

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

**Interactive Stories from
the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum**



**3 Bible Truths from Big Question 11:
How Can We Be Saved?
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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 is 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 curriculum 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 Worship 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 in the stories. We purchase a child's size briefcase, then, cut out and laminate the detective props, found in the back of this book. Put the Big Questions inside the corresponding props. The kids will get to pick out the prop and pull out the Big Question during that part of the story.

6. Other resources we find useful.

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

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

Get Ready to Teach

1. Choose which "Case" you are teaching.

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

3. Put your resources in place.

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

4. Pray.

Calling the Kids to Bible Time

1. Ring the bell.

2. Play the Gathering Song.

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

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

5. Pray the Opening Prayer.

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

Optional Briefcase and Props

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

Assembling the Optional Props for the Big Question Briefcase

1. Go to praisefactory.org and download the Prop Pictures and Big Questions file from the 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 un laminated, forming a pouch opening.

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

5. Cut out the Big Questions and laminate them.

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

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

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

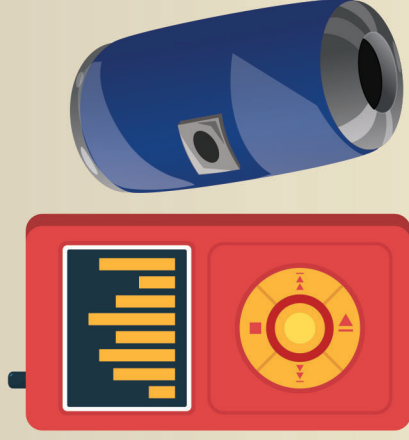
8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

Get Ready to Teach

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



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



3. Put your resources in place:

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



4. Pray!



Transition to Bible Time

1. Ring and Sing

Ring Bell

Sing "The Gathering Song"



The Gathering Song

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



2. Park and Come

"It's Bible Time, kids.

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



3. Settle with Criss Cross

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



Criss Cross Applesauce

(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

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





Let's Pray
Song

Let's Pray Song

1,2,3

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

Opening Prayer

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

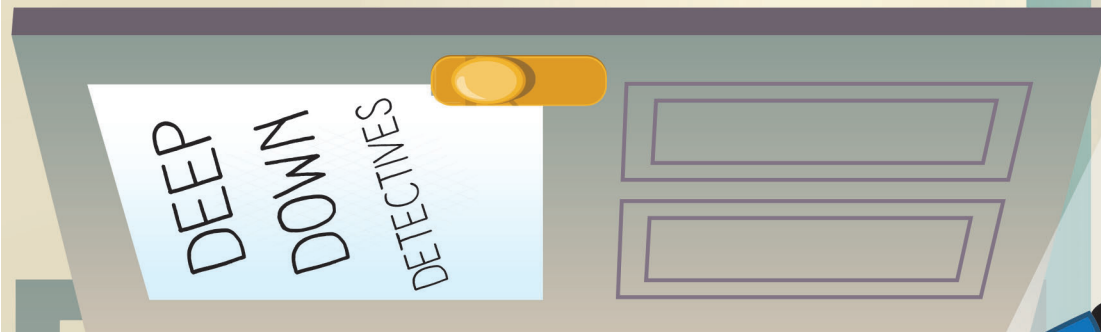
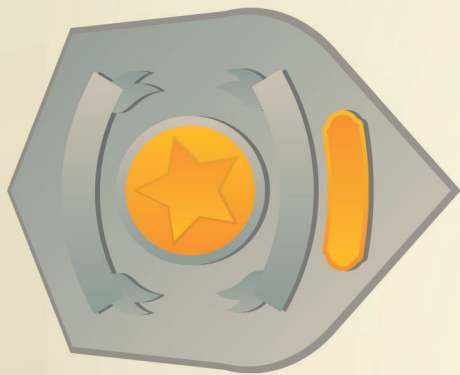
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Deliver to:
The Deep
Down
Detectives**

**Big Question #11, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the Changed Climber**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"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, 'How Can We Be Saved?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: HOW CAN WE BE SAVED?

A: IT IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

WHEN WE TELL GOD OUR ???
AND TURN AWAY FROM THEM.

Hint: "Disobeying God and His
good laws. Starts with an "S"
and rhymes with "ends."



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift...
When We Tell God Our ??? and Turn Away from Them. 1 John 1:9" Hint: "Disobeying God and His
good laws. Starts with an "S" and rhymes with "ends."

1 John 1:9

**“If we
confess
our sins,
he is
faithful to
forgive our
sins.”**



If We Say
1 John 1:8-9

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to 1 John 1:9, and read: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful to forgive our sins.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about how we can be saved?" he asked. "We think so! We need God's forgiveness for our sins if we are to be God's people. He wants us to tell Him our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

A group of seven diverse children are holding a long, yellow banner. From left to right: a girl with pigtails in a yellow shirt, a girl with long dark hair in a grey shirt, a boy with a mustache and a brown cap, a boy with spiky hair in a red shirt, a girl with dark curly hair in a blue shirt, a girl with long brown hair in a pink shirt, and a boy in a red shirt and blue shorts pointing at the banner. The banner has the following text:

Q: HOW CAN WE BE SAVED?
A: IT IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...
WHEN WE TELL GOD OUR SINS
AND TURN AWAY FROM THEM.



"Our Big Question is: How Can We Be Saved? And the answer is: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Tell God Our SINS and Turn Away from Them." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 11
Tell Me More

Song



"We are all sinners who disobey God. We deserve His punishment. We can't save ourselves, but God can. He promises to save all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Repenting means telling God your sins and turning away from them. If we do these things, God promises to forgive our sins and make us His people. We will get to know Him in our hearts by His Holy Spirit now. And one day, when we die, we will go to live with Him forever."



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Changed Climber"

Luke 19:1-9



"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 Changed Climber.' Listen for who turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus."

"The Case of the Changed Climber" Luke 19:1-9

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the climber and why did he climb?
2. How did he change?

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 John 1:8-9, ESV

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1. Who wanted to confess his sins and be forgiven by God?
2. Who didn't think he should be forgiven?
Who did think he should be forgiven?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Zacchaeus was a VERY rich man. He could have lots of fine clothes and a big, big house. He could eat all the yummiest foods and buy all the nice things he wanted. Yes. Zacchaeus could buy anything he wanted. Anything, that is, except God's forgiveness for his sins.



2. Zacchaeus certainly had plenty of sins that needed forgiving. He collected taxes from the people in Jericho for Caesar, the enemy king. He used the king's soldiers to make people pay, even when they couldn't. He took extra money and kept it for himself, even if it hurt others.



3. That's how Zacchaeus got to be so rich. And that's why people thought Zacchaeus ESPECIALLY didn't deserve God's forgiveness. "How could God forgive someone like Zacchaeus," they exclaimed. "He's such a mean, greedy bully. Surely, there is no forgiveness for someone like that!"



4. You might think all that money made Zacchaeus happy, but, it wasn't enough. God made us to know, love, and obey Him. He, alone, can make us truly happy. And that's why deep down in his heart Zacchaeus was very UN-happy. All his riches would never be enough to satisfy him.



5. What was worse, Zacchaeus knew God's laws, and that he had broken them. A man who had done such bad things wasn't even allowed to go in the worship house to worship God. There seemed to be no way for Zacchaeus to come back to God now.



