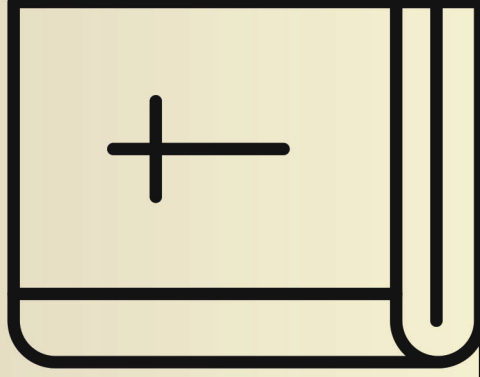
Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #9 Bible Verse Song:

Christ Suffered Once for Sin: 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sin,
That He might bring us to God,
Christ suffered once for sin,
That He might bring us to God.

The righteous for the unrighteous,
The righteous for the unrighteous,
The righteous for the unrighteous,
The righteous for the unrighteous.
That He might bring us to God.
First Peter Three, eighteen.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #9 Hymn To God Be the Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice.

O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done.



Big Question 9 Praise Song Blessed Be the Name

All praise to Him, who reigns above,
In majesty supreme.
Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!

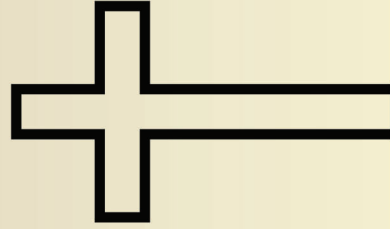
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

“Let’s praise the Lord sending Jesus to bring people like us to God!”

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."

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song

Come along, we're gonna Hide 'n' seek!
Hide God's Word in our heart
and Him, we'll seek,
God loves to show us
the truths of His Word,
That we might know Him
and live out what we've learned.



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!



The Gathering Song

Let's gather together to worship God,
Let's gather together to worship God,
Come gather here with me.



Criss Cross Applesauce Song

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down please.
Hands in your lap,
Shh, look at me.



Let's Pray Song

1,2,3, Bow your head,
Close your eyes,
Fold your hands,
Let's pray.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
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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,



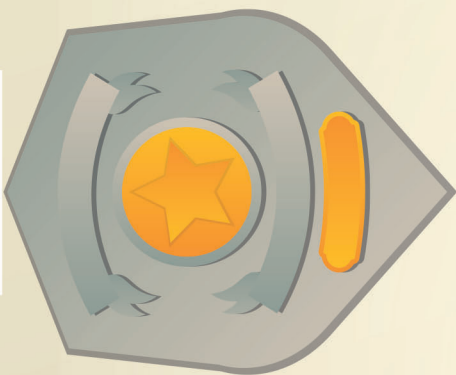


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #10
The Case of the Heart Helper

Hide 'n' Seek Kids
Theme Song



"Hi! Welcome to Hide 'n' Seek Kids! 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 secret message inside for the Hide 'n' Seek Kids. Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



"Hide 'n' Seek Kids! I've got a Big Question about God for you. It's hidden in my hat. Read it and see if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Your Friend, Detective Dan!"



The Hide 'n' Seek Kids pulled the message out of the hat, and read: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Ezekiel 36:26."



I Will Give You
a New Heart
Ezekiel 36:26

**"I will give you
a new heart,
and a new
spirit I will put
within you."**

Ezekiel 36:26

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Ezekiel 36:26, and read: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Do you have the answer to my Big Question?" he asked. "We think so! We all have sin in our hearts and disobey God. But God's Holy Spirit can change our hearts, so we know and love God. He can help us trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live for God."



Big Q & A 10
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? And the answer is: He Changes Their Hearts!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 10
Tell Me More
Song



“God’s Holy Spirit works in our hearts as we hear God’s Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and live for God, instead. This is how we become God’s people. But that’s just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God’s people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts to love God and live for Him. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in your heart, too!”



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Heart Helper”

Acts 1-2



“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 Heart Helper.’ Listen for who Jesus promised to send to live in the hearts of all who trust in Him as Savior.”

The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the helper Jesus promised to send?
2. How would He help God's people?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

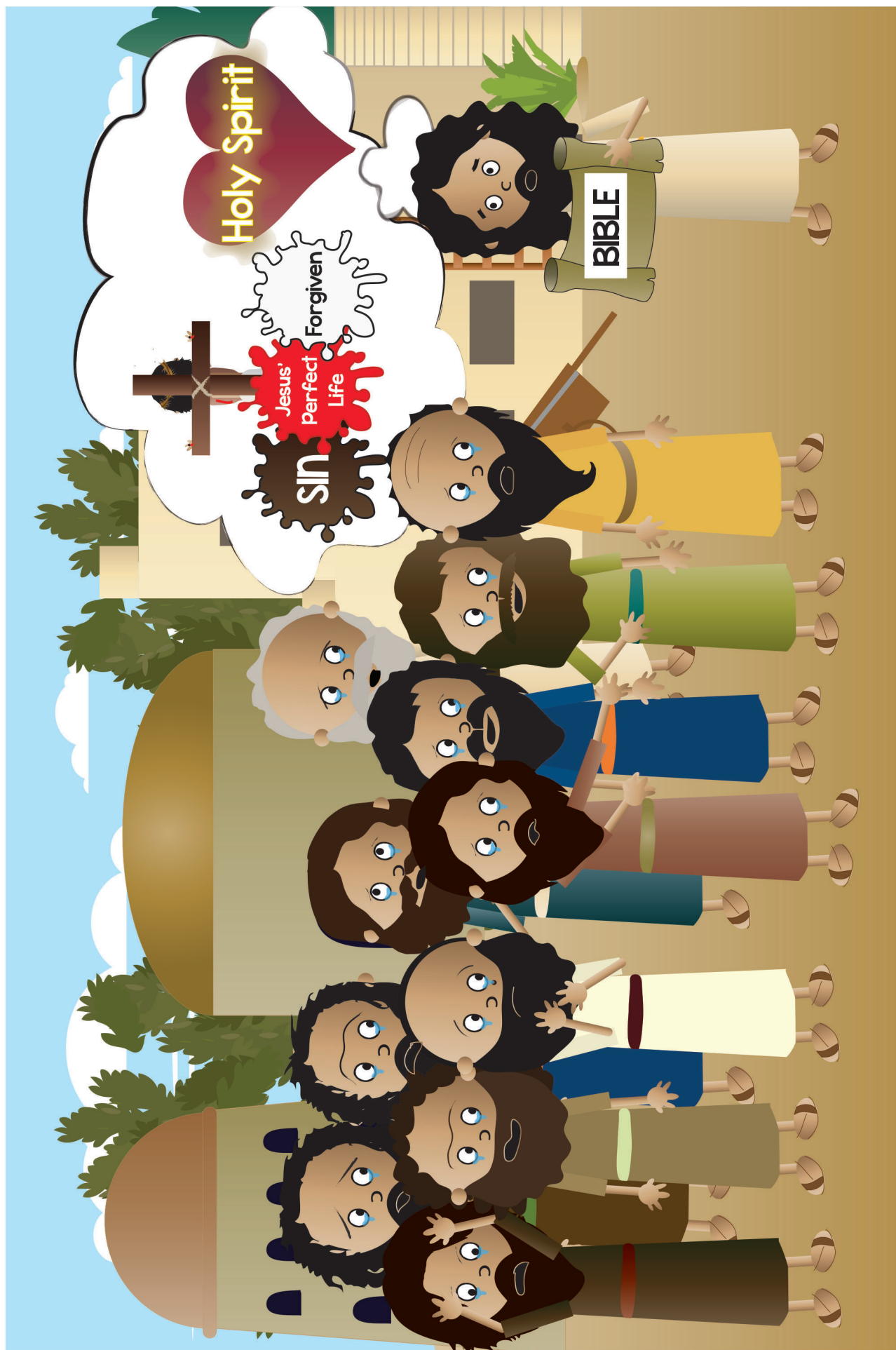
1. What did God promise to give to His people?
2. Who would this new spirit be? What would He do?

