### Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Interactive Stories from the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum



4 Bible Truths from Big Question 10:
What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
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### **Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources**

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives 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 Deep Down Detectives 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.

### Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

### Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

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 in printed on the bottom of each scene.

### Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

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

### Deep Down Detectives 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.

### Deep Down Detectives 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

Deep Down Detectives is the second 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 a shorter version (often much, much shorter) of the stories found in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. suitable for your youngest children. (Note: story texts in Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes resource is the same as the currciulum story text, if you want the full version.) 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?**

Add in any of the games, coloring sheets, and other elements of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, as found on the praisefactory.org website. Deep Down Detectives 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 the 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 Deep Down Detectives 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 unlaminated, 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

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

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

3. Put your resources

in place:

- Bell

Mp3 player and speaker - Story

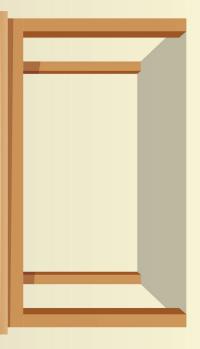
Big Question Box (optional)







BQ Box



4. Pray!

# Transition to Bible Time

I. Ring and Sing

Sing "The Gathering Song" **Ring Bell** 

2. Park and Come

Park your toys, and join me on the mat." "It's Bible Time, kids.

3. Settle with Criss Cross

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





The Gathering Song

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





(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star) Criss cross applesauce, Criss Cross Applesauce Hands in your lap. Shhh... Look at me. Sit down, please,



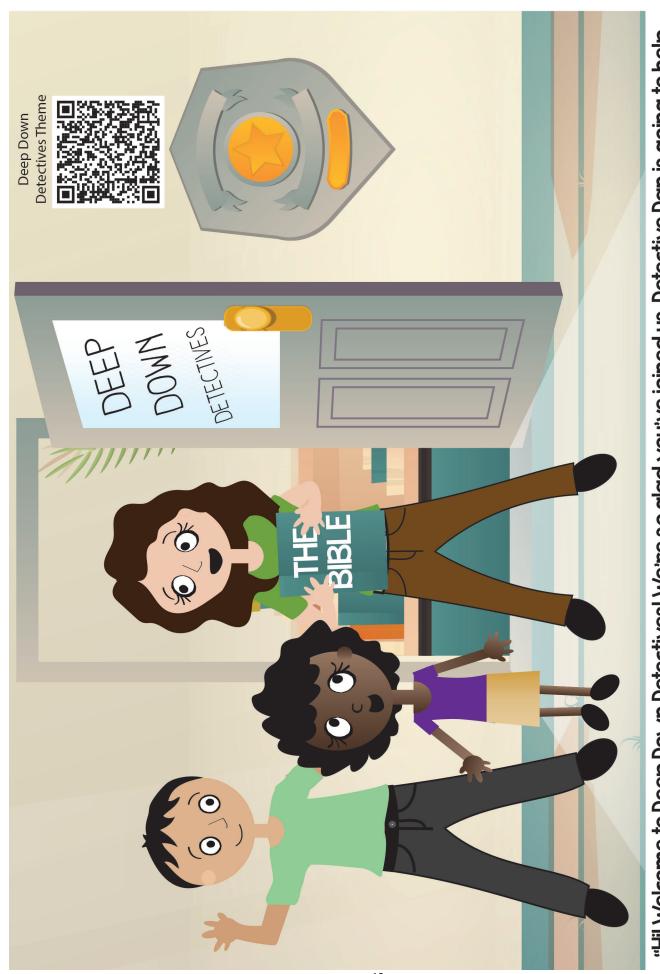
### Let's Pray Song 1,2,3

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.





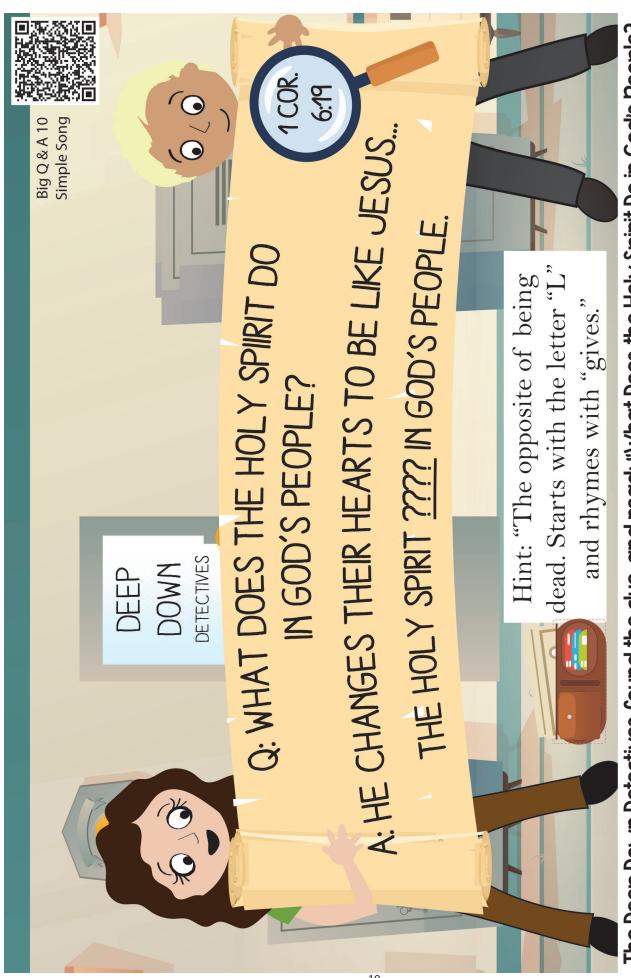
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new Big Question for us. It says, 'What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit ???? in God's People. I Cor. 6:19." Hint: The The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? opposite of being dead. Starts with the letter "L" and rhymes with "gives."



"Your body you have is a temple from God."

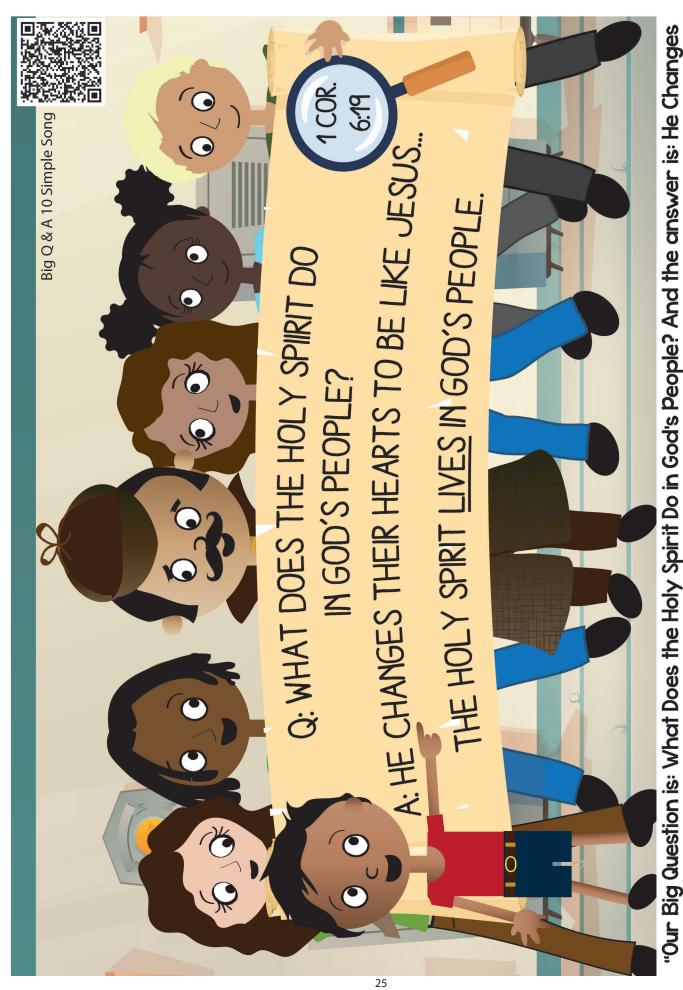
the Holy Spirit whom



The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19 The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to I Corinthians 6:19, and read: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."



hearts with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple: a special place of God's presence." Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about what the Holy Spirit does in God's people?" he asked. "We think so! When we become God's people, God fills our



Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit <u>LIVES</u> in God's People" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



their whole lives. He helps them know God and live for Him more and more. This how they become God made people to know Him, but our sin separates us from God. The Holy Spirit works in we become God's people. The Holy Spirit keeps on living and working in the hearts of God's people people's hearts, helping them turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is how more like Jesus.



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Eager Waiters.' Listen for who waited "Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word." eagerly in Jerusalem and what they were waiting for."

## Acts I-2 "The Case of the Eager Waiters"



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



### I Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

A temple is a special place where we worship God. I. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? 2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God? (more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)

Something to Grow Into

happen?

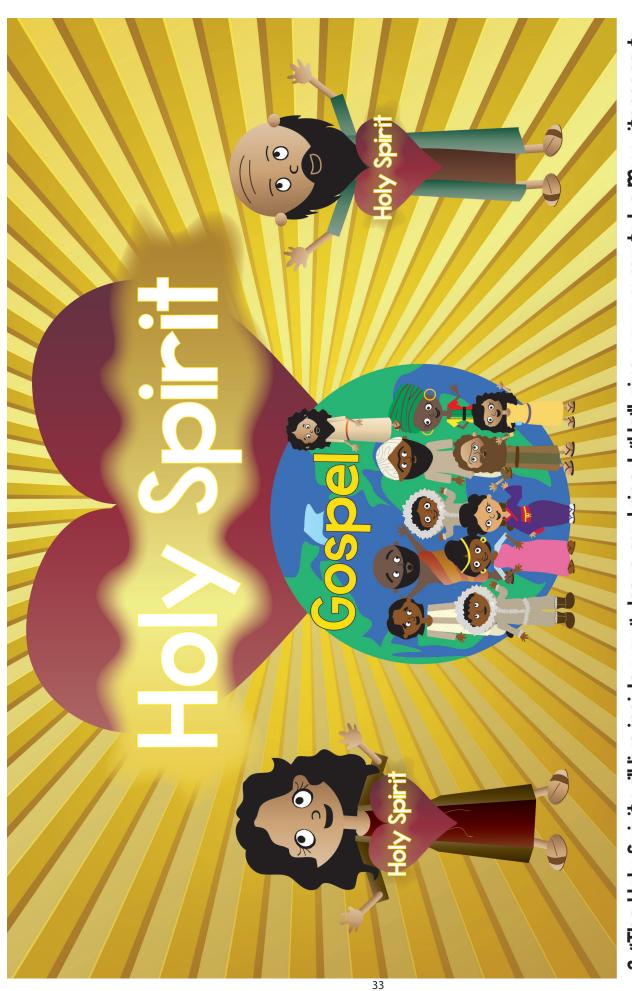
2. What happened inside of them when what they waited

for came?

I. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to



I. "I'm going home to heaven now, but I won't leave you alone," Jesus told His disciples, after He died on the cross and rose from the dead. "I will ask the Father and He will send you the gift of the Holy Spirit. It's good that I'm going away, so you can have this gift," Jesus told them.



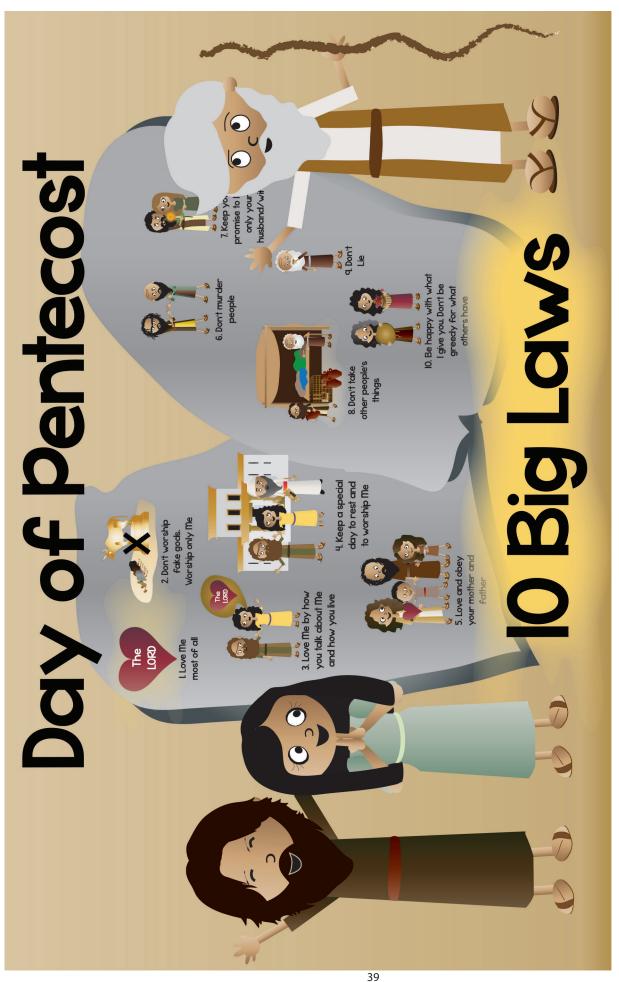
2. "The Holy Spirit will live inside you," Jesus explained. "He'll give you power to be My witnesses to the whole world. He'll help you, comfort you, guide you, and give you courage," Jesus promised them. "Go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift;" He told them.



3. Then, Jesus went through the clouds, and up to heaven to rule as king. The disciples headed to Jerusalem, spreading the news to the other believers. to wait for the gift, as Jesus told them to.



4. The believers gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. They prayed and waited; and, waited and prayed. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine days passed, but still no Holy Spirit. Had God forgotten? No! He was waiting for Day Ten, as part of His perfect plan.



5. Why Day Ten? Because Day Ten was a special celebration day, called the Day of Pentecost. Every Pentecost, thousands of Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem to thank God for the Ten Commandments. Now, God was going to use this celebration to tell the world about Jesus!



powerfully, the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts, filling them with God's joy, peace, and power. "Crackle, Sparkle!" Something like fire rested on each of Jesus' followers. Then quietly and 6. On Day Ten, the gift came. "Whoosh!" A mighty wind came from heaven, filling the house.





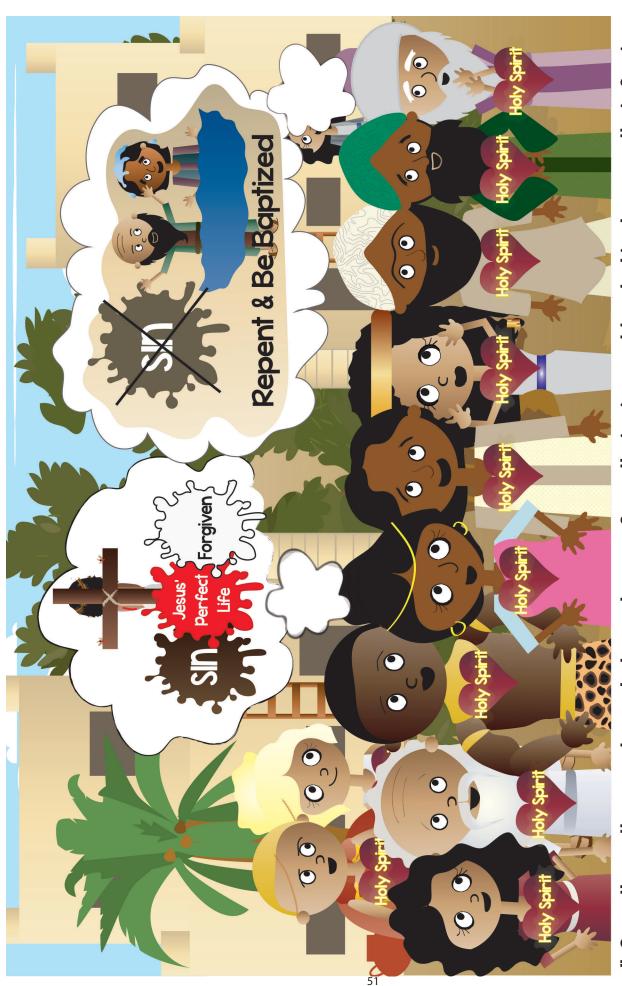
they had never learned. Suddenly, the Romans, Greeks, Arabs, Africans, and Asians in the 8. But that's not all the Holy Spirit did that day. He also helped those disciples speak in languages Pentecost crowd could hear the wonders of God in their own language. How amazing!



wondered. Others laughed and made fun of the disciples. The Holy Spirit helped Peter stand up 9. "What's going on? How can these people speak in these languages? What gift is this?" many and tell the crowd the great things God was doing.



10. "These people are speaking your languages by God's Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "God has Savior, and be baptized. God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside you, too," Peter promised them. sent Him to live inside of all who follow Jesus. Turn away from your sins, trust in Jesus as your



II. Over three thousand people turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that day. God's Holy Spirit came to live in them, filling them with God's joy, peace, and power. They were so happy! Now, they could know God in their hearts, too.



12. Already, God's Holy Spirit had begun to do amazing things in God's people. God's plan to tell the world the good news of Jesus was happening. And this was only the beginning. How many more wonderful things would God's Holy Spirit do!



# "The Case of the Eager Waiters" Acts I-2



#### Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening

Jesus' disciples were waiting for God to send the Holy Spirit to I. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to happen?

What happened inside of them when what they waited for

The Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and gave them

boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus.

He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly into be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, as us the boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus, so they can from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give God, and helping them love others and tell them about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.





Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

A temple is a special place where we worship God.

I. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? God's Holy Spirit.

2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God? He came to live in their hearts. He helped them know and love God, and love others, too. This is how we worship God, by living this

For You and Me

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us the The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, as He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly into our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Something to Grow Into

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!



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 come to live in our hearts, if we do? You guesed it! God's Holy Spirit. He will live in 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 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!

Something to Grow Into

more depth

"God wants us to have hearts that love Him most of all, like Jesus. Let's pray to Him now."

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who changes hearts by Your Holy Spirit.



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.





**ACTS Prayer Song** 

## Something to Grow Into

## A Prayer

more depth

older kids

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C God, we confess that we rebel against You in our hearts. We do not love or serve You as we should. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Your people. Thank You for how He helps them to love You and live for You.
- in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, that we God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust might know You and love You more and more.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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



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

Big Q & A #10 Simple Song What does the Holy Spirit do Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!





## 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 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.

#### Verse

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



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



Big Question #10, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song: The Temple of the Holy Spirit: | Corinthains 6:19 Do you not know? Do you not know? Do you not know, that your body is a temple?

Do you not know? Do you not know?

Do you not know, that your body is a temple?

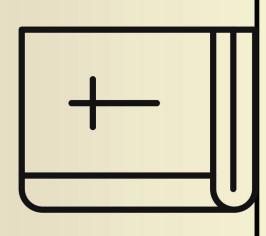
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

Whom you have from God,

Whom you have from God.

First Corinthians Chapter Six, verse nineteen.



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

### The Church's One Foundation Big Question #10 Hymn

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, Verse

From heav'n He came a sought her, With His own blood He bought her, By Spirit and the Word; To be His holy bride,

### Big Question #10 Praise Song Create in Me a Clean Heart

And renew a right spirit within me. And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, 0 God, Create in me a clean heart, 0 God,





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

And for her life He died.

## 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:

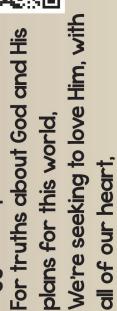
What is the gospel? G-O-S-P-E-L?
What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me?
What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is!
Salvation through faith in Christ,
That's what the gospel is.

"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

## Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

For truths about God and His We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, plans for this world,





### We're Deep Down Detectives! Come on! Let's start!

## Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand,

if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend,

Obey your teachers, sitting beside you,

Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another, These are our classroom rules.

### **Bible Chant Song**

Let's get out the Bible. The Bible, the Bible,

Let's hear what God has to say.

The Bible, the Bible,

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay! God's given us the Bible.



A, Adoration: God, we praise You!

C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.

T, Thanksgiving,: Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.





#### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

#### The Case of the Eager Waiters Acts 1-2

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan"s Biq Question Box)

- 1. "I'm going home to heaven now, but I won't leave you alone," Jesus told His disciples, after He died on the cross and rose from the dead. "I will ask the Father and He will send you the gift of the Holy Spirit. It's good that I'm going away, so you can have this gift," Jesus told them.
- 2. "The Holy Spirit will live inside you," Jesus explained. "He'll give you power to be My witnesses to the whole world. He'll help you, comfort you, guide you, and give you courage," Jesus promised them. "Go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift," He told them.
- 3. Then, Jesus went through the clouds, and up to heaven to rule as king. The disciples headed to Jerusalem, spreading the news to the other believers. to wait for the gift, as Jesus told them to.
- 4. The believers gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. They prayed and waited; and, waited and prayed. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine days passed, but still no Holy Spirit. Had God forgotten? No! He was waiting for Day Ten, as part of His perfect plan.
- 5. Why Day Ten? Because Day Ten was a special celebration day, called the Day of Pentecost. Every Pentecost, thousands of Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem to thank God for the Ten Commandments. Now, God was going to use this celebration to tell the world about Jesus!
- 6. On Day Ten, the gift came. "Whoosh!" A mighty wind came from heaven, filling the house. "Crackle, Sparkle!" Something like fire rested on each of Jesus' followers. Then quietly and powerfully, the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts, filling them with God's joy, peace, and power.
- 7. Jesus' followers were so happy! They burst out of the house and ran into the streets full of joy!
- 8. But that's not all the Holy Spirit did that day. He also helped those disciples speak in languages they had never learned. Suddenly, the Romans, Greeks, Arabs, Africans, and Asians in the Pentecost crowd could hear the wonders of God in their own language. How amazing!
- 9. "What's going on? How can these people speak in these languages? What gift is this?" many wondered. Others laughed and made fun of the disciples. The Holy Spirit helped Peter stand up and tell the crowd the great things God was doing.
- 10. "These people are speaking your languages by God's Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "God has sent Him to live inside of all who follow Jesus. Turn away from your sins, trust in Jesus as your Savior, and be baptized. God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside you, too," Peter promised them.
- 11. Over three thousand people turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that day. God's Holy Spirit came to live in them, filling them with God's joy, peace, and power. They were so happy! Now, they could know God in their hearts, too.
- 12. Already, God's Holy Spirit had begun to do amazing things in God's people. God's plan to tell the world the good news of Jesus was happening. And this was only the beginning. How many more wonderful things would God's Holy Spirit do!





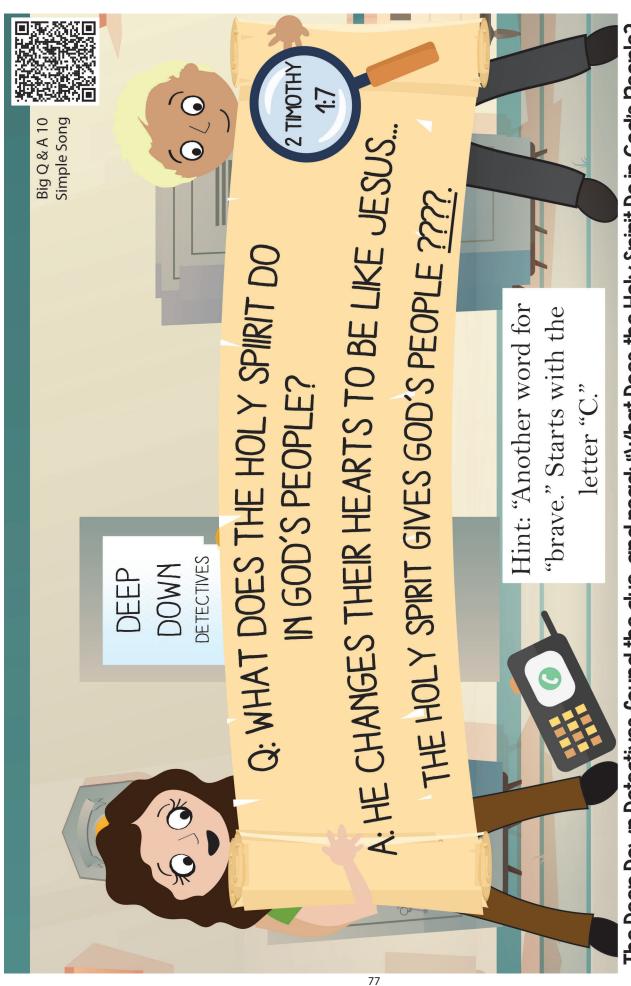
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



Spirit Do in God's People?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People ????. 2 Timothy I:7." The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Hint: "Another word for "brave." Starts with the letter "C."

## 2 Timothy

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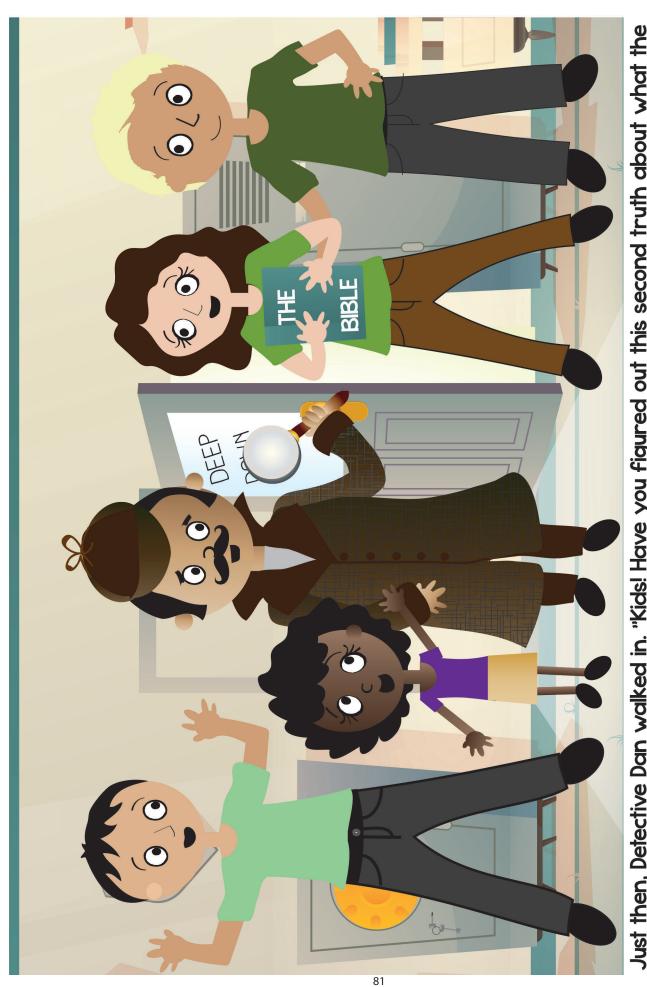
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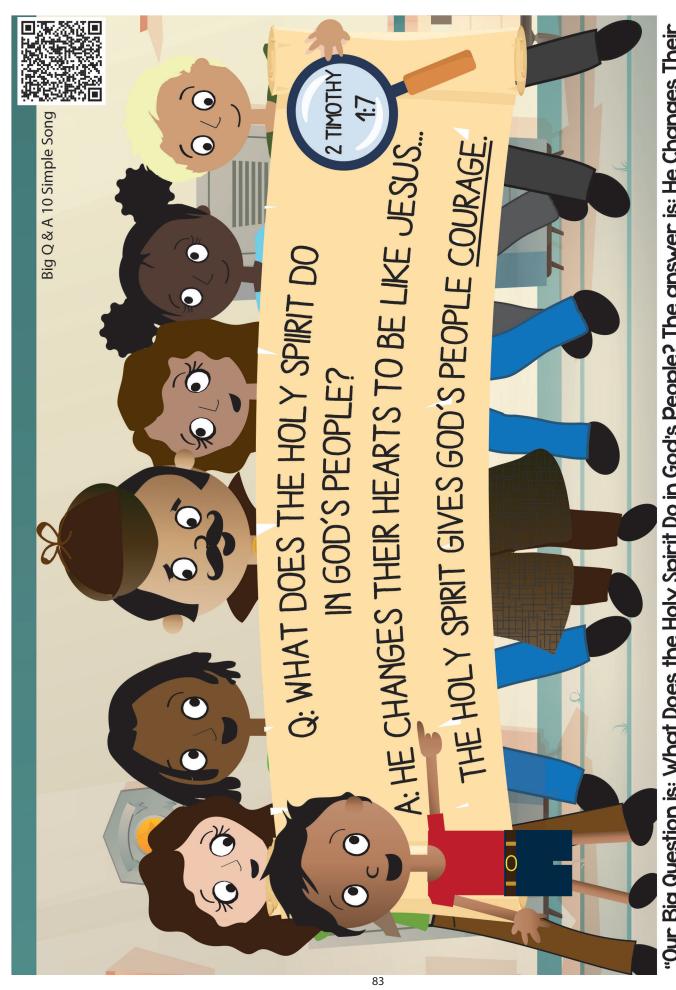


2 Timothy 1:6-7

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to 2 Timothy 1:7, and read: "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."



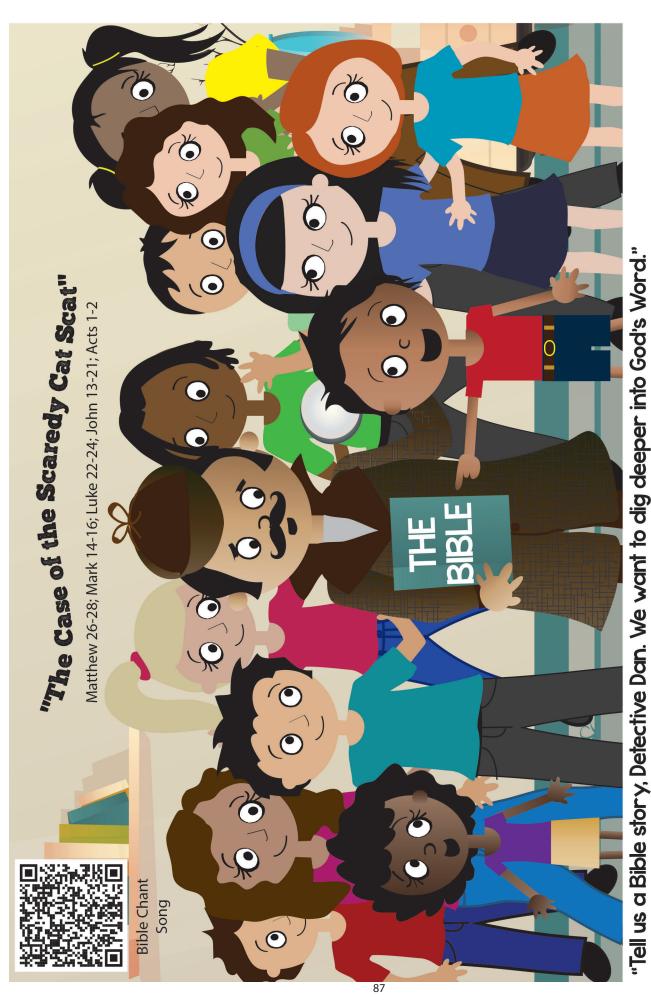
Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about what the Holy Spirit does in God's people?" he asked. "We think so! Sometimes, obeying God is hard. The Holy Spirit gives God's people power and love --courage-- to do what God wants them to do."