6. But there WAS a way to be forgiven. God had made a way through His Son, Jesus, as Zacchaeus found out one day.



7. "Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!" the exciting news spread through Jericho. A crowd of people gathered along the road to see Jesus. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, too, but he was too short to see over the crowd. And he was so hated that no one would let him through.



8. But Zacchaeus didn't give up. He ran down the road and climbed up a big tree. It would have been so easy for Jesus to miss the short, little man hiding up among the leaves. But Jesus didn't miss Zacchaeus. He was **LOOKING** for him. Jesus had come to bring Zacchaeus God's forgiveness.



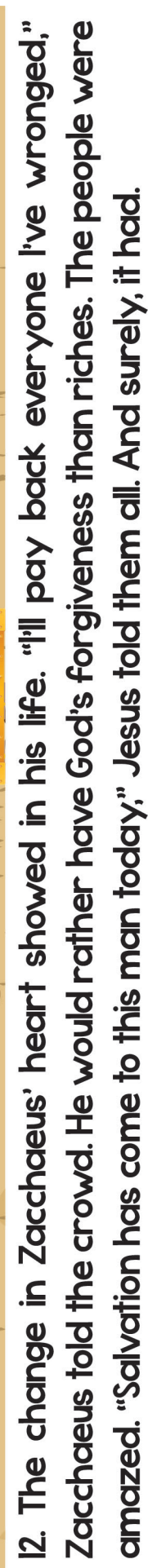
9. Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus, and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus was shocked and so happy. Good teachers like Jesus never asked to stay at the house of bad men like him.



10. Zacchaeus knew what this meant. Jesus wasn't asking to stay at his big house to enjoy his nice things and yummy food. Jesus was asking to stay at his house to welcome him back to God. What wonderful news! How he wanted God to forgive his sins, more than anything in the world!



II. Right then and there, God's Holy Spirit did a wonderful thing in Zacchaeus' heart. He helped Zacchaeus turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as his Savior. Zacchaeus was forgiven by God for all the terrible things he had done. God had saved Zacchaeus through Jesus.



"The Case of the Changed Climber"

Q: "Who turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior?"

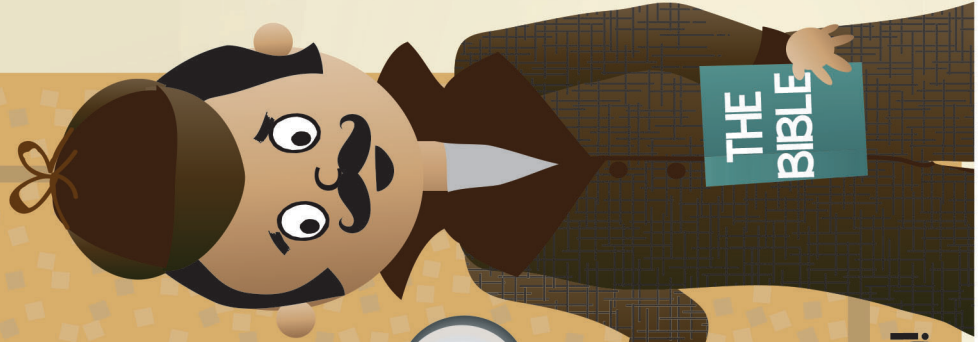


SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them!

A: "Zacchaeus did."

plenty for
younger
kids



"The Case of the Changed Climber" Luke 19:1-9

SOLVED

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the climber and why did he climb?
Zacchaeus was the climber. He climbed up a tree, so he could see Jesus.

2. How did he change?
Zacchaeus turned away from his sins. He stopped being a mean, greedy cheat. He put his trust in Jesus as his Savior and God forgave his sins and made him one of His people.

What about You and Me?
Like Zacchaeus, we All have disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. How sad! But like Zacchaeus, we, too, can confess our sins to God and turn away from them. We can trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God will forgive our sins and make us one of His people, just like He did for Zacchaeus.

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 John 1:8-9, ESV

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1. Who wanted to confess his sins and be forgiven by God? Zacchaeus did.

2. Who didn't think he should be forgiven? Who did think he should be forgiven?

The people in Zacchaeus' town of Jericho didn't think Zacchaeus should be forgiven by God. He was too bad of a man. But Jesus welcomed Zacchaeus to be forgiven by God.

What about you and me?

No one is too bad to be forgiven their sins by God. All who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven their sins and saved! God can do this for you and me, too. Ask Him! He loves to answer this prayer.

Something to Grow Into

How Can We Be Saved?
It Is God's Free Gift...

When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them!

The Gospel

We all have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment, not His love. And there's nothing we can do on our own to earn God's love.

But God is so merciful! He made the way for us to be saved from our sins and become His people, as His free gift. How? Through Jesus, His Son. Jesus lived a perfect life; then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can receive God's free gift of salvation when we tell God our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!

more depth
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older kids



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

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

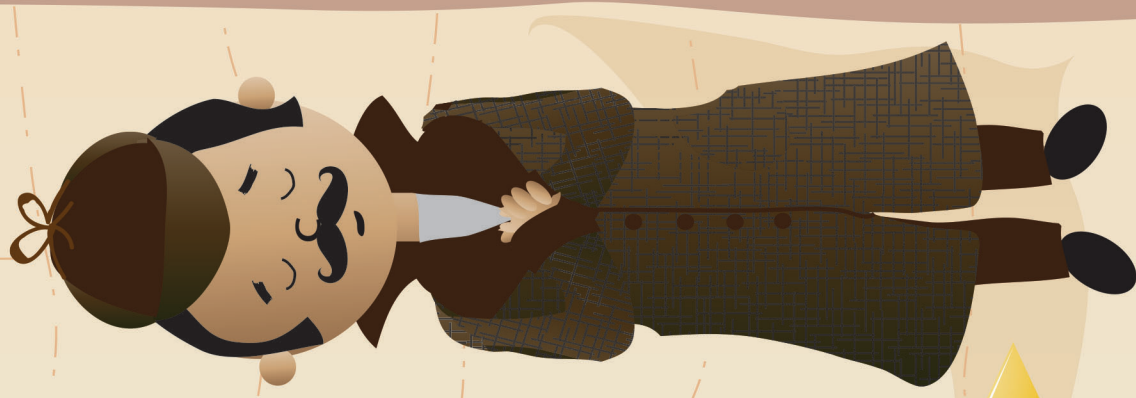
A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are our Savior!

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

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

plenty for
younger
kids

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth
for
older kids

A God, we praise You for being faithful and just, and able to forgive our sins.

C God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!

T Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts. Show us our sins and our need for Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and whom You will love forever.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



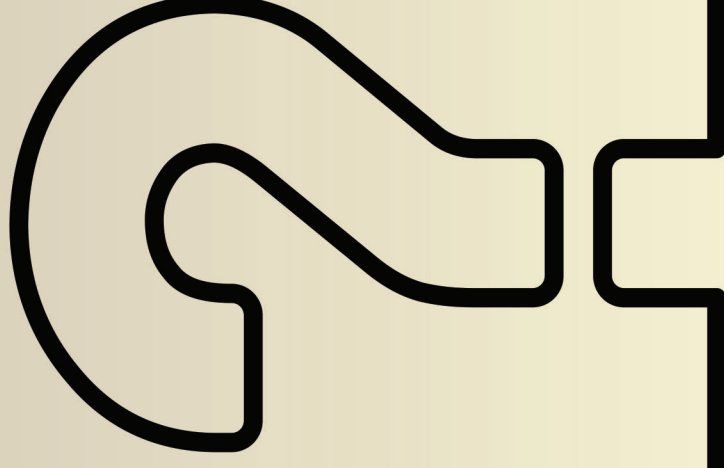
A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)



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

Big Qu & A #11 Simple Song

**How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
It is God's free gift!**



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

Big Question #11 Tell Me More Song How Can We Be Saved?