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Something to Grow Into



I. For one, two, three years, Jesus told people about God and did amazing things by God's power. He was showing them that He was the Savior sent to save God's people from their sins.



2. One day, Jesus said, "Enemies are coming. I will die on the cross as Your Savior. But I'm not leaving you alone. The Holy Spirit will come live inside you and help you," Jesus told His friends.



3. The enemies came. They put Jesus on the cross, and there, Jesus died for God's people's sins. But Jesus didn't stay dead! He rose from the dead. He beat sin and death for all who trust in Him!



4. "He's alive! He's risen!" the disciples shouted for joy. For the next forty days, Jesus told them more about God and His good plans.



5. On Day Forty, "I'm going home to heaven. I'm sending YOU to tell the whole world about Me. I'm sending you the Holy Spirit to live in you and help you. Then, away Jesus went to heaven.



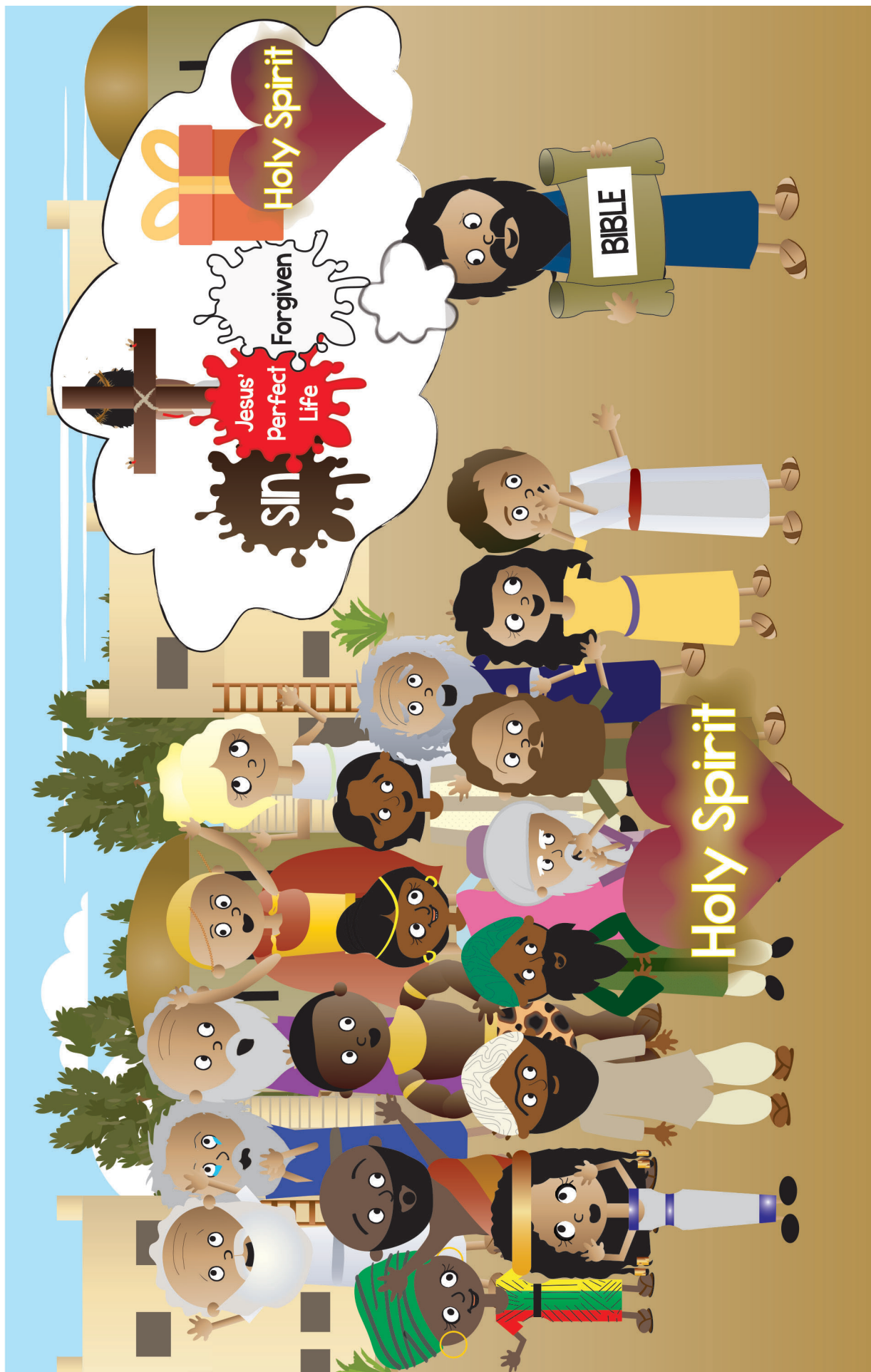
6. Jesus was gone. That was so sad! But the Holy Spirit was coming! That was so happy! "Let's get ready for the Holy Spirit!" In Jerusalem, the believers gathered together, praying and waiting.



7. At last, they heard a great wind in the their room, and saw something like fire rest on each of them. Then, God sent His Holy Spirit into their hearts, helping them know God in a new way.



8. On that amazing day, the Holy Spirit gave the believers an extra special gift. He helped them speak in languages they didn't know. A crowd heard them and wondered "What is going on?"



q. "This is God's Holy Spirit at work in us!" Peter said. "Believe in Jesus. Live for Him. God will save you and send His Holy Spirit to live in you, too." Many did just that, and the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts, too.