"Our Big Question is: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? The answer is: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People COURAGE" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He calls them to do hard things, too. God doesn't expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus and courage to obey God, even when it's very hard. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. "



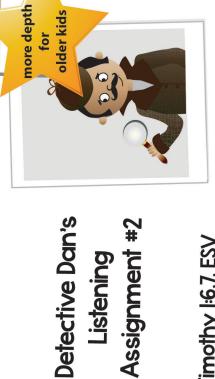
"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat.' Listen for Who changed Jesus' followers on the inside, from being scared to having courage to live for Jesus."

## "The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat"

Matthew 26-28; Mark IH-16; Luke 22-24; John I3-21; Acts I-2



Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening



Assignment #2

Listening

## 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

- "...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."
- I. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple?
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did these men become bold to do?

2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed I. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat?

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Something to Grow Into

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He died on the cross. "But after I rise from the dead, I will meet you in Galilee," He promised them. I. "My enemies are coming to kill Me. You will all leave Me," Jesus told His disciples, the night before



Satan wants to crush you, but I've prayed for you. When you turn back, encourage the others," 2. "Peter, before the rooster crows in the morning, you'll say you never knew Me three times. Jesus told him. "No, Jesus, I won't leave You," Peter exclaimed.



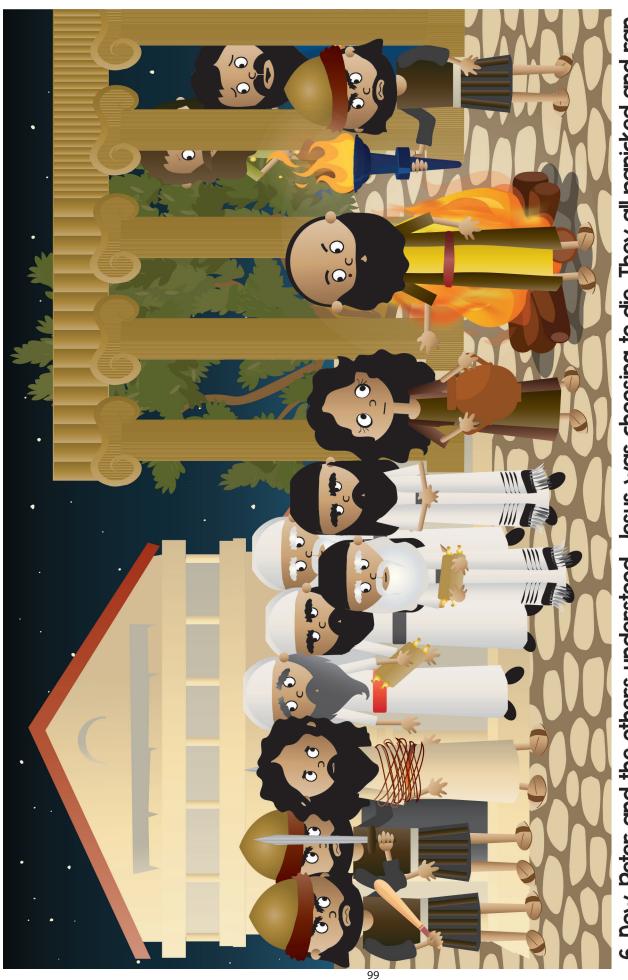
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one of Jesus' disciples. "Teacher," Judas greeted Jesus, giving Him the usual brotherly kiss. The 4. Soon, everything happened as Jesus said it would. Jesus' enemies came, led by Judas Iscariot, soldiers now knew who to arrest. They grabbed Jesus. What would the disciples do now?



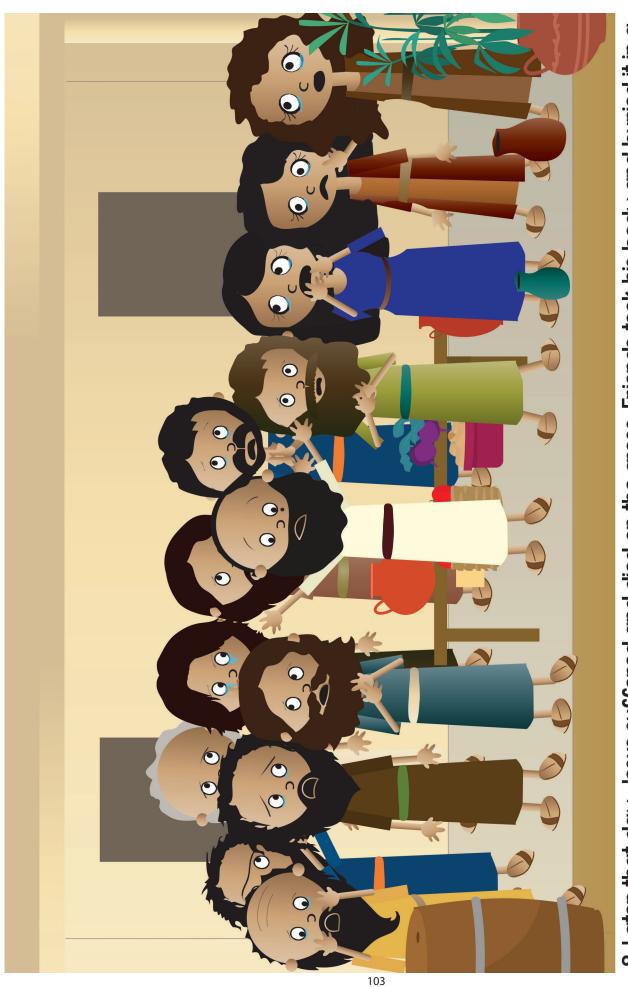
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6. Now, Peter and the others understood. Jesus was choosing to die. They all panicked and ran away, just as Jesus said they would. Only after the soldiers had taken Jesus away, did Peter and John sneak back into Jerusalem, hiding safely in the shadows, to see what happened to Jesus.



7. But Peter wasn't safe. "YOU were with Jesus," a servant girl exclaimed when she saw him. "No, I wasn't! I never knew Him!" Peter lied THREE times. "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" Peter heard the rooster crow, then he ran away and cried. It all happened, as Jesus said it would. Peter was so sad.



cave-grave. How very sad and scared Peter and the other disciples were. Enemies had killed 8. Later that day, Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Friends took his body and buried it in a Jesus. Would they be next? They locked the doors and hid in fear like scaredy cats.



9. But everything changed on Day Three. Jesus rose to life in victory! That night, He appeared to His disciples. "I'm alive!" He exclaimed, showing them the scars on His hands and feet. Jesus really was alive! He had beaten sin and death for God's people. The disciples were so happy.



10. Over the next 40 days, Jesus taught His followers from the Bible. He showed them how God's promises about the Savior had come true. He shared God's plans to use them to spread the good news of salvation to the world. But how could scaredy cats like them do anything as big as that?



II. There was only one way: God's Holy Spirit. "Go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit," Jesus told them, as He went up to heaven. "He will give you the courage to do all of God's plans," Jesus promised.



12. And so, He did! God sent the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of Peter and the other believers. He gave them peace and joy, power, love, and COURAGE! No longer were they scared to speak up for Jesus in front of Jesus' enemies or anyone else. The Holy Spirit was God's Helper in their hearts.



A: "God's Holy Spirit."

# "The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat"

Matthew 26-28; Mark IH-16; Luke 22-24; John I3-21; Acts I-2



#### Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening



Detective Dan's

Listening

Assignment #2

2 Timothy I:6,7 ESV

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Peter and the other disciples were. They were afraid the soldiers I. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why? would arrest them and kill them. 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did these men become bold to do? The gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to be bold to live for God and to tell others about God, even if enemies threatened to hurt them. That's boldness!

For You and Me

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. We may, too. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. And He will come to live inside us and help us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

A "scaredy cat" is a funny way to say someone is very scared. To "scat" means to run away.

I. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat?

2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them? peter and Jesus' other disciples.

live inside of them all. He changed their hearts and gave them boldness to tell others about Jesus.

Jesus prayed for Peter and the others. The Holy Spirit came to

Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this us to boldly live for God. How can the Holy Spirit come to live in our hearts? When we turn away from our sins and trust in pray for us. We need the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, and help Like Jesus' disciples, we need Jesus to help us. We need Him to

Something to Grow Into



"God wants us to have hearts that have courage to live for Him, like Jesus. Let's pray to Him now."

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who gives Your people courage by Your Holy Spirit. 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.







## Something to Grow Into

### A Prayer

more depth

older kids

God, we praise You for being the Giver of courage to Your people through the Holy Spirit. C God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by Your Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior! Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage o do everything You want them to do.

in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust us to do, no matter how hard it is.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





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

Big Q & A #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,

#### 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

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



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

Verse |





Fan Into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Fan into flame your faith,

The gift of God,

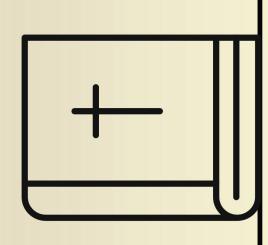
Fan into flame your faith,

The gift of God,

For God gave us a spirit not of fear

Second Timothy One, six and seven.

But of power and love and self-control.



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

The Church's One Foundation Big Question #10 Hymn

Verse

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; By Spirit and the Word; She is His new creation,

From heav'n He came a sought her, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. To be His holy bride,

Big Question #10 Praise Song **Create in Me a Clean Heart** 

And renew a right spirit within me. And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, 0 God, Create in me a clean heart, 0 God,





"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!

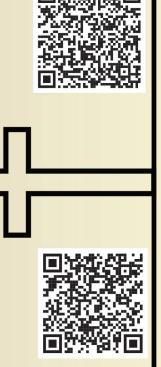
The Gospel Song (Full)

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,

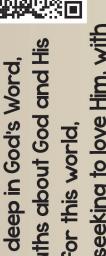
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.



"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through

## Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

For truths about God and His We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, plans for this world,





We're seeking to love Him, with We're Deep Down Detectives! Come on! Let's start! all of our heart,

## Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand,

if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend,

Obey your teachers, sitting beside you,

Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

Shhh, Let's begin.

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

## **Bible Chant Song**

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Let's get out the Bible.

Let's hear what God has to say.

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God's given us the Bible.

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!