Refrain

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift.

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift through Christ.

Verse 1

I disobey God, I need a Savior,

You disobey God, You need a Savior,

We all disobey God, We need a Savior.

To save us from our sins.

Refrain

Verse 2

Jesus, He paid the price,

the perfect sacrifice,

On the cross, gave His life,

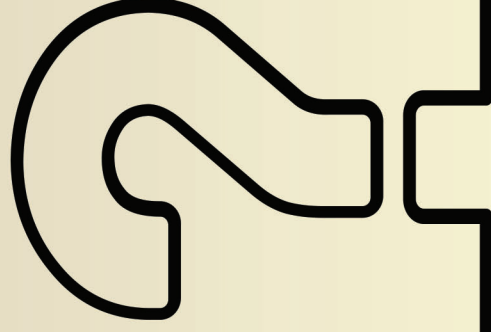
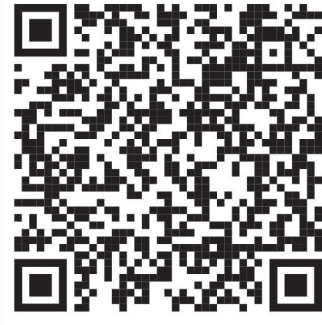
Bought us eternal life,

Takes away all our sin,

Makes our hearts clean within,

When we repent and believe in Him.

Refrain



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

Big Question #11, Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song:

If We Say: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin,
If we say we have no sin,
If we say we have no sin,
We deceive ourselves,
And the truth is not in us.

But...If we confess our sins...
God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
Faithful and just to forgive us our sin
Faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
And purify us from,
All unrighteousness.
First John One, verses eight and nine.



Big Question #11, Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song:
If We Say We Have No Sin: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin,
We deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us,
the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sin,
He is faithful and just,
to forgive our sins.

and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.

First John One, verses eight and nine.



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

Big Question #11 Hymn

Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin

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

Big Question #11 Praise Song

Blessed Be the Name

All praise to Him who reigns above
in majesty supreme.
Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
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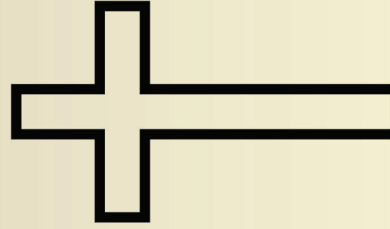


"Let's praise the Lord for His free gift of salvation through Jesus!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,
But God sent His Son to save,
All who turn back to Him, and pray:
"Jesus, be my Savior,
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd won the fight,
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,
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"Let's sing about the gospel: God's best good news that we can become His people through Jesus."

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,
diggin' deep in God's Word,
For truths about God and His
plans for this world,
We're seeking to love Him, with
all of our heart,
We're Deep Down Detectives!
Come on! Let's start!



Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



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Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
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These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
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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 11, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Changed Climber *Luke 19:1-9*

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

1. Zacchaeus was a VERY rich man. He could have lots of fine clothes and a big, big house. He could eat all the yummiest foods and buy all the nice things he wanted. Yes. Zacchaeus could buy anything he wanted. Anything, that is, except God's forgiveness for his sins.
2. Zacchaeus certainly had plenty of sins that needed forgiving. He collected taxes from the people in Jericho for Caesar, the enemy king. He used the king's soldiers to make people pay, even when they couldn't. He took extra money and kept it for himself, even if it hurt others.
3. That's how Zacchaeus got to be so rich. And that's why people thought Zacchaeus ESPECIALLY didn't deserve God's forgiveness. "How could God forgive someone like Zacchaeus," they exclaimed. "He's such a mean, greedy bully. Surely, there is no forgiveness for someone like that!"
4. Zacchaeus may have loved the things his money could buy, but, it wasn't enough. God made us to know, love, and obey Him. He, alone, can make us truly happy. And that's why deep down in his heart Zacchaeus was very UN-happy.
5. What was worse, Zacchaeus knew God's laws, and that he had broken them. A man who had done such bad things wasn't even allowed to go in the worship house to worship God. There seemed to be no way for Zacchaeus to come back to God now.
6. But there WAS a way to be forgiven. God had made a way through His Son, Jesus, as Zacchaeus found out one day.
7. "Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!" the exciting news spread through Jericho. A crowd of people gathered along the road to see Jesus. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, too, but he was too short to see over the crowd. And he was so hated that no one would let him through.
8. But Zacchaeus didn't give up. He ran down the road and climbed up a big tree. It would have been so easy for Jesus to miss the short, little man hiding up among the leaves. But Jesus didn't miss Zacchaeus. He was LOOKING for him. Jesus had come to bring Zacchaeus God's forgiveness.
9. Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus, and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus was shocked and so happy. Good teachers like Jesus never asked to stay at the house of bad men like him.
10. Zacchaeus knew what this meant. Jesus wasn't asking to stay at his big house to enjoy his nice things and yummy food. Jesus was asking to stay at his house to welcome him back to God. What wonderful news! How he wanted God to forgive his sins, more than anything in the world!
11. Right then and there, God's Holy Spirit did a wonderful thing in Zacchaeus' heart. He helped Zacchaeus turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as his Savior. Zacchaeus was forgiven by God for all the terrible things he had done. God had saved Zacchaeus through Jesus.
12. The change in Zacchaeus' heart showed in his life. "I'll pay back everyone I've wronged," Zacchaeus told the crowd. He would rather have God's forgiveness than riches. The people were amazed. "Salvation has come to this man today," Jesus told them all. And surely, it had.

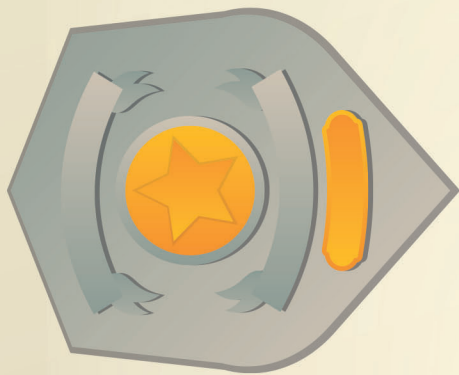
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Deliver to:
The Deep
Down
Detectives**

**Big Question #11, Bible Truth 2:
The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"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, 'How Can We Be Saved?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



“Deep Down Detectives! This is your second of three missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my magnifying glass. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”



DEEP
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DETECTIVES

Q: HOW CAN WE BE SAVED?

A: IT IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

WHEN WE WHEN WE TRUST IN ???
AS OUR OWN SAVIOR.

Hint: "The name of God's Son.
Starts with a "J" and
rhymes with "sneezes."

ROMANS
10:9

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in ??? As Our Own Savior. Romans 10:9" Hint: "The name of God's Son. Starts with a "J" and rhymes with "sneezes."

Romans

10:9

**“If you
confess**

Jesus is Lord

and believe

that God

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saved.”



If You Confess with
Your Mouth
Romans 10:9-10

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Romans 10:9, and read: “If you confess Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about how we can be saved?" he asked. "We think so! God's people believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins and rose from the dead in victory. He is their Lord --the One they want to live for their whole lives."