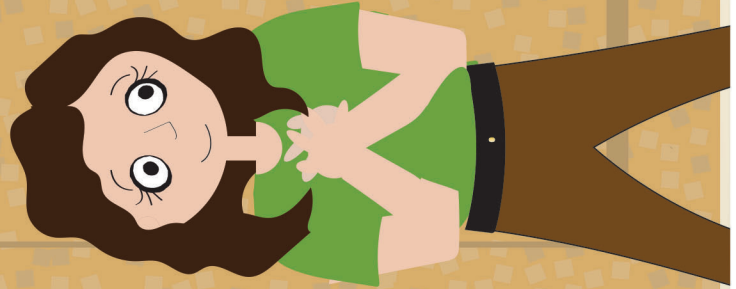
“The Case of the Heart Helper”

Q: “Who did Jesus promise to send to live in the hearts of all who trust in Him as Savior?”

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GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES THE HEARTS
OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO BE LIKE JESUS!



A: “God's Holy Spirit.”

The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the helper Jesus promised to send?

The Holy Spirit.

2. How would He help God's people?

He would come to live in their heart, helping them to love God and live for Him.

For You and Me:

God sent the Holy Spirit to live inside God's people long ago. God still sends Him to live inside of them, even today. The Holy Spirit is God's wonderful gift to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. We can become God's people and have the Holy Spirit live in us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

1. What did God promise to give to His people?

He would put a new heart/new spirit within them.

2. Who would this new spirit be? What would He do? God's own Holy Spirit. He would change their heart and help them to love God and live for Him.

For You and Me:

God wants us to love Him and live for Him, but He knows we cannot do this on our own. We need His Holy Spirit to live within us and change our hearts. God gives His Holy Spirit to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will give His Holy Spirit to us, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Something to Grow Into

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Heart!

The Gospel

In the beginning, people rebelled against God. Sin came into their hearts. They deserved God's punishment and lost the special closeness they knew with God. Since then, we all have sinful hearts and all have chosen to rebel against God.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a man and to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And who will come to live in our hearts, if we do? You guessed it! God's Holy Spirit. He will live in us and help us our whole lives, to love God and live for Him. Then one day, we will go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“God wants us to have hearts that love Him most of all. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who changes hearts!

God, we disobey You and deserve Your punishment, yet You offer to save us through Jesus. Thank You!

Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Change us and make us Your people.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.

C God, we confess that we like our own way. Sometimes, we choose to disobey You to get what we want. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need new hearts.

T Thank You, God, for being able to change our hearts. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live inside Your people and change their hearts. Thank You for sending Jesus, so we can be Your people.

S God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we might love You and live for You, more and more.

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!)

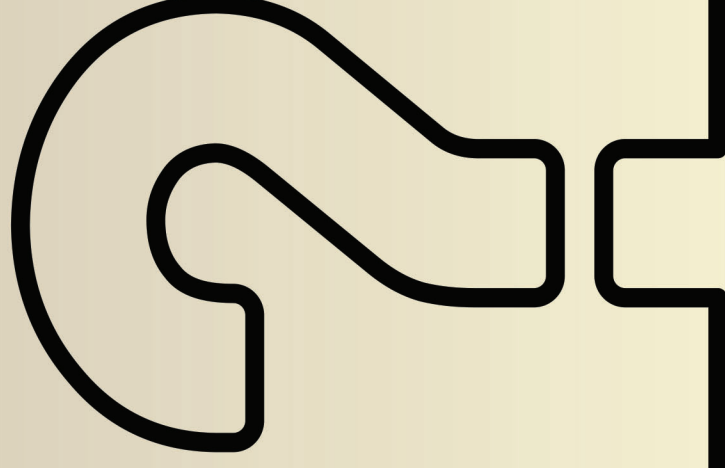


"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #10

Simple Song

**What does the Holy Spirit do
Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!**



**“Kids! Let’s sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught
us today.”**

Big Question #10 Tell Me More Song

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

He changes their hearts,

He changes their hearts,

He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people,

He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,

He puts love in the hearts of God's people,

He helps them love God and others always.

Refrain

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of people,

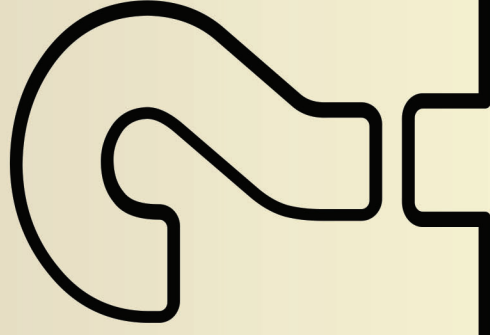
He gives them the courage

to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom

to the hearts of God's people.

He reveals His Holy Word to them.

Refrain

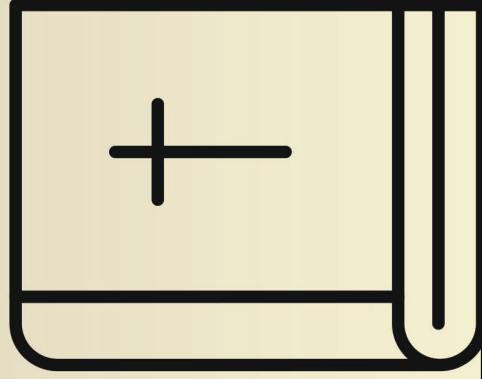


Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #10 Bible Verse Song:

I Will Give You a New Heart: Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit, I will put within you.
I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit, I will put within you.
Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #10 Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By Spirit and the Word;
From heav'n He came a sought her,
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.



Big Question #10 Praise Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
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And renew a right spirit within me.

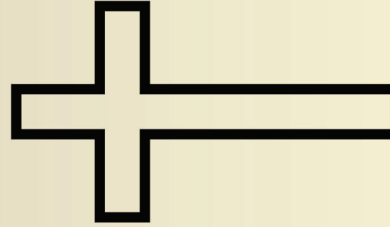


"Let's praise God for promising to give the Holy Spirit to all who trust in Jesus as their Savior!"

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."

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song

Come along, we're gonna Hide 'n' seek!
Hide God's Word in our heart
and Him, we'll seek,
God loves to show us
the truths of His Word,
That we might know Him
and live out what we've learned.



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!



The Gathering Song

Let's gather together to worship God,
Let's gather together to worship God,
Come gather here with me.



Let's Pray Song

1,2,3, Bow your head,
Close your eyes,
Fold your hands,
Let's pray.



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,



Criss Cross Applesauce Song

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down please.
Hands in your lap,
Shh, look at me.



