



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #11

The Case of the Most Important Question



"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!"



“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?

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

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.

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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!

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"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.



ACTS Prayer Song

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A Prayer

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



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

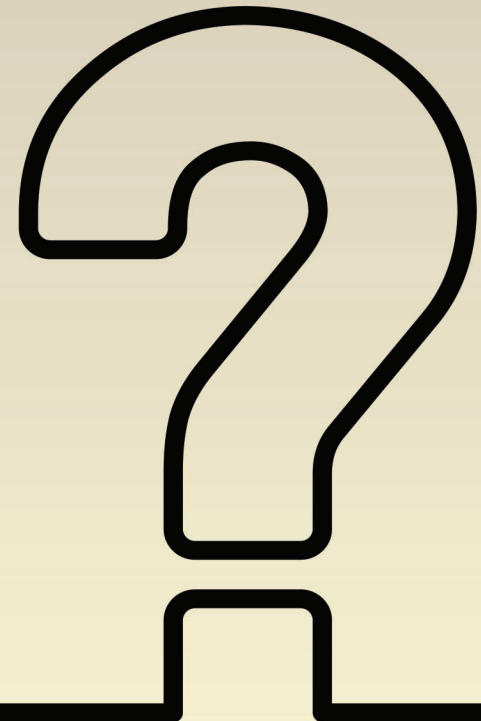


"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

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

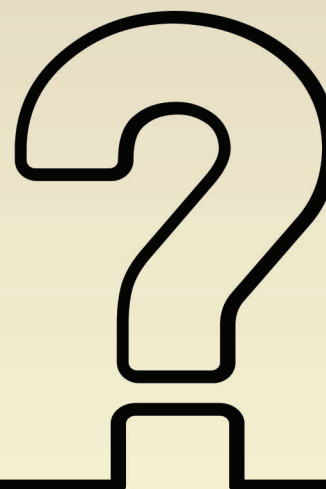
He gives life to the hearts of God's people,
He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,
He puts love in the hearts of God's people,
He helps them love God and others always.

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



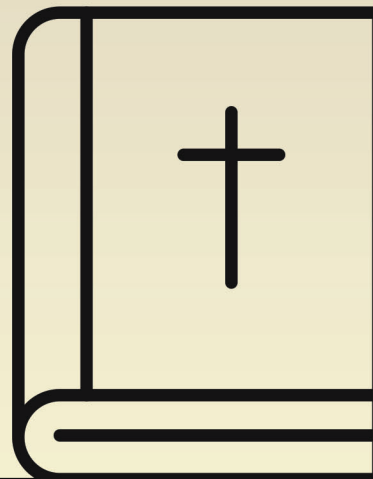
Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #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.

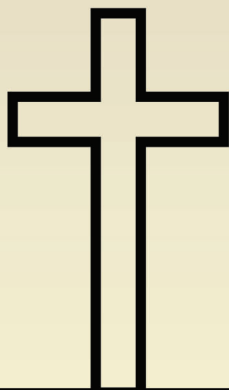


"Let's praise the Lord for His free gift of salvation through Jesus!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

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.



Criss Cross Applesauce Song

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



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,