"Our Big Question is: How Can We Be Saved? And the answer is: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in JESUS As Our Own Savior." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 11

Tell Me More

Song



“We have all chosen to disobey God. We deserve His punishment, not His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him, and there’s no way we can save ourselves. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to be saved. Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for God’s people’s sins when He died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can be God’s people forever.”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man"

Acts 8-9



"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 Amazed, Mad Man.' Listen for who changed from being an enemy of Jesus to trusting in Him as his Savior."

"The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man" Acts 8-9

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older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he so mad about?
2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 10:9-10, ESV

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

1. Who told people to stop saying Jesus is the Savior?
2. Why did he change his mind?

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

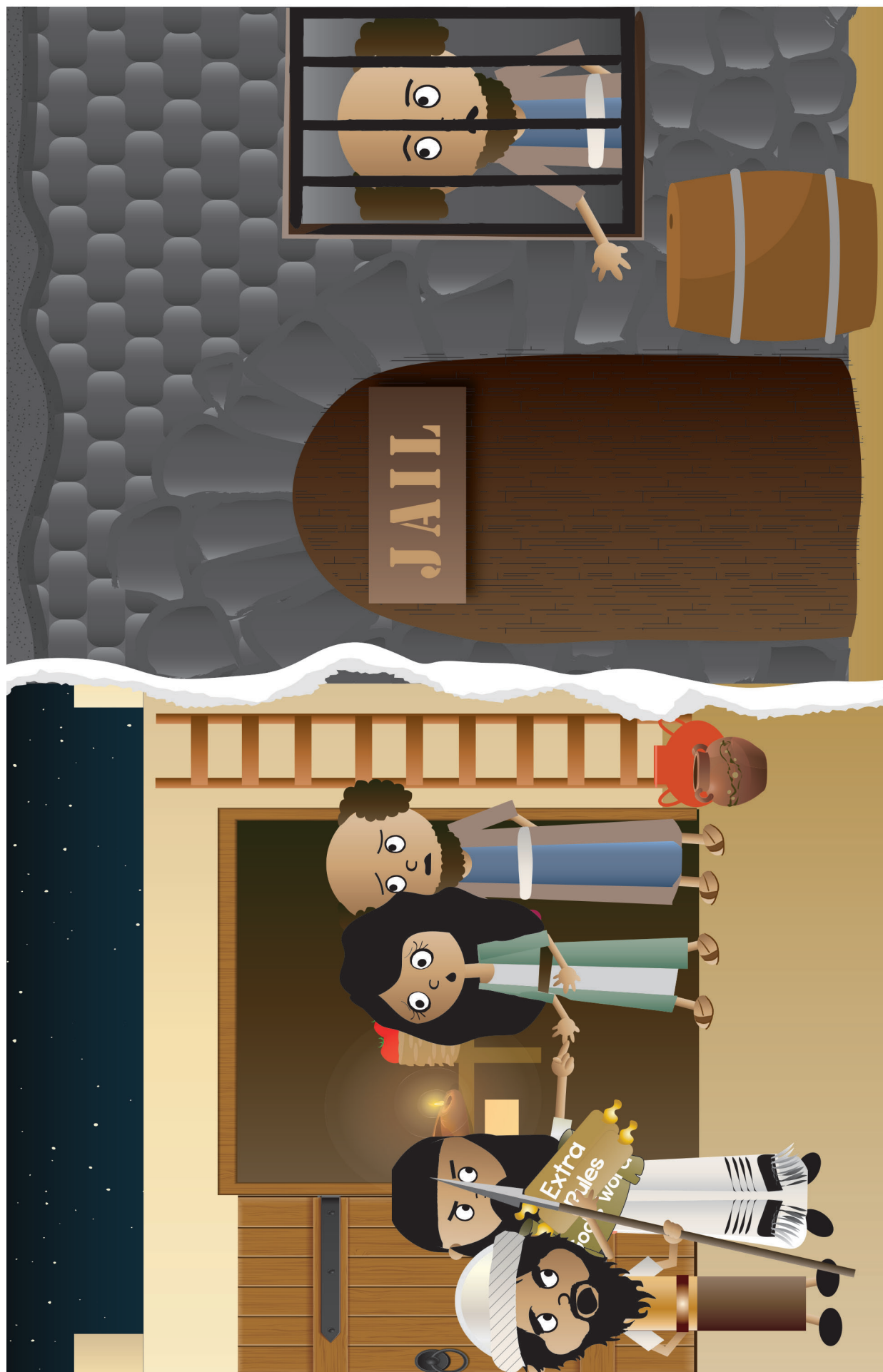
Something to Grow Into



I. Jesus' followers shared the good news of Jesus with the people of Jerusalem. Many turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. They loved Jesus and were so happy to become God's people.



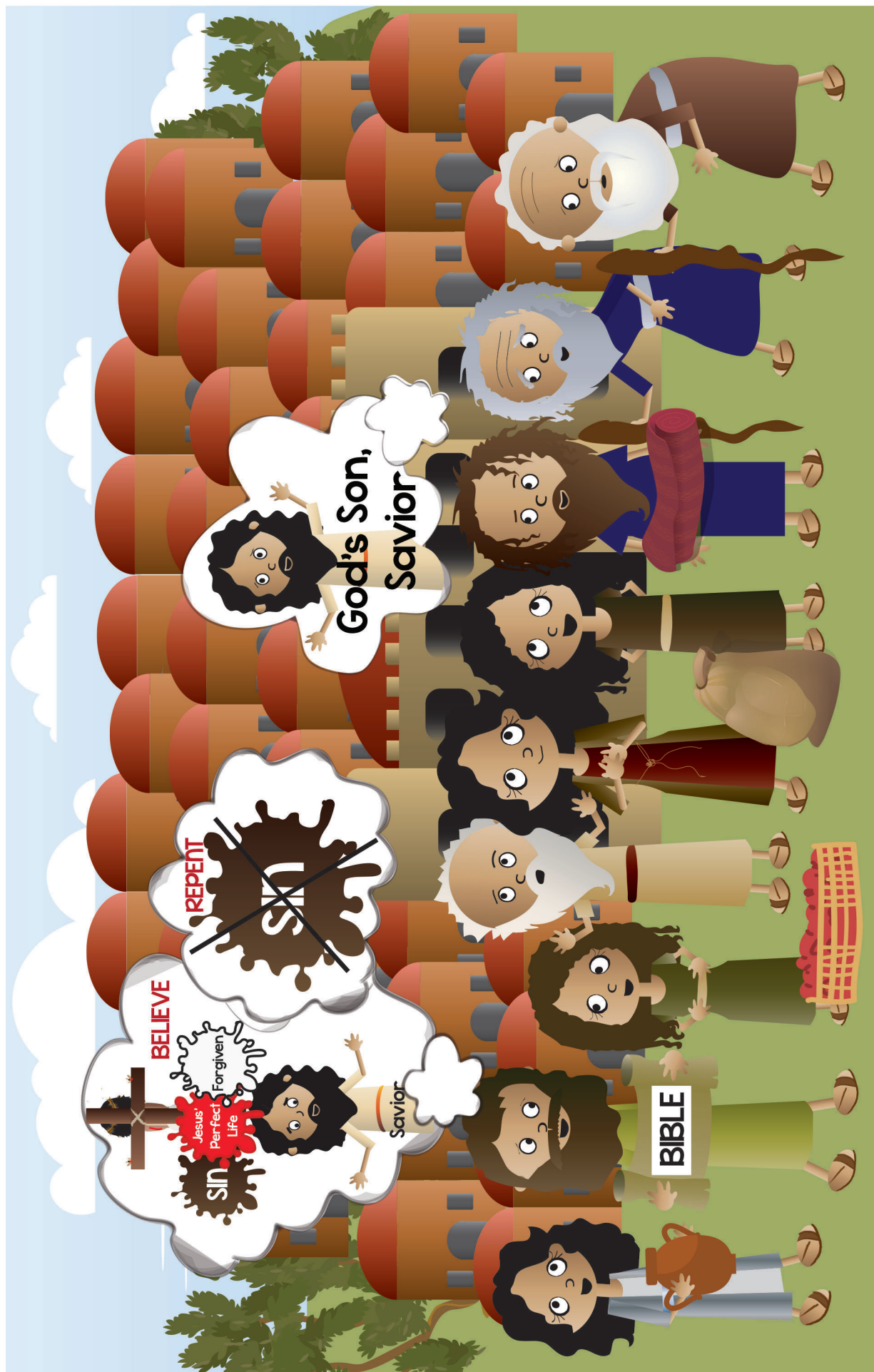
2. But others, like Saul, hated Jesus. "Jesus is a fake! Stop saying He's the Savior," he told Jesus' followers. "Stop telling people about Jesus, or I'll punish you and put you in jail," he warned. Oh, no! What would Jesus' followers do now?