## 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,





#### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

**The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat** *Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2* 

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

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- 3. Jesus comforted His disciples. They were so sad. "I'm going to heaven to make a place for you to live with Me forever," Jesus told them. "I'm going to ask God, My Father, to send the Holy Spirit to live in you and help you. It's better for you that I go, so He can come and live inside of you," Jesus said.
- 4. Soon, everything happened as Jesus said it would. Jesus' enemies came, led by Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples. "Teacher," Judas greeted Jesus, giving Him the usual brotherly kiss. The soldiers now knew who to arrest. They grabbed Jesus. What would the disciples do now?
- 5. Peter decided to fight for Jesus. He drew his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of Jesus' most powerful enemy --the high priest. But Jesus would not fight. "This is God, My Father's, plan and I won't run from it," Jesus told Peter. Then, He reached out and healed Malchus' ear.
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- 8. Later that day, Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Friends took his body and buried it in a cave-grave. How very sad and scared Peter and the other disciples were. Enemies had killed Jesus. Would they be next? They locked the doors and hid in fear like scaredy cats.
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"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People ????. Ephesians I:17" The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Hint: "Knowing the best thing to do. Starts with the letter "W" and it rhymes with "system."

## **Ephesians**

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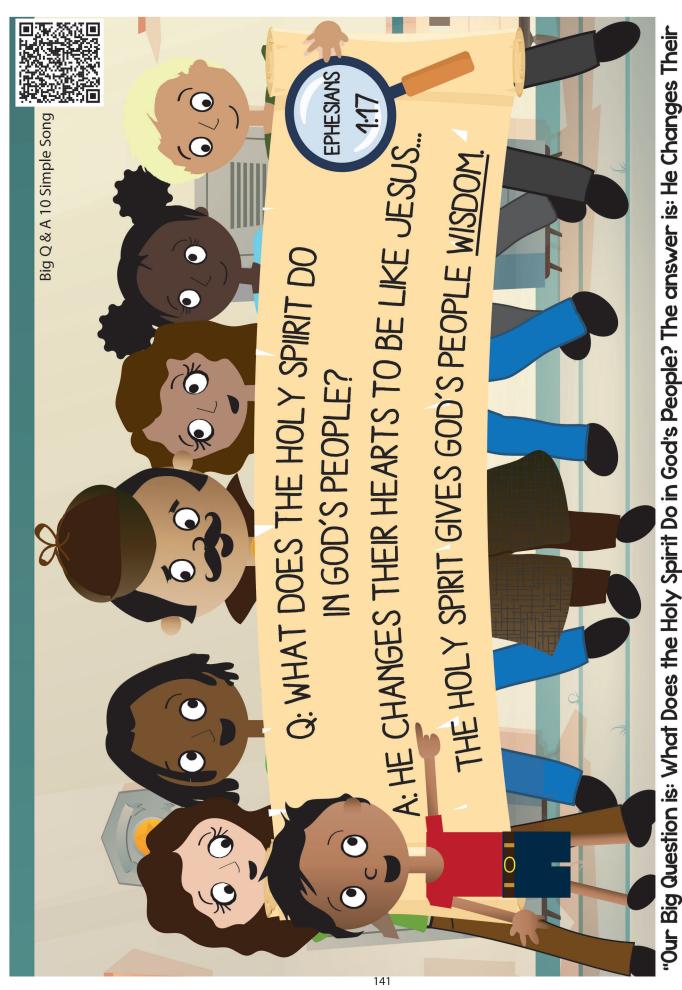


phesians 1:17 Keep Asking

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Ephesians I:17 and read: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."



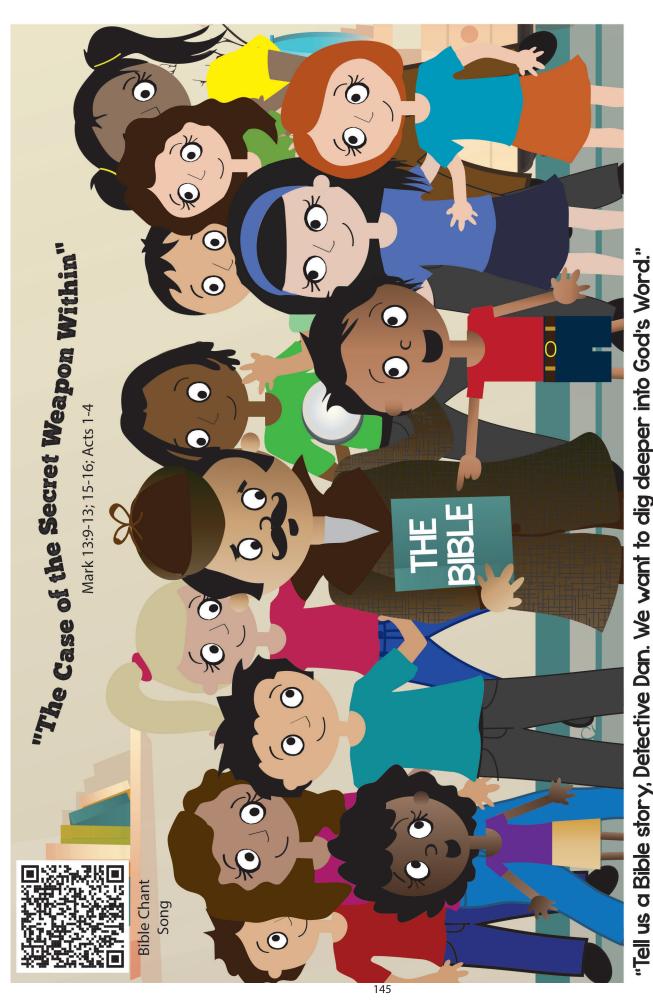
Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about what the Holy Spirit does in God's people?" he asked. "We think so! God's people need help knowing God and how He wants them to live. The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need."



Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People  $\overline{\mathsf{WISDOM}}$ ." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and live for Him. He gives them wisdom, by working in their hearts as they study the Bible, as talk with other Christians, and when they pray. There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people don't completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Secret Weapon Within.' Listen for why Jesus' followers could give such wise answers to Jesus' enemies."

# "The Case of the Secret Weapon Within" Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



Assignment #2

Detective Dan's

Listening

# Ephesians I:17, NIV

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

I. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him?

2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do?

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

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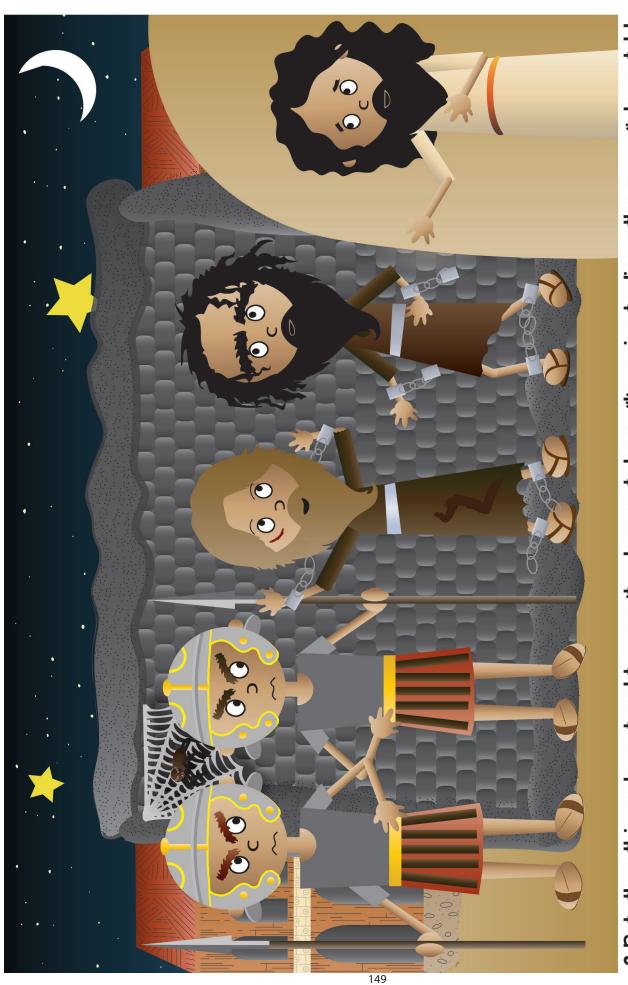
put Him?

I. Who was the "secret weapon" and in where did God

2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?



I. Jesus taught His followers happy things about God and His plans. Best of all, were the promises about life with God forever. "I will save God's people, then go prepare a home for them," Jesus told them. "We'll live there together in perfect happiness forever," He promised.



His followers. "You will be My witnesses after I rise from the dead," He said, "but the enemies who 2. But other things Jesus taught weren't so happy to hear. "I'm going to die on the cross," Jesus told hated Me will hate and hurt you, too. They won't want you to tell the world about Me."



3. This sounded so hard! How would Jesus' disciples have the right words to say, if Jesus was leaving them? Jesus told them how: "I will ask My Father to send the Holy Spirit to come and live in of you. He'll give you wisdom," Jesus told them. "He'll help you speak God's truth."



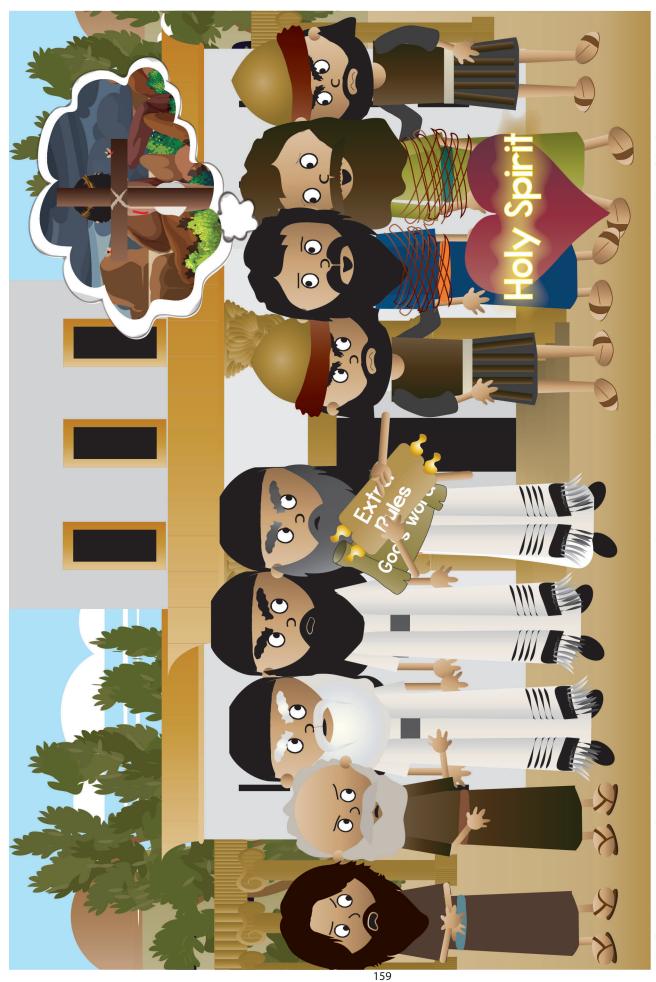
4. Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. His enemies put Him on the cross to die. But there, Jesus gave His perfect life to pay for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people!