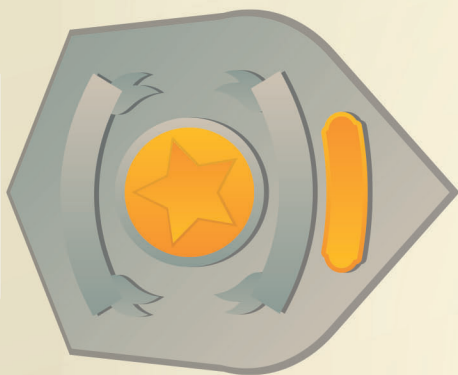


Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #11
The Case of the Most Important Question

Hide 'n' Seek Kids
Theme Song



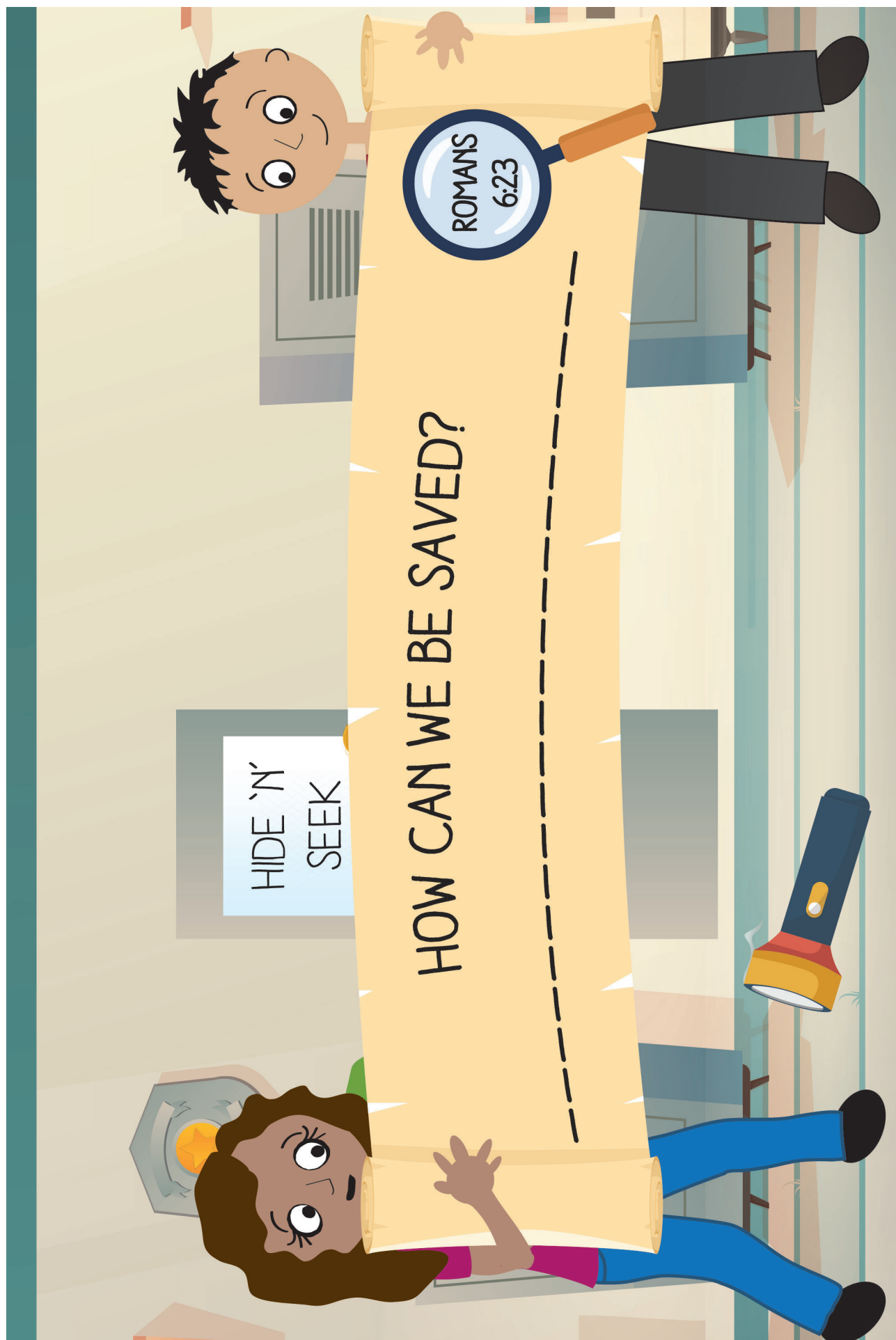
"Hi! Welcome to Hide 'n' Seek Kids! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a secret message inside for the Hide ‘n’ Seek Kids. Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



"Hide 'n' Seek Kids! I've got a Big Question about God for you. It's hidden inside my flashlight. Read it and see if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Your Friend, Detective Dan!"



The Hide 'n' Seek Kids pulled the message from inside the flashlight, and read: "How Can We Be Saved? Romans 6:23."

Romans 6:23
**“For the
wages of
sin is death,**

**but the free
gift of God is
eternal life in
Christ Jesus
our Lord.”**



The Free Gift
of God
Romans 6:23

The kids knew what to do next! They opened up their Bible to Romans 6:23, and read: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Do you have the answer to my Big Question?" he asked. "We think so! We have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God forgives us as His free gift when we turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



"Our Big Question is: How Can We Be Saved? And the answer is: It Is God's Free Gift!"
"Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 11
Tell Me More
Song



“We have all disobeyed God and lost the special closeness with Him we were created to have. That’s why God sent Jesus to die on the cross. He paid for the sins of God’s people, so they could become His people as His free gift. God will give them special closeness with Himself, right now. And when they die, He will take them to live with Him forever. This is the free gift God offers to you and me, too, when we trust in Jesus as our Savior and live for Him.”



Bible Chant
Song

“The Case of the Most Important Question”

Acts 16



“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 Most Important Question.’ Listen for that most important question, and what is the answer to it.”

"The Case of the Most Important Question" Acts 16

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who had the most important question?
2. What was the question? Why was it so important?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 6:23, ESV