3. Jesus' followers didn't stop sharing the good news of Jesus, but Saul didn't stop either. Saul dragged Jesus' followers out of their houses, punished them, and put them in jail. Life was hard for Jesus' followers, but God was about to use it all to tell even more people about Jesus.



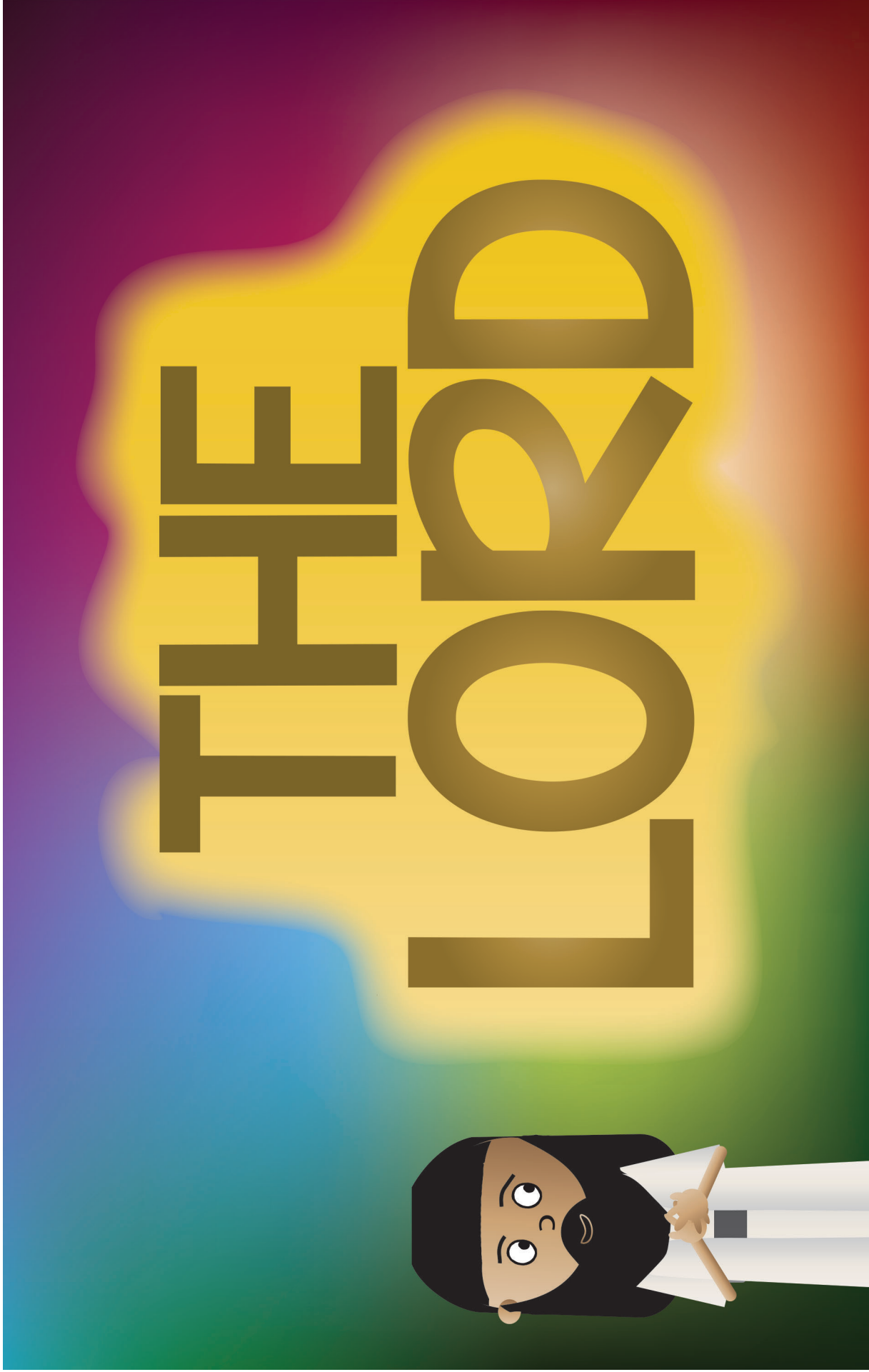
4. “Jesus told us to tell the whole world about Him,” Jesus’ followers remembered. “A few of us will stay here in Jerusalem, but everyone else should get away from Saul and move to other cities,” they decided. “People in those cities need to hear the good news of Jesus, too.”



5. So, they packed their things and moved to other cities. Everywhere they went, they shared the good news of Jesus with all who would listen. How happy Jesus' followers were when many people in these new cities turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior!



6. Saul was furious when he heard the news. He went to the high priest, and said, "Give me men to go to these other cities, starting in Damascus. I'll arrest the Christians and put them in jail," Saul promised. The high priest agreed. Saul would stop all this talk about Jesus, this fake Savior.



7. But Saul was wrong. And God had very different plans for him. God was about to give Saul the gift of faith in Jesus. He would use Saul to spread the good news of Jesus to many, not stop it. And this was all about to happen as Saul and the men neared Damascus.



8. Suddenly, a bright light from heaven shone down on them. Saul shut his eyes and fell down to the ground. Then he heard a voice say, "Saul, Saul, why are you hurting me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus. Now go to Damascus and you'll be told what to do," Jesus replied.



9. But when Saul went to open his eyes, he was blind! The men had to lead Saul to Damascus. For three days, Saul prayed and thought about everything. Jesus WAS the Savior. His followers WERE God's people. And HE deserved God's punishment for the terrible things he had done to them.



10. But as Saul prayed, he asked God for MORE than he deserved. Saul asked for God's forgiveness, and God gave it. God helped Saul turn away from his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior. Saul had become one of God's people. How kind God is to sinners like Saul, and us!



II. God sent a man named Ananias to Saul. "Brother Saul, Jesus, has sent me so you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Ananias laid his hands on Saul and something like scales fell off his eyes. Saul was healed! Best of all, God's Holy Spirit came to live in Saul's heart.