5. Jesus stayed with His disciples for forty days, teaching them many things; then, He went up to heaven to rule. Jesus was gone. His followers missed Him. Would the Holy Spirit really come, as Jesus promised? Yes, He would!



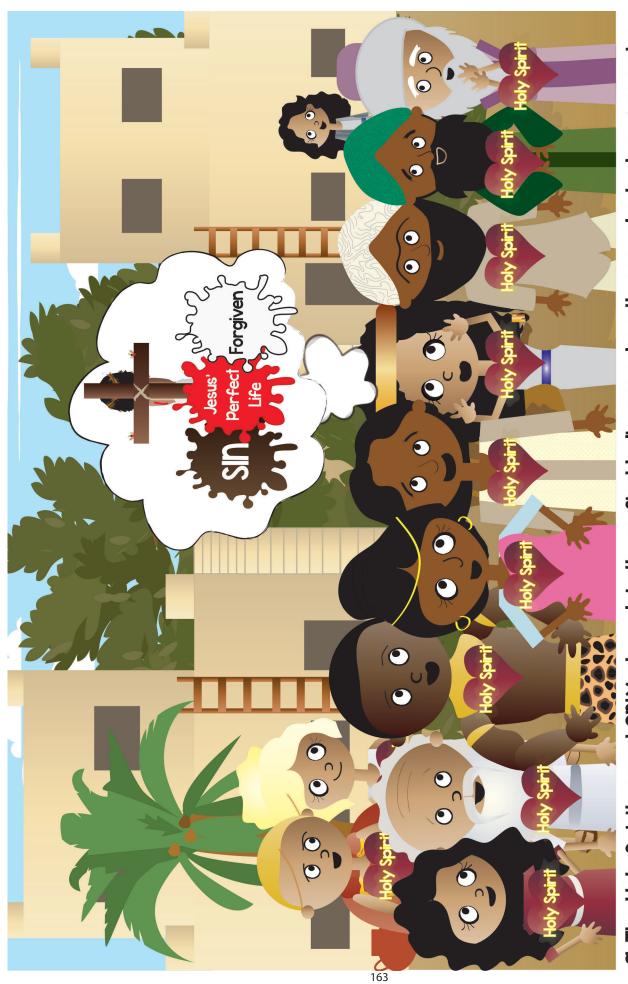
powerfully in their hearts, giving them peace, joy, power, and wisdom --the wisdom to 6. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit came to live in Jesus' followers as their special Helper. He worked understand God's Word and tell others the good news of Jesus.



7. And even when they were arrested and dragged before Jesus' enemies, the Holy Spirit was with them. He helped them understand God's Word and gave them the right words to say.



8. These enemies were shocked! "Jesus' followers haven't been to school like us. They are just plain fishermen. How can they speak such wise words from God's Word?" they wondered. They didn't know the answer, but we do, don't we? It was the Holy Spirit, helping them in their hearts.



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II. And that's what the Holy Spirit is still doing even today in people all around the world. He works in their hearts as they hear the good news of Jesus and helps them believe. Then, He comes to live in their hearts to stay, giving them wisdom to know God and how to live for Him.



love God. He gives them wisdom to live for God and tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can live 12. The Holy Spirit is God's good gift to help His people their whole lives. He helps them know and in our hearts as our helper, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



A: "God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and gave them the wisdom to speak God's truth."

# "The Case of the Secret Weapon Within" Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4



## Assignment #1 Detective Dan's Listening

Detective Dan's Assignment #2 Listening



Ephesians I:17, NIV

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." I. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? The Holy Spirit.

To know God; to know how God wanted them to live; and, to 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do? know what to say, as they told others about Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' first disciples, long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know God, and to know what to tell others about Jesus. God promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, tool What a wonderful gift!

I. Who was the "secret weapon" and in where did God put

The Holy Spirit. He put it in the hearts of His people.

He gave them wisdom to know how to live for God and to hearts. The Holy Spirit gave them courage instead of fear, after Jesus went to heaven. He helped them to know God. God used His Holy Spirit to help His people from inside their 2. What did God use this secret weapon to do? teach others the good news of Jesus.

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Something to Grow Into



"God wants us to have hearts that live by His wisdom, like Jesus. Let's pray to Him now."

# A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who gives Your people wisdom by Your Holy Spirit.



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.







# Something to Grow Into

# A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.

Savior. We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts, so we might love You C God, we confess that many times we choose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead, we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our and live for You! Thank You, God, for all the wisdom You offer us through Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the wisdom You give us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to the hearts of Your people, as they pray. S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



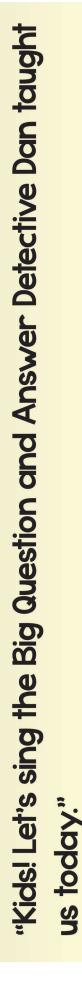
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"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #10 Simple Song What does the Holy Spirit do Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!





# 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, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

# 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.

# Verse

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



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



Big Question #10, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

I Keep Asking: Ephesians I:17

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom,

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.

So that you may know Him,

You may know Him,

That you may know Him, better.

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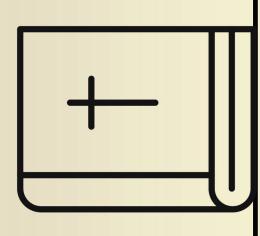
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"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

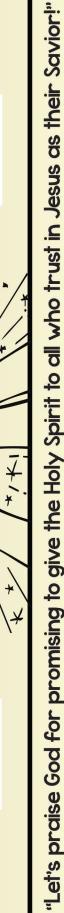
Big Question #10 Hymn The Church's One Foundation

Verse

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,

Big Question #10 Praise Song Create in Me a Clean Heart Create in me a clean heart, 0 God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, 0 God, And renew a right spirit within me.





With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

### 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.

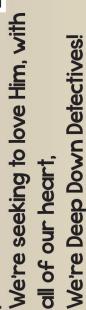
"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd won the fight,
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.

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"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through

## Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, For truths about God and His plans for this world,





#### Classroom Rules Song

Come on! Let's start!

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand,

if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend,

sitting beside you, Obey your teachers,

Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules, They help us worship God and love one another, These are our classroom rules.

#### Bible Chant Song

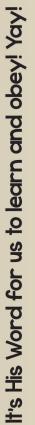
The Bible, the Bible,

Let's get out the Bible.

Let's hear what God has to say.

The Bible, the Bible,

God's given us the Bible.



#### ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!

C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.

T, Thanksgiving,: Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.





#### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

**The Case of the Secret Weapon Within** *Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4* 

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan"s Big Question Box)

- 1. Jesus taught His followers happy things about God and His plans. Best of all, were the promises about life with God forever. "I will save God's people, then go prepare a home for them," Jesus told them. "We'll live there together in perfect happiness forever," He promised.
- 2. But other things Jesus taught weren't so happy to hear. "I'm going to die on the cross," Jesus told His followers. "You will be My witnesses after I rise from the dead," He said, "but the enemies who hated Me will hate and hurt you, too. They won't want you to tell the world about Me."
- 3. This sounded so hard! How would Jesus' disciples have the right words to say, if Jesus was leaving them? Jesus told them how: "I will ask My Father to send the Holy Spirit to come and live in of you. He'll give you wisdom," Jesus told them. "He'll help you speak God."
- 4. Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. His enemies put Him on the cross to die. But there, Jesus gave His perfect life to pay for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people!
- 5. Jesus stayed with His disciples for forty days, teaching them many things; then, He went up to heaven to rule. Jesus was gone. His followers missed Him. Would the Holy Spirit really come, as Jesus promised? Yes, He would!
- 6. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit came to live in Jesus' followers as their special Helper. He worked powerfully in their hearts, giving them peace, joy, power, and wisdom --the wisdom to understand God's Word and tell others the good news of Jesus.
- 7. And even when they were arrested and dragged before Jesus' enemies, the Holy Spirit was with them. He helped them and gave them the right words to say.
- 8. These enemies were shocked! "Jesus' followers haven't been to school like us. They are just plain fishermen. How can they speak such wise words from God's Word?" they wondered. They didn't know the answer, but we do, don't we? It was the Holy Spirit, helping them in their hearts.
- 9. The Holy Spirit wasn't ONLY at work in those first believers when they spoke to Jesus' enemies. He was also at work whenever they shared God's Word with anyone who would listen. He helped many people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.
- 10. And when they did, the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts to stay. Now, they were God's people, too. Now, He would be their Helper, giving them wisdom and helping them live for God, too.
- 11. And that's what the Holy Spirit is still doing even today in people all around the world. He works in their hearts as they hear the good news of Jesus and helps them believe. Then, He comes to live in their hearts to stay, giving them wisdom to know God and how to live for Him.
- 12. The Holy Spirit is God's good gift to help His people their whole lives. He helps them know and love God. He gives them wisdom to live for God and tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can live in our hearts as our helper, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.





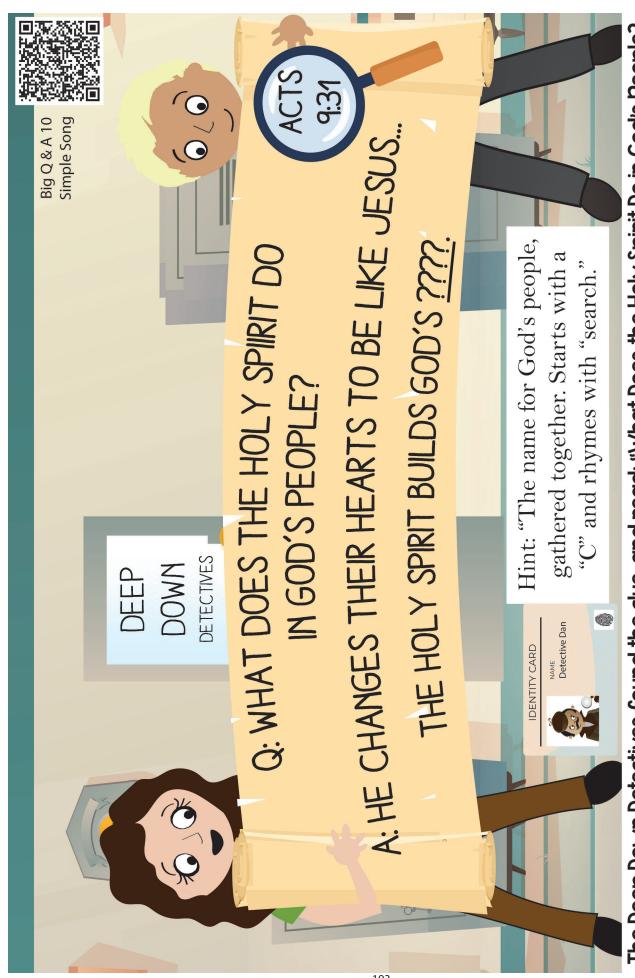
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