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

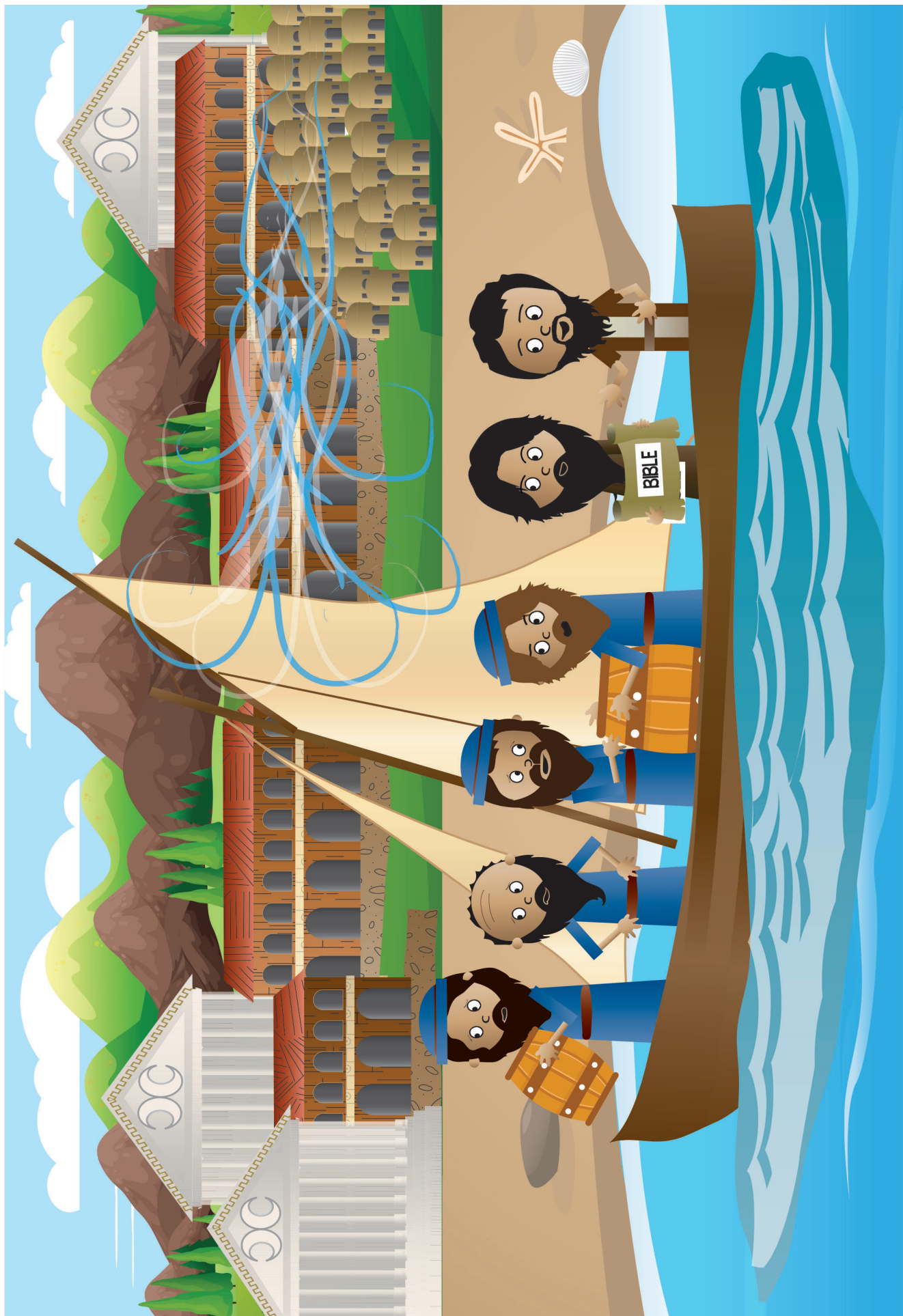
1. Who was worried about his sins?
2. How did he find out about the gift of being saved through Jesus? Did he receive it?

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Something to Grow Into



I. One night in Troas, Jesus spoke to Paul in a dream, "Go tell the Greek people about Me."



2. Paul obeyed Jesus. He and Silas sailed across the Mediterranean Sea to the big city of Philippi.



3. Many people went to Philippi to get rich from the nearby gold mines, but God wanted to give them another kind of riches.



4. God wanted them to hear the good news of Jesus that they might trust in Jesus their Savior and live for Him. They could become God's people, and THAT is FAR better than gold!



5. Paul and Silas shared the good news of Jesus with the people who gathered by the river. Some, like Lydia, listened and believed.



6. But back in town, others were angry. They didn't think Paul's gospel was good news at all! They hit Paul and Silas with big sticks and took them to jail.



7. Paul and Silas praised God that night. "We're happy we get to tell others about Jesus, even if we get hurt, We want people to hear how they can be saved. God will take care of us, even in jail."



8. Suddenly, everything began to shake. God had sent a HUGE earthquake. The walls of the jail tumbled down, the chains on Paul and Silas broke, and THEY WERE FREE!



9. Paul and Silas could have run away, but instead, they went to the jailer-man. God was going to use Paul and Silas to tell this man the good news of Jesus.



10. "How can I be saved?," the jailerman asked. "It's God's free gift to you, when you trust in Jesus as your Savior and live for Him," they told him. And that's what he did! right then. Praise God!

“The Case of the Most Important Question”

Q: “What’s the most important question, and what’s the answer to it?”

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What must I do
to be saved?



GOD SAVES US AS HIS FREE GIFT THROUGH JESUS!

A: “How can I be saved?” And the answer is: trust in Jesus as your Savior and live for God.”

"The Case of the Most Important Question" Acts 16

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



1. Who had the most important question?

The jailer.

2. What was the question? Why was it so important?

"What must I do to be saved?" is the question, and it is so important because we all need to be saved.

For You and Me:

The jailer's question is the most important question for us, too. We all need to know how we can be saved. What was the answer Paul gave the jailer? Paul told him to turn away from disobeying God and to ask God to forgive his sins. He told the man to trust in Jesus as his Savior. This is called repenting and believing. The man did this, and he was saved! God will save us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 6:23, ESV

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1. Who was worried about his sins?
The jailer.

2. How did he find out about the gift of being saved through Jesus? Did he receive it?

Paul told the jailer how when he asked him. And that very night, the jailer repented of his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:

That jailer isn't the only one who has sins to think about. We all have disobeyed God. We all need His forgiveness, if we are to know God and enjoy eternal life with Him. Just like the jailer, we can receive that wonderful gift of eternal life, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Something to Grow Into

**Our Bible Truth is:
How Can We Be Saved?
It Is God's Free Gift!**



Gospel Songs

The Gospel

Just like the man in our story, we all need God's free gift of salvation through Jesus. Why? Because we ALL disobey God! We ALL are sinners! That's why we ALL need God to save us from the punishment we deserve for our sins.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God has been so merciful to us! He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a man and to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, then offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried that day. But then on the third day, He rose up from the dead. Jesus had beaten sin and death for God's people, and this proved it! Now, we can become God's people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can be saved.

And if we do this, God's Holy Spirit will come live inside us, helping us love God and live for Him. Then one day, we will go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!



Something to Grow Into

“God offers us His free gift of salvation, too. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are our Savior!

God, we disobey You and deserve Your punishment, yet You offer to save us through Jesus. Thank You!

Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God for being so full of mercy! You are the Savior. You came to rescue us from our sins. It was Your free gift that we could never deserve.

C God, we know we choose to disobey You and Your good laws. We need you to save us. Please forgive us and help us to live for You.

T Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need. We could never save ourselves!

