



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #12**

**The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back**



"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!"



Big Question  
Box Song

HIDE 'N'  
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KIDS



"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."



Bible Chant  
Song

# **"The Case of the Runaway Who Ran Back"**

Philemon



"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?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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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](http://praisefactory.org))

Something to Grow Into





1. 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

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.

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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?

He needed to go back home and ask for Philemon's forgiveness for running away.

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

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"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.



ACTS Prayer Song

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# A Prayer

- 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!)



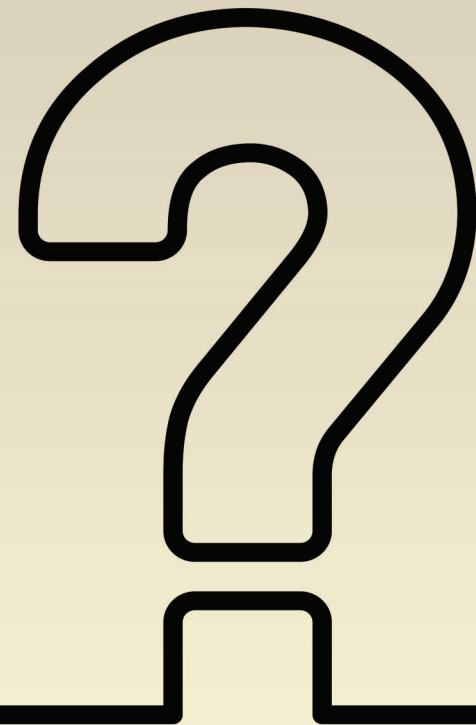
"Hide 'n' Seek Kids, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

## Big Q & A #12

### Simple Song

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

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



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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?

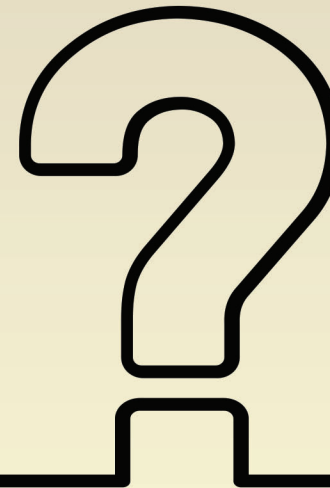
Refrain: How should God's people live?  
How should God's people live?  
How should God's people live?  
They should live like Jesus!

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

God's people should love God most of all,  
They should love others, too,  
And God the Holy Spirit,  
Will help them in all they do.  
Refrain

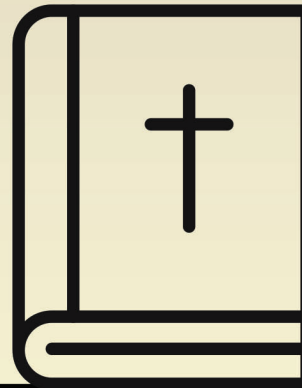


Here's a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

## 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,  
Therefore be imitators of God,  
as beloved children,  
And walk in love, as Christ love us,  
Walk, walk, walk in love,  
Walk in love as Christ loved us,  
Walk, walk, walk in love,  
Walk in love as Christ loved us.  
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,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back,



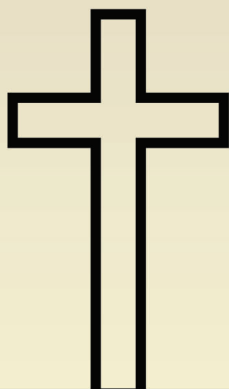
"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"



## 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!



## 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,