12. Saul was a new man. God even gave him a new name: Paul. Paul got up and was baptized. He began a new life of living for God with Jesus as his Savior. Then, Paul did something he never dreamed he would do: he shared the good news of Jesus with the people of Damascus.



13. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many that day. That was just the beginning of God's plans to use Paul. God may even use Paul's words, written down in God's Word, to help YOU turn from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. Ask Him to help you!

"The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man"

Q: "Who changed from being an enemy of Jesus to trusting in Him as his Savior?"

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kids



A: "Saul (Paul) did."

"The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man" Acts 8-9

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he so mad about?
Saul. He was mad that Jesus' followers were telling people to trust in Jesus as their Savior.
 2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened?
Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He started telling everyone the good news of Jesus.
- For You and Me:
God turned Saul from a man who hated Jesus and wanted to hurt God's people, to someone who loved Jesus and served Him his whole life. God can work powerfully in our lives, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 10:9-10, ESV

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

1. Who told people to stop saying Jesus is the Savior? Saul did.
2. Why did he change his mind?
Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:
How amazing it is that God could change someone like Saul from a man who hated Jesus to a man who loved Him and trusted in Him as his Savior. God can change us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Something to Grow Into

How Can We Be Saved?
It Is God's Free Gift...

When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior!

The Gospel

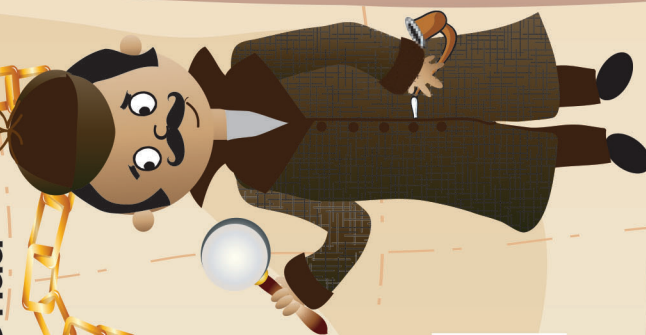
We all have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment, not His love. And there's nothing we can do on our own to earn God's love.

But God is so merciful! He made the way for us to be saved from our sins and become His people, as His free gift. How? Through Jesus, His Son. Jesus lived a perfect life; then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can receive God's free gift of salvation when we tell God our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

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

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are our Savior!

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

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being good and just. We honor You as the One we should all obey.

C God, we confess that we are all sinners who have disobeyed You. We know that we can never deserve to be Your people by good things we do. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Thank You that He made the way for us to become Your people with His perfect life given as the full payment for the sins of God's people.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior that we might become Your people. Help us to know and love You. Help us to live for You.

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ACTS Prayer Song



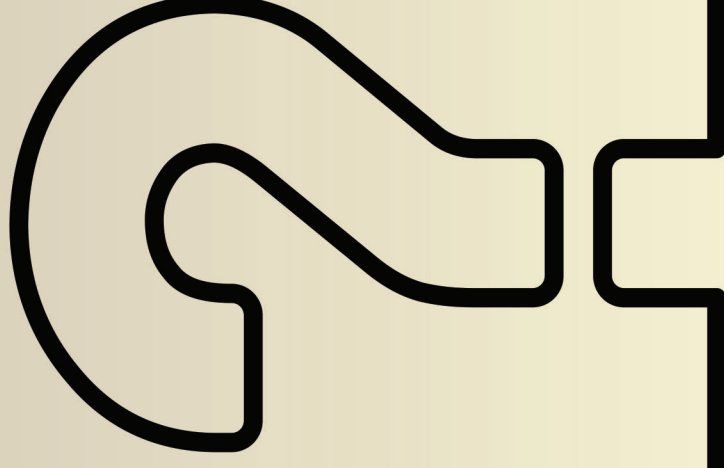
A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)



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

Big Qu & A #11 Simple Song

**How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
It is God's free gift!**



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

Big Question #11 Tell Me More Song How Can We Be Saved?

Refrain

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift.

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift through Christ.

Verse 1

I disobey God, I need a Savior,

You disobey God, You need a Savior,

We all disobey God, We need a Savior.

To save us from our sins.

Refrain

Verse 2

Jesus, He paid the price,

the perfect sacrifice,

On the cross, gave His life,

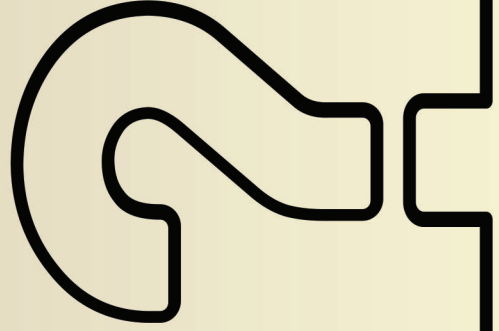
Bought us eternal life,

Takes away all our sin,

Makes our hearts clean within,

When we repent and believe in Him.

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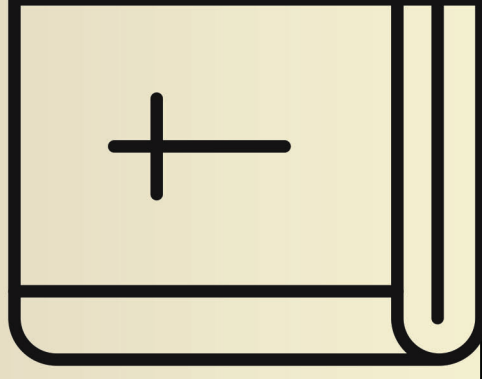
Here's a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

**Big Question #11, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:
If You Confess with Your Mouth: Romans 10:9-10**



If you confess, with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,”
And believe in your heart,
That God raised Him from the dead,
You will be saved, you will be saved.
For with the heart, one believes and is justified.

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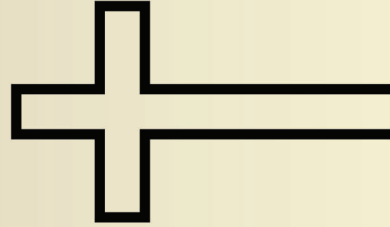


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The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man Acts 8-9

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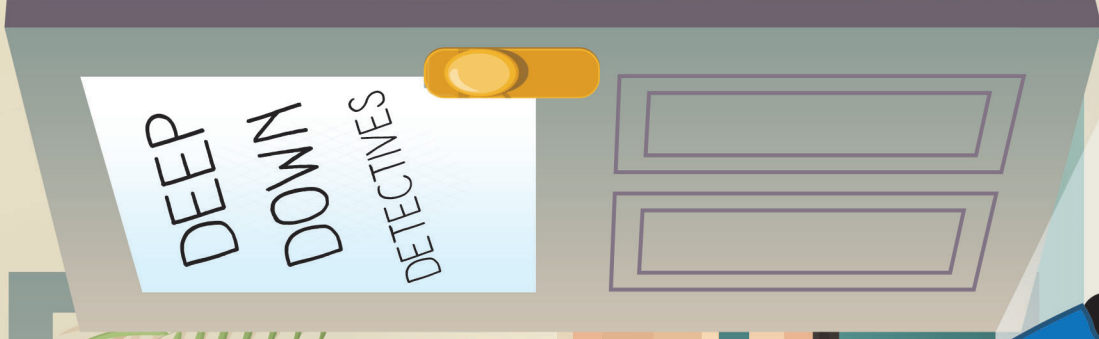
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**Big Question #11, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday**

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"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, 'How Can We Be Saved?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



Big Q & A 11
Simple Song



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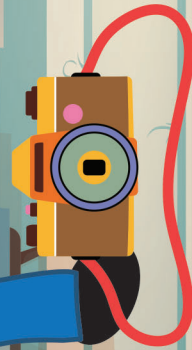
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A: IT IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN OUR ????