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our own Savior. We want Your free gift!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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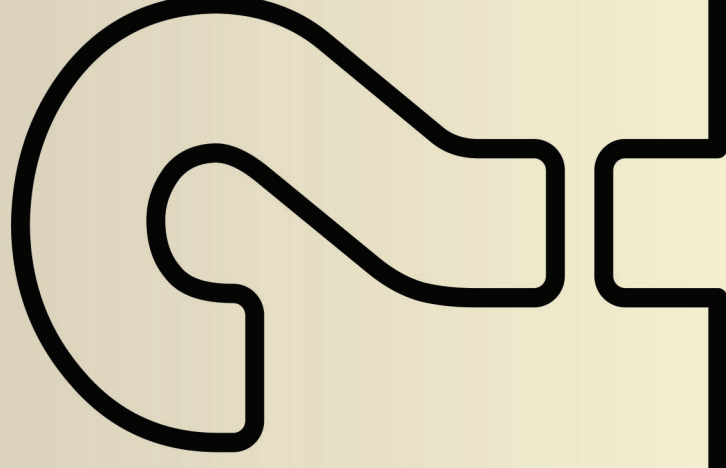


"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #10

Simple Song

**What does the Holy Spirit do
Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!**



**“Kids! Let’s sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught
us today.”**

Big Question #10 Tell Me More Song

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

He changes their hearts,

He changes their hearts,

He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people,

He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,

He puts love in the hearts of God's people,

He helps them love God and others always.

Refrain

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of people,

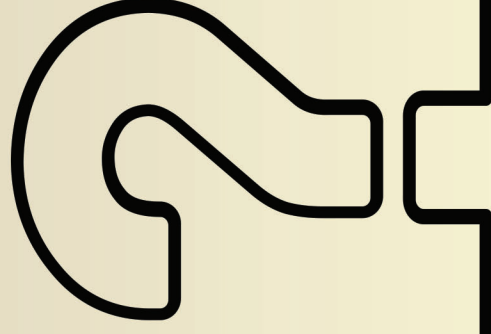
He gives them the courage

to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom

to the hearts of God's people.

He reveals His Holy Word to them.

Refrain



Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #11 Bible Verse Song:

The Free Gift of God: Romans 6:23

The free gift of God is,

The free gift of God is,

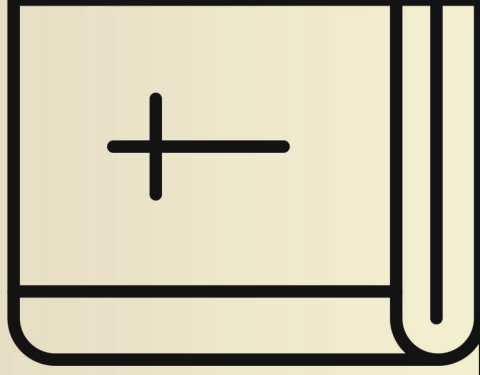
The free gift of God is....what?

The free gift of God is eternal life

Through Jesus, through Jesus,

The free gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus. (repeat)

Romans Six, twenty-three.



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

Big Question #11 Hymn

Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Big Question #11 Praise Song

Blessed Be the Name

All praise to Him who reigns above
in majesty supreme.

Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!

Blessed be the name,

Blessed be the name,

Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Blessed be the name,

Blessed be the name,

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

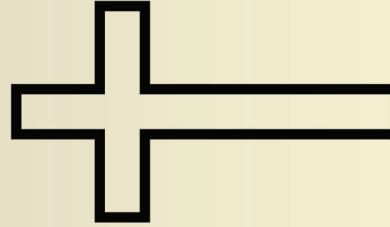


"Let's praise the Lord for His free gift of salvation through Jesus!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

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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."

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Theme Song

Come along, we're gonna Hide 'n' seek!
Hide God's Word in our heart
and Him, we'll seek,
God loves to show us
the truths of His Word,
That we might know Him
and live out what we've learned.



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!



The Gathering Song

Let's gather together to worship God,
Let's gather together to worship God,
Come gather here with me.



Criss Cross Applesauce Song

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down please.
Hands in your lap,
Shh, look at me.



Let's Pray Song

1,2,3, Bow your head,
Close your eyes,
Fold your hands,
Let's pray.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
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S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)
That's the ACTS prayer, my friend,
Bow head, Close your eyes,



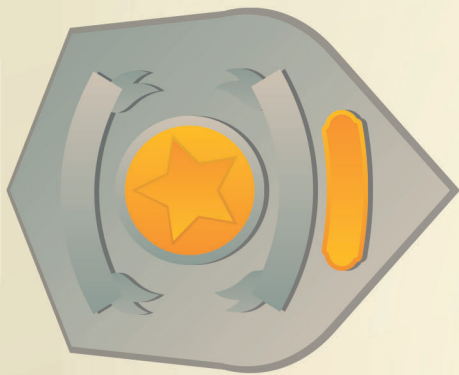
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #12

The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back

Hide 'n' Seek Kids
Theme Song



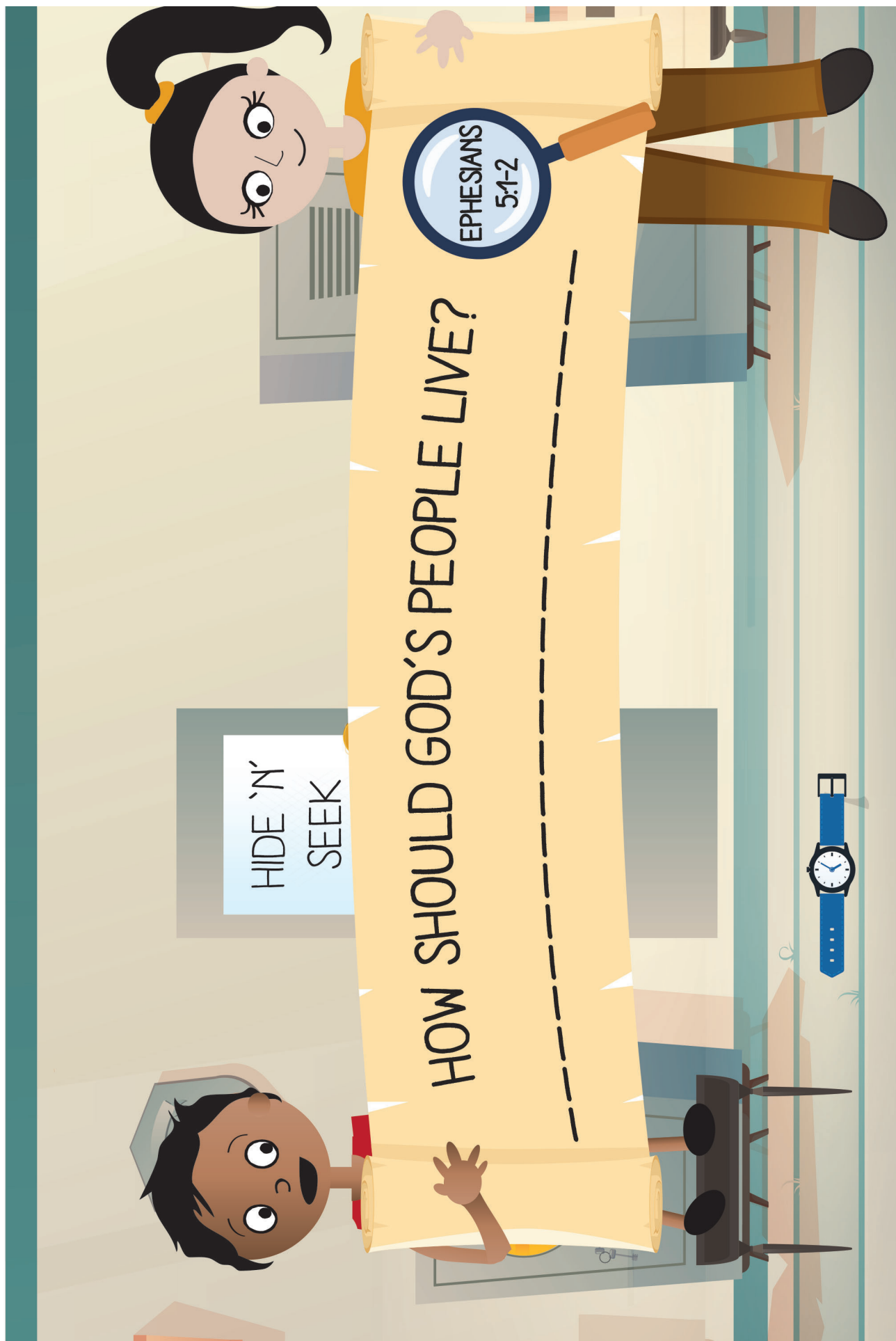
"Hi! Welcome to Hide 'n' Seek Kids! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a secret message inside for the Hide 'n' Seek Kids. Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