Spirit Do in God's People?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's ????. Acts 9:31" Hint: "The The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? name for God's people, gathered together. Starts with a "C" and rhymes with "search." Acts 9:31

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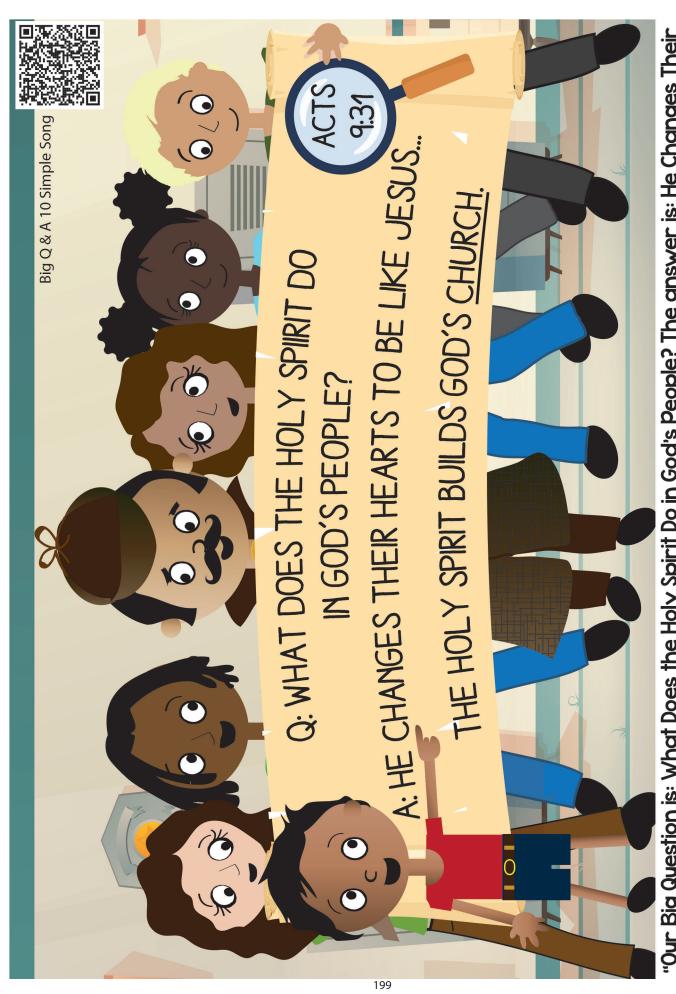
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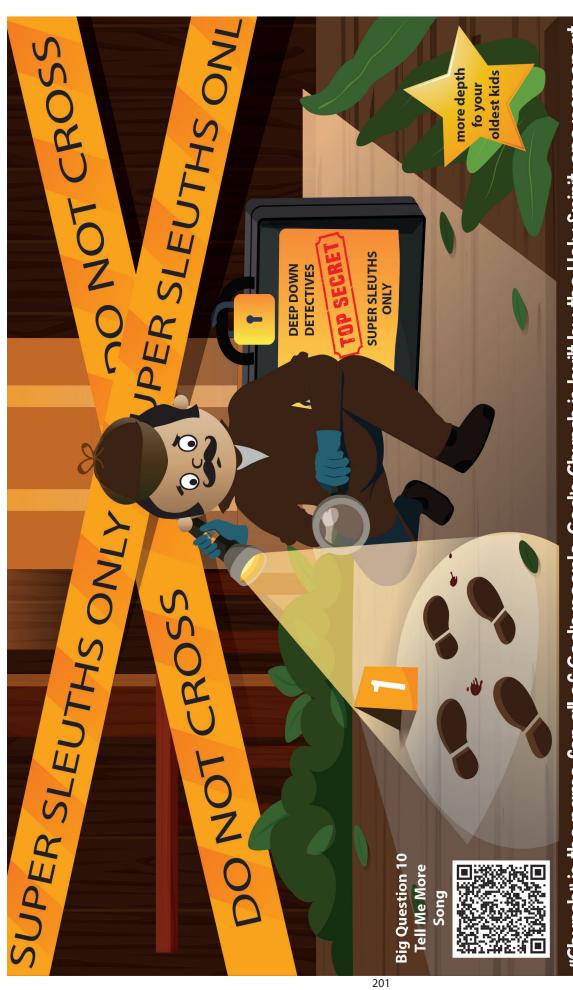
numbers."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about what the Holy Spirit does in God's people?" he asked. "We think so! The Holy Spirit works in people's hearts as they hear about Jesus. He's how they become God's people. He grows God's Church."



"Our Big Question is: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? The answer is: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's <u>CHURCH.</u>" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"Church" is the name for all of God's people. God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in people's hearts, as they hear God's Word. He helps them turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. We can be part of God's Church, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the World's Biggest Building.' Listen for the name of this biggest building and Who works in God's people to build it."

# "The Case of the World's Biggest Building" Genesis, the Gospels, Acts



Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening



Assignment #2

**Detective Dan's** 

Listening

#### Acts 9:31, NIV

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the I. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus?

2. How did the Holy Spirit help the Church grow?

Something to Grow Into

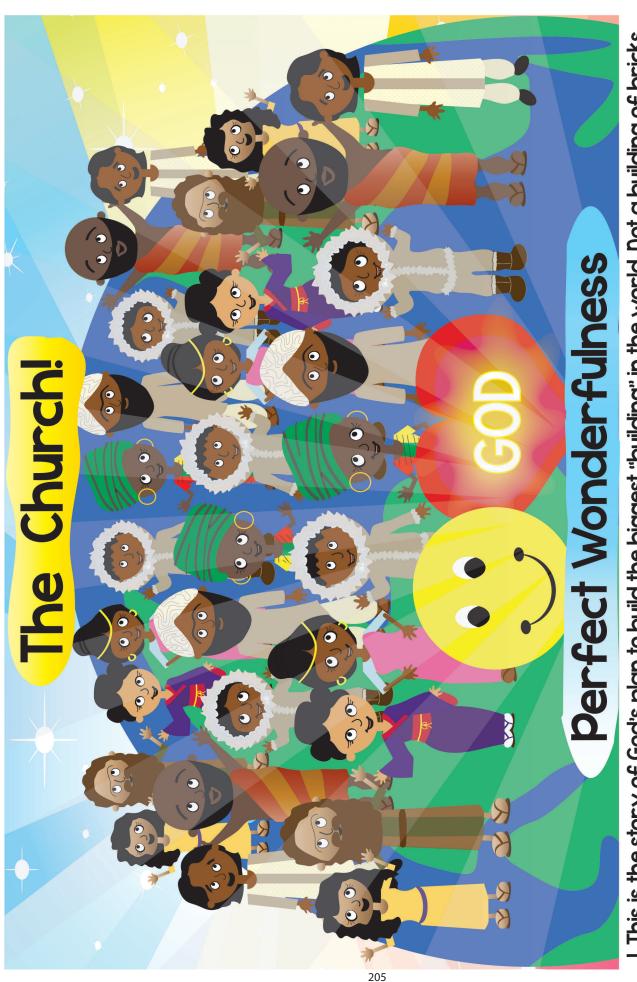
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2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like

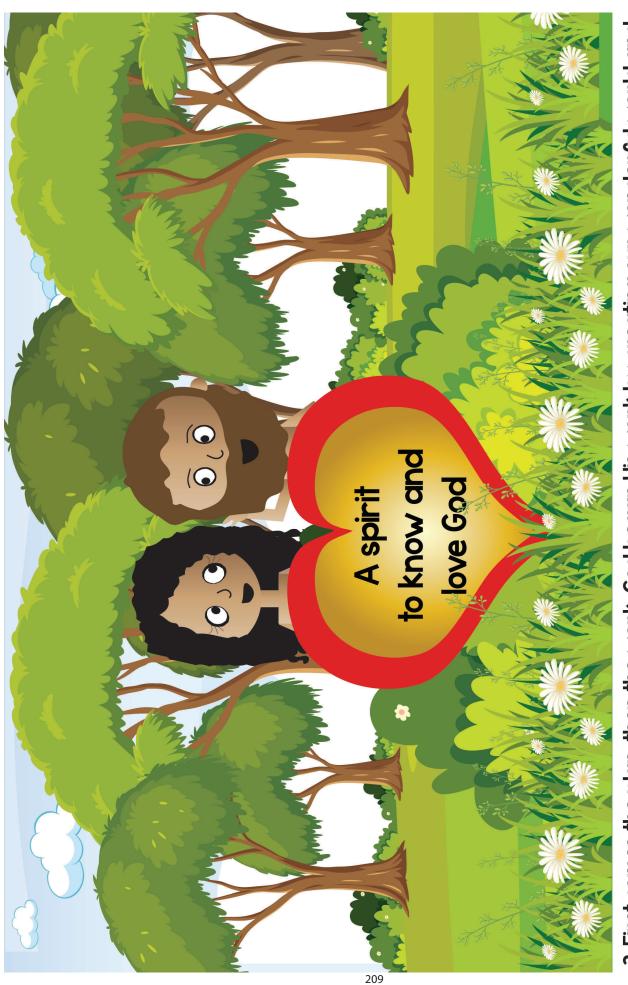
when it was finished?



I. This is the story of God's plan to build the biggest "building" in the world. Not a building of bricks, but one made of millions of people gathering together to worship Him and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness. God called this amazing gathering He was building "the Church."