TITUS
3:5



Hint: "What God put inside us so we can know and love Him. It starts with an "H" and rhymes with "starts."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift... When the Holy Spirit Works in Our ????" Hint: "What God put inside us so we can know and love Him. It starts with an "H" and rhymes with "starts."

Titus 3:5

**“He saved
us by the
Holy Spirit.”**



He Saved Us
Titus 3:5

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Titus 3:5, and read: “He saved us by the Holy Spirit.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about how we can be saved?" he asked. "We think so! We can't be saved on our own. God's Holy Spirit needs to work in our hearts, helping us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



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



Big Question 11
Tell Me More

Song



“We are sinners, with hearts dead and without love for God. We would never choose to love Him on our own. But God treats His people better than they deserve. He sends His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. When they hear God’s Word, He helps them know they are sinners. He helps them stop disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He makes their hearts alive to God, so they can know Him, love Him and obey Him. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in your heart!”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday"

John 3



"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 Surprising, Second Birthday.' Listen for who learned about the Holy Spirit's powerful work that changes our hearts."

"The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday" John 3

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older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promise to all who trust in him as their Savior?
2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Titus 3:5, ESV

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?
2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?

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

Something to Grow Into



1. To the country, to the cities, went Jesus and His disciples. And everywhere they went, people came and were amazed. "This Jesus is not like any other teacher. He teaches us what God is really like. He heals sick people with just His words, by God's power," they exclaimed.



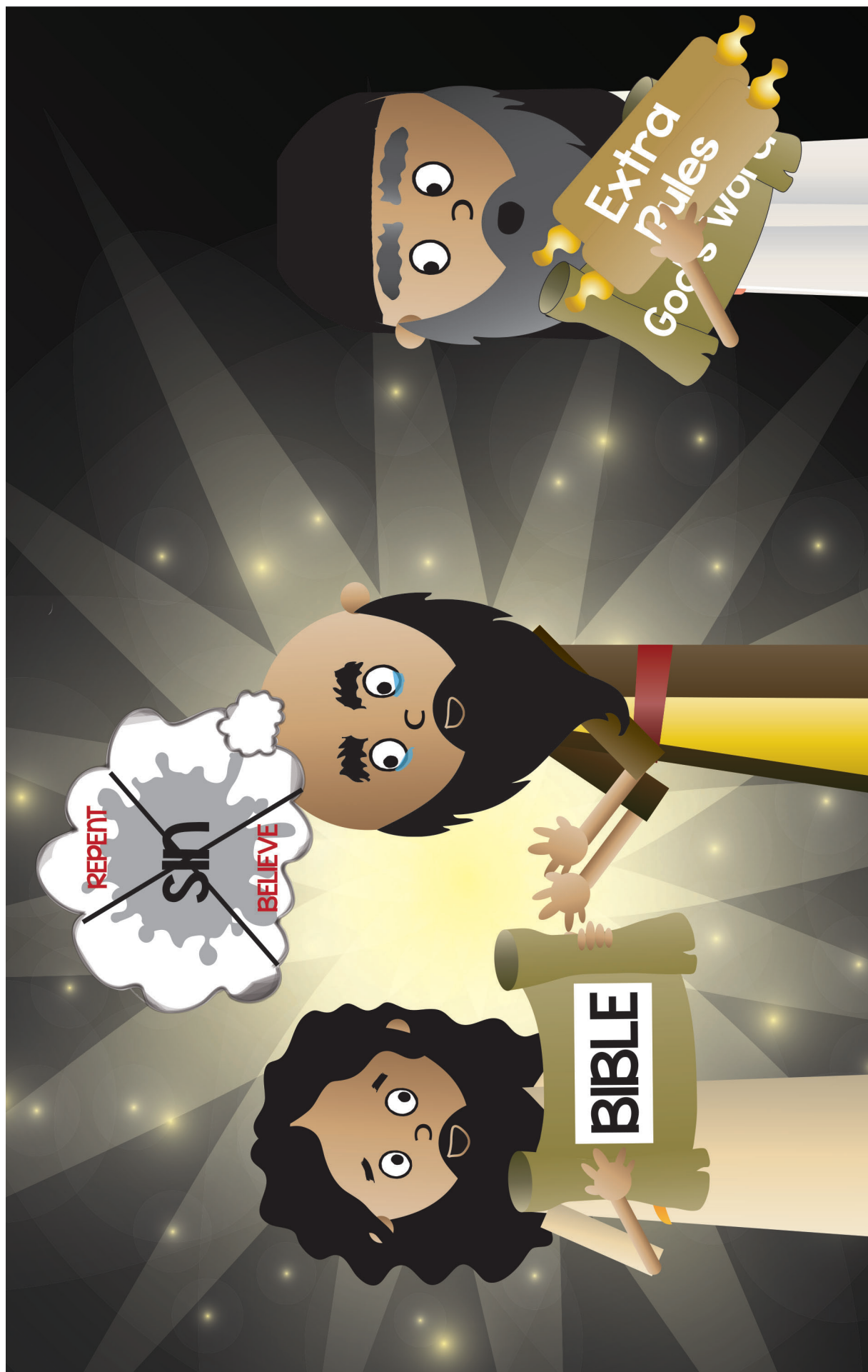
2. Someone ELSE at work, as Jesus taught about God and did amazing things: God, the Holy Spirit! He worked in the hearts of many, helping them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as God's Son, the Savior.



3. God forgave their sins and made them His people. Now, they could know and love God in their hearts. And one day, they would go live with Him, face-to-face forever. What a wonderful thing the Holy Spirit was doing in these people as they listened to Jesus!



4. An important teacher of God's Word named Nicodemus came to hear to Jesus. He may have been a teacher, but he felt like a learner when he listened to Jesus, he was so amazed. "No one can teach or do the things Jesus does unless he was sent by God," Nicodemus thought.



5. But what amazed Nicodemus most of all was how people changed when they believed in Jesus. They were turning from their sins and living for God! How could this be? Nicodemus had to know more. So, one night, Nicodemus went to see Jesus and ask Him his questions.