"Hide 'n' Seek Kids! I've got a Big Question about God for you. It's hidden in my watch. Read it and see if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Your Friend, Detective Dan!"



The Hide 'n' Seek Kids pulled the message out of the watch, and read: "How Should God's People Live? Ephesians 5:1-2."

Ephesians

5:1-2

**“Be imitators
of God, as
beloved
children.**

**And walk in
love, as Christ
loved us and
gave himself
up for us.”**



Walk in Love
Ephesians 5:12

The kids knew what to do next! They opened up their Bible, and read: “Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Do you have the answer to my Big Question?" he asked. "We think so! Jesus loved God and people in everything He did. God wants His people to love like Jesus did."



“Our Big Question is: How Should God’s People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus!”
“Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 12
Tell Me More
Song



“We become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God forgives our sins and we begin a whole new way of life. God’s people no longer live life just to please themselves. They want to honor God with their whole lives, like Jesus did. They seek to love God most of all and love all people, too.”

“The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back”

Philemon

Bible Chant
Song



“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 Runaway Who Ran Back.’ Listen for who ran away and what did he go back to do because he loved God.”

"The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back" The Book of Philemon

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who ran away?
2. Why did he run back?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Ephesians 5:1,2, ESV

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us."

1. What did Onesimus know he needed to do to live a life of love towards Philemon?
2. How could Philemon live a life of love towards Onesimus when Onesimus asked him for forgiveness?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Philemon was a rich man with a family, a big house, and lots of workers. But most important of all, Philemon heard the good news of Jesus and believed. Here's how it happened...



2. Philemon travelled to a faraway city where he met Paul. Philemon heard Paul share the good news of Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart, and he believed. Now, he would live for God..



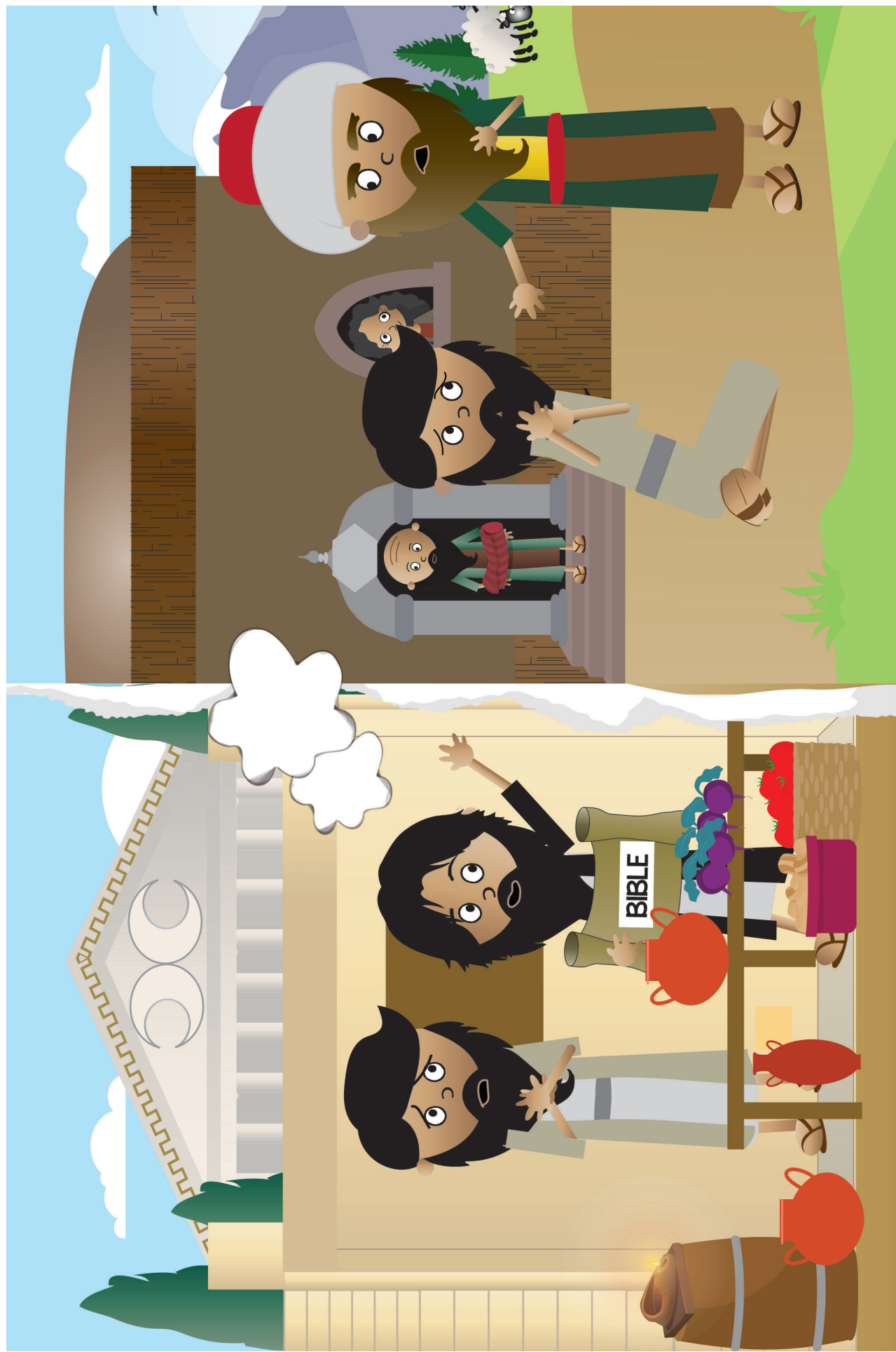
3. Philemon did things differently when he went home. "God, help me to live for You," he prayed. Soon, a little church of people gathered at Philemon's house to worship God and live for God.