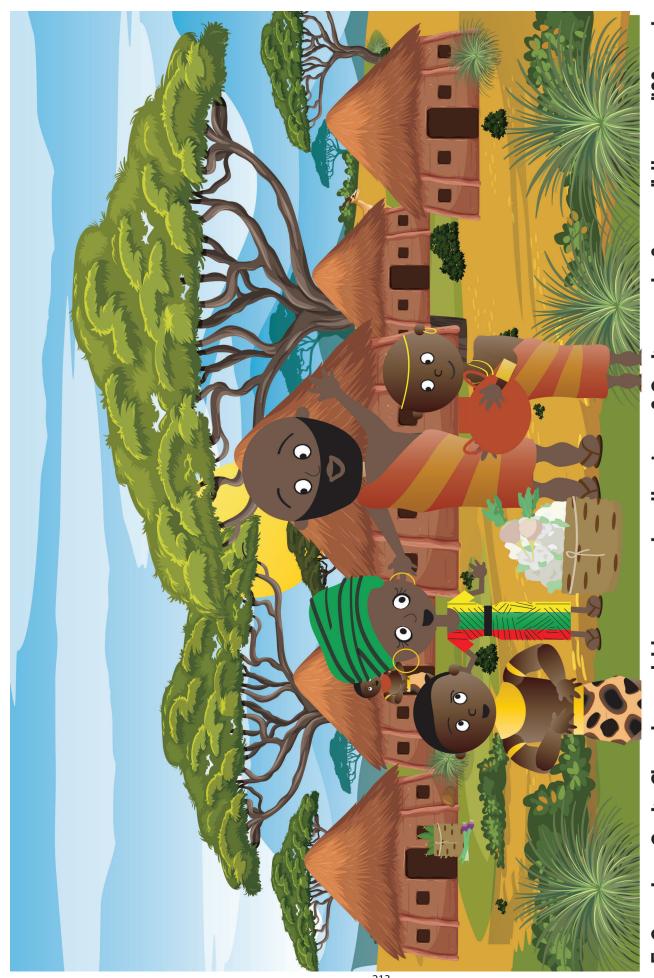
2. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit would work together to build the Church. God, the Father, would send Jesus to save His people. God, the Holy Spirit, would live in their hearts, so they could know and love God, and enjoy Him forever. What an amazing plan God had!



everything in it, including the people He would make into His Church. He put something special in 3. First comes the plan, then the work. God began His work by creating our wonderful world and their bodies, so they could know and love Him: a spirit that would never die.



children, and their children had children. They grew and grew and made their homes all over the world.



5. One day, God's Church would be a great gathering of God's people from all these different places. Together, they would love God and each other perfectly forever.



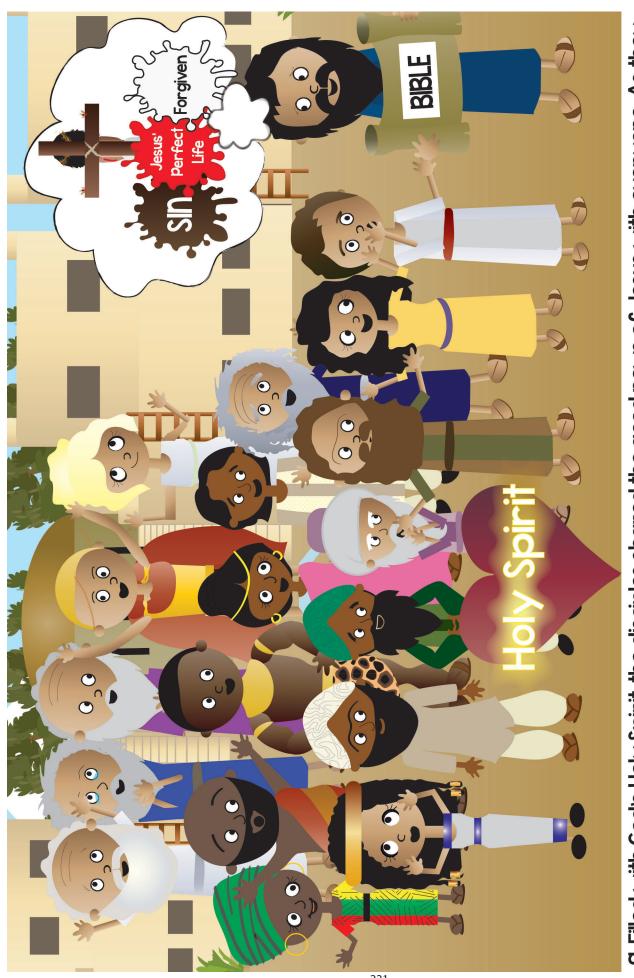
6. But that wonderful day was not yet. From Adam and Eve on, we have all chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment, not to be His people.



7. But not even sin would ruin God's plans to build His Church. God had always planned to send Jesus to save His people. He would pay for their sins with His perfect life on the cross. He would make them beautiful for God. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had done it.



8. "Go to the whole world. Tell them about Me," Jesus told His disciples, after He rose from the dead. "Teach them how they can become God's people. The Holy Spirit will come live in your hearts and help you," He said. It was time to build God's Church from every people, just as God planned!



spoke, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many. He turned their sinful hearts into the new, **9. Filled with God's Holy Spirit, the disciples shared the good news of Jesus with everyone. As they** God-loving hearts of God's people. God's Church was growing! His plans were coming true!



10. For thousands of years now, Jesus' followers have kept on telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus. And as they share, the Holy Spirit has been working in hearts, helping people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, and building God's Church.



II. One day, God will be finished building His Church. The good news of Jesus will have gone out to the whole world, and all His people will be saved. Then, Jesus will return to earth, and He will get rid of sin and sadness, sickness and death forever.



sight will be God's people, the Church! More people than we can count, all gathered together, 12. Then, God's people go to live with Jesus in the new heaven and earth. What a beautiful, happy enjoying God's Perfect Wonderfulness and singing His praises FOREVER.



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# "The Case of the World's Biggest Building" Genesis, the Gospels, Acts



## SOLVE

#### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who was the builder? The LORD.

2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?
His Church. It would be a huge gathering of all of God's people, loving Him and praising Him forever.

For You and Me:
Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too? How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy trusting in Jesus as our Savior God will fill us with His Holy spirit, and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.

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Acts 9:31, NIV

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

I. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus?

God's Holy Spirit.

2. How did the Holy Spirit help the Church grow? He helped the believers be bold to tell others about Jesus and He gave them words to say. He worked in the hearts of those listening and helped them put their trust in Jesus,

For You and Me

God's Holy Spirit can help us become a part of God's people, the Church, too. We can ask Him to work in our hearts and help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to love God and live for Him.

# Something to Grow Into



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#### A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who saves Your people and builds Your Church by the Holy



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In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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CTS Prayer Song

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A God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy

to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We C God, we confess that we have sinful hearts. We need You to give us faith need Jesus to be our Savior! Thank You, God, for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church. S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, so we might know and love You. Build Your Church, in us and in people throughout the whole world!

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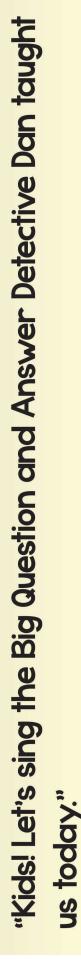
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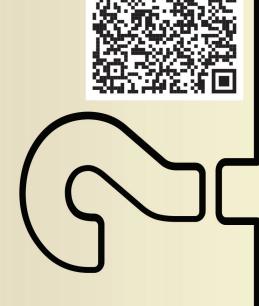
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The Church Was Strengthened: Acts 9:31

Big Question #10, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

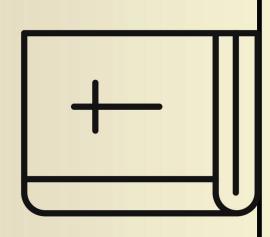
Then the church was strengthened and encouraged, By the Holy Spirit, by the Holy Spirit

Living in the fear,

It grew in numbers, It grew in numbers,

The fear of the Lord, (repeat)

Acts Nine, thirty-one.



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

#### The Church's One Foundation Big Question #10 Hymn

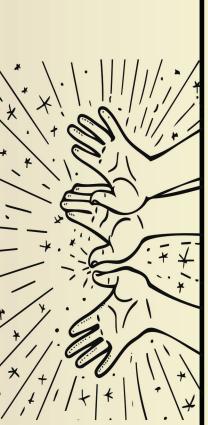
The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, Verse

From heav'n He came a sought her, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. By Spirit and the Word; To be His holy bride,

#### Big Question #10 Praise Song **Create in Me a Clean Heart**

And renew a right spirit within me. And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, 0 God, Create in me a clean heart, 0 God,





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

## The Gospel Song (Short)

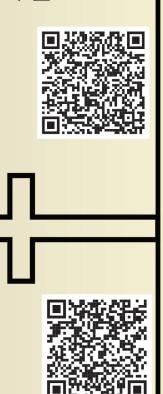
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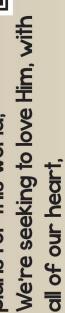
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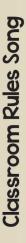
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if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend,

Obey your teachers, sitting beside you,

These are our classroom rules, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another, These are our classroom rules.

**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!



A, Adoration: God, we praise You!

C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.

T, Thanksgiving,: Thank You for Jesus,

S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.





#### Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan"s Big Question Box)

- 1. This is the story of God's plan to build the biggest "building" in the world. Not a building of bricks, but one made of millions of people gathering together to worship Him and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness. God called this amazing gathering He was building "the Church."
- 2. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit would work together to build the Church. God, the Father, would send Jesus to save His people. God, the Holy Spirit, would live in their hearts, so they could know and love God, and enjoy Him forever. What an amazing plan God had!
- 3. First comes the plan, then the work. God began His work by creating this world and everything in it, including the people He would make into His Church. He put something special in their bodies, so they could know and love Him: a spirit that would never die.
- 4. "Go and fill the whole earth with people," God told Adam and Eve, the first people. They had children, and their children had children. They grew and grew and made their homes all over the world.
- 5. One day, God's Church would be a great gathering of God's people from all these different places. Together, they would love God and each other perfectly forever.
- 6. But that wonderful day was not yet. From Adam and Eve on, we have all chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment, not to be His people.
- 7. But not even sin would ruin God's plans to build His Church. God had always planned to send Jesus to save His people. He would pay for their sins with His perfect life on the cross. He would make them beautiful for God. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had done it.
- 8. "Go to the whole world. Tell them about Me," Jesus told His disciples, after He rose from the dead. "Teach them how they can become God's people. The Holy Spirit will come live in your hearts and help you," He said. It was time to build God's Church from every people, just as God planned!
- 9. Filled with God's Holy Spirit, the disciples shared the good news of Jesus with everyone. As they spoke, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many. He turned their sinful hearts into the new, God-loving hearts of God's people. God's Church was growing! His plans were coming true!
- 10. For thousands of years now, Jesus' followers have kept on telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus. And as they share, the Holy Spirit has been working in hearts, helping people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, and building God's Church.
- 11. One day, God will be finished building His Church. The good news of Jesus will have gone out to the whole world, and all His people will be saved. Then, Jesus will return to earth, and He will get rid of sin and sadness, sickness and death forever.
- 12. Then, God's people go to live with Jesus in the new heaven and earth. What a beautiful, happy sight will be God's people, the Church! More people than we can count, all gathered together, enjoying God's Perfect Wonderfulness and singing His praises FOREVER.