4. Now, Philemon had a workers named Onesimus. He was so unhappy that he decided to run away from Philemon. Onesimus knew it was wrong to run away, but he did it anyway.



5. Onesimus ran away to Rome. Paul was in Rome, too. Paul shared the good news of Jesus with Onesimus. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart, and he believed in Jesus. Now, he would live for God.



6. Living for God was not always easy. "You must go back and make things right with Philemon. This is what pleases God," Paul told Onesimus. "Ask God to help you."



7. "I will help you, too," Paul told Onesimus. "I will write a letter to Philemon. Both of you love God and want to live for Him. That means loving and forgiving each other, too," Paul told him.



8. Onesimus knew Paul was right. Onesimus was scared to go home, but he loved God and wanted to live like Jesus. He took Paul's letter and headed home, trusting God to help him. And God did!

“The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back”

Q: “Who ran away and what did he go back to do because he loved God?”

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GOD’S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS!

A: “Onesimus ran away, but he went back home to make things right with Philemon.”

"The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back" The Book of Philemon

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Ephesians 5:1,2, ESV

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."

1. Who ran away?
Onesimus ran away from working for Philemon.

2. Why did he run back?
When Onesimus believed in Jesus, his life changed. Now he lived for Jesus. That even meant going back to Philemon and asking his forgiveness for running away.

For You and Me:
Believing in Jesus means we should live for Jesus, too. God tells us in His Word, the Bible, how He wants us to live. Sometimes it means doing things we don't like to do, but that we know God wants us to do, just like Onesimus did when he went back to Philemon. And just like God helped Onesimus, He will help us to live for Him, too. It's His promise to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer prayers like this.

2. How could Philemon live a life of love towards Onesimus when Onesimus asked him for forgiveness? He should forgive him.

For You and Me:

If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we become God's people. That's just the beginning. God wants His people to live a life of love, just as Jesus Christ has loved them. Sometimes this is very hard, like it was for Onesimus and Philemon; but, God always promises to help His people live for Him. Thank you, God!

Something to Grow Into

Our Bible Truth is:

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!

The Gospel

All of us were created to love God and others like Jesus did. But the sad news is that none of us do. We all have sinful hearts and choose to live our own way, instead of God's good way. That's why we all deserve God's punishment.

But even though we all deserve God's punishment, God is so merciful that He chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a man and to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

Jesus died and was buried, but on the third day, He rose up from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God's Holy Spirit will come live inside us, helping us love God and live for Him. HE will help us live like Jesus! Then one day, we will go to live happily with God forever. That will be best of all!



Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“It pleases God when we live for Him, like Jesus did. Let’s pray to Him, now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are so good!

**God, we disobey You and deserve Your
punishment, yet You offer us Your love through
Jesus. Thank You!**

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

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A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the God who shows us how You want us to live. You show us through Your Son, Jesus. We praise You for being the God who helps live like Jesus, too, through Your Holy Spirit.

C God, many time we don't love You or others as You want us to. We choose to not live like Jesus did. Please forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God for promising to help Your people live like Jesus, by Your Holy Spirit. Thank You that You love to help us become Your people.

S Please work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Give us Your Holy Spirit to help us to live like Jesus did. Help us to love others, and to love You most of all.

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!)



"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, 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!"

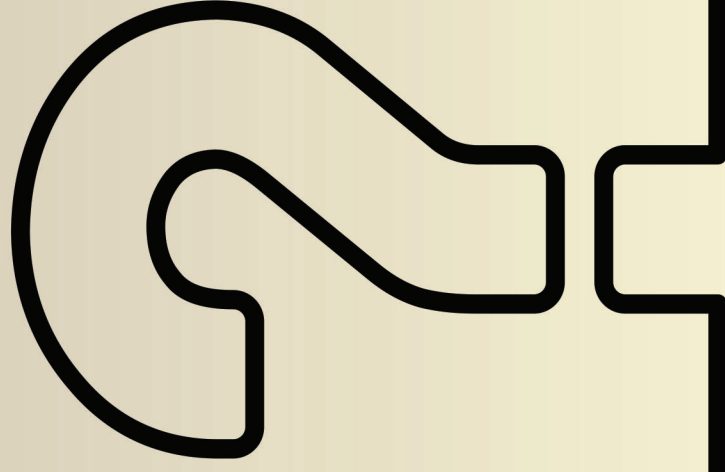
Big Q & A #12

Simple Song



How should God's people live each day?
They should live like Jesus!

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They should live like Jesus!



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

Big Question #12 Tell Me More Song How Should God's People Live?

Refrain: How should God's people live?

How should God's people live?

How should God's people live?

They should live like Jesus!

Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all,

He loved all people, too,

In all that He did and said and thought,

He loved them thru and thru.

Refrain



Verse 2

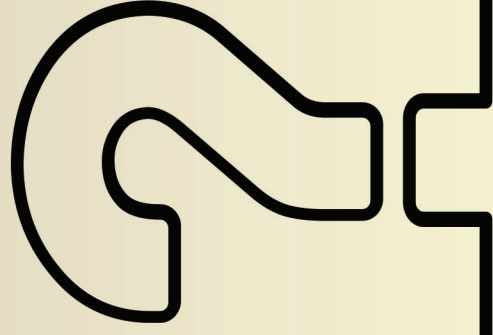
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They should love others, too,

And God the Holy Spirit,

Will help them in all they do.

Refrain

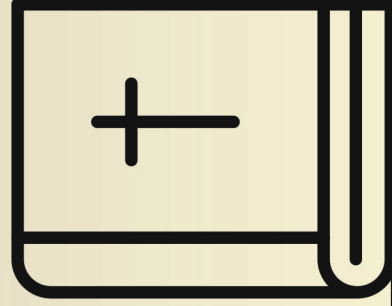


Here's a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #12 Bible Verse Song:

Walk in Love: Ephesians 5:1,2

Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children,
And walk in love, as Christ love us,
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Ephesians Five, one and two.



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #12 Hymn

Trust and Obey, Refrain

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Big Question #12 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

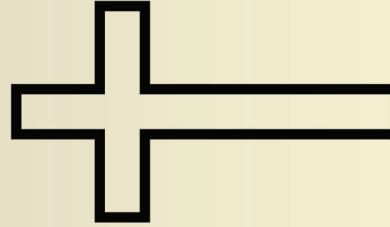


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