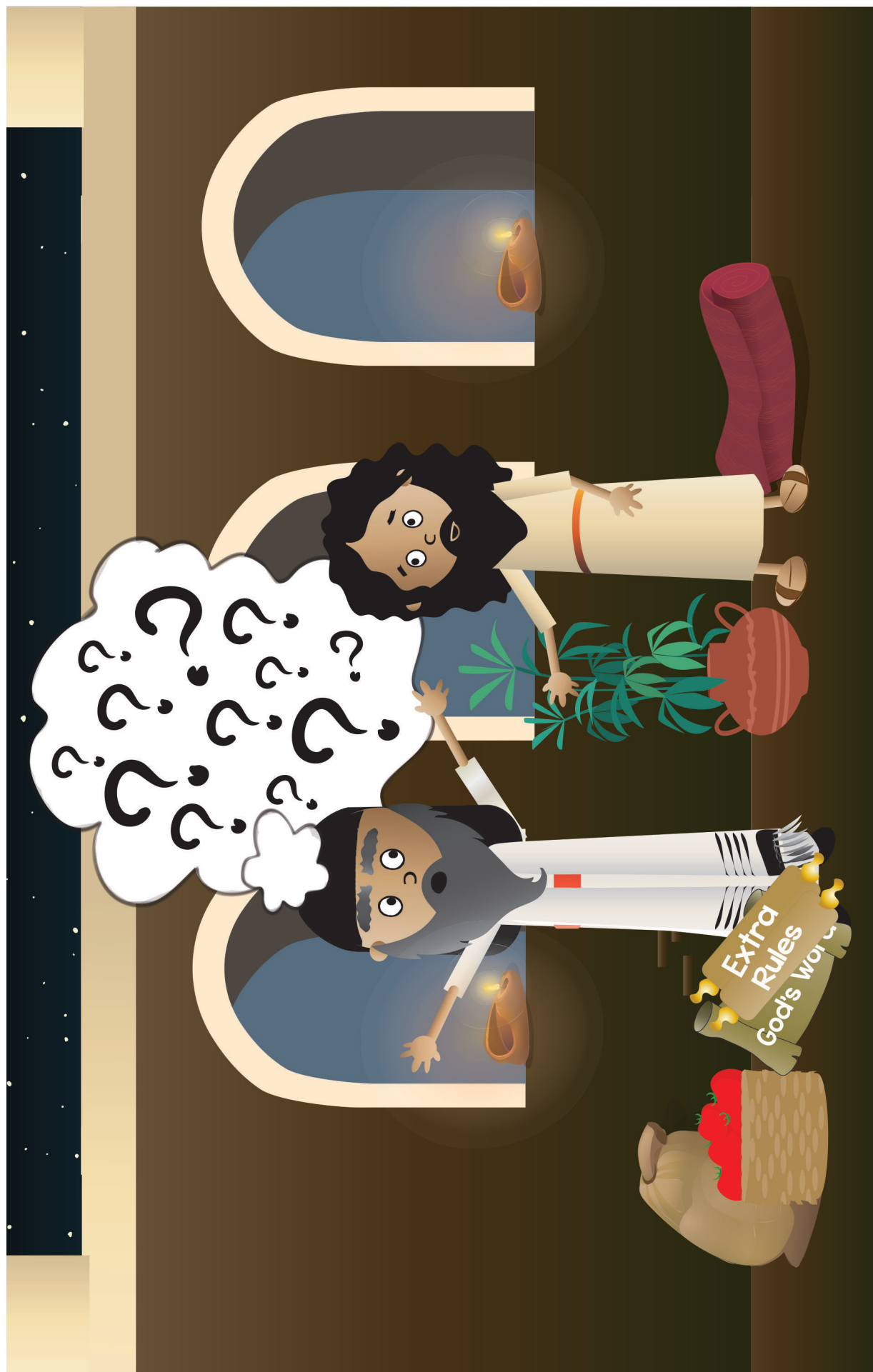


6. "No one can become one of God's people and part of His kingdom unless they are born again," Jesus told Nicodemus. Nicodemus was confused. "Born again? Like a baby from a mother? How? I'm a full-grown man. I don't understand," Nicodemus told Jesus.

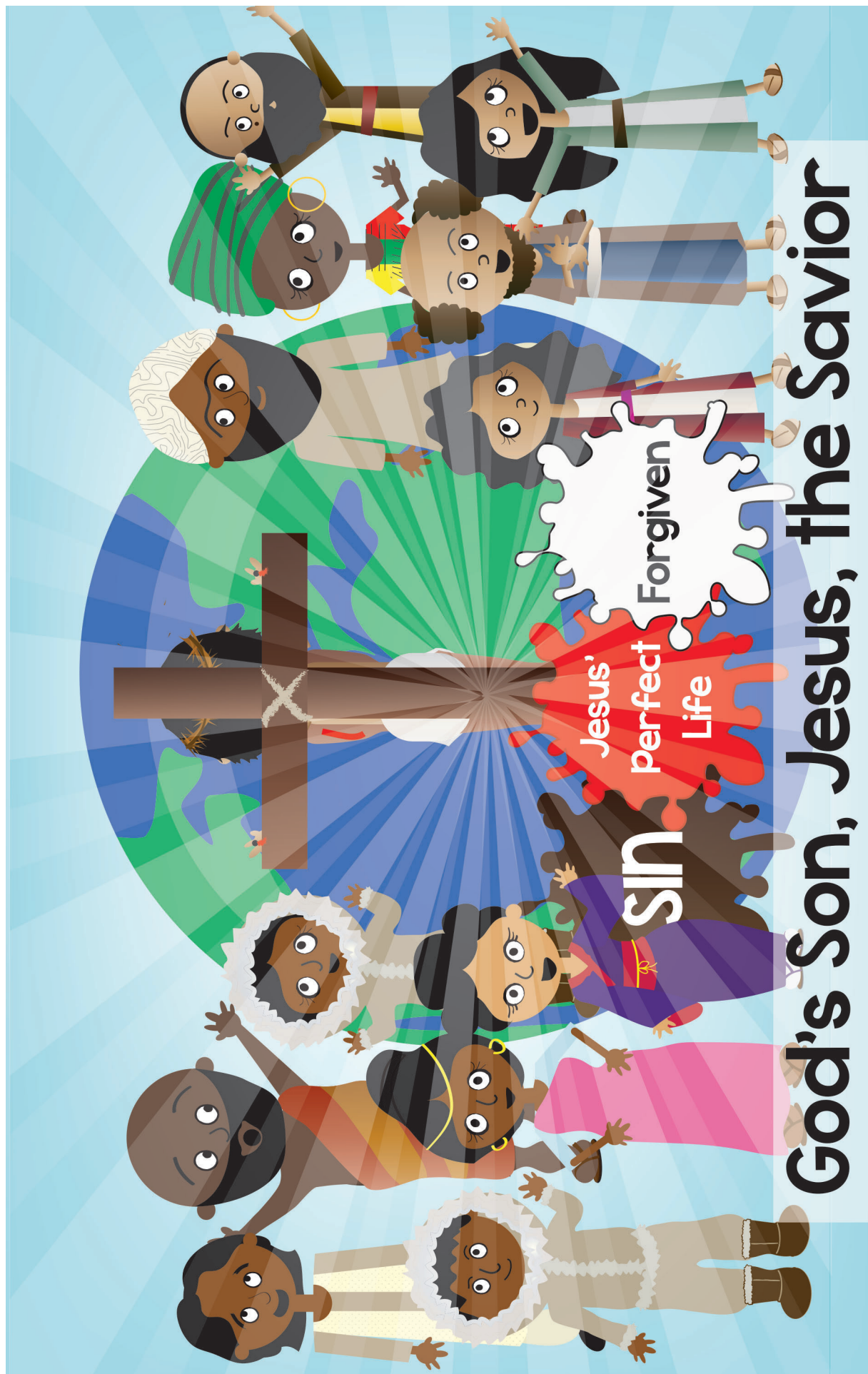
Holy Spirit



7. "This is a new birth in your HEART, not in your body," Jesus explained. "The Holy Spirit works in your heart, helping you turn away from disobeying God. He helps you love God and trust in Me as your Savior. He makes you a new person on the inside, like being born again," Jesus said.



8. "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked, still trying to understand. "Nicodemus, you are one of the best teachers of God's Word, yet you don't understand?" Jesus replied. "This is why God has sent Me, His Son, from heaven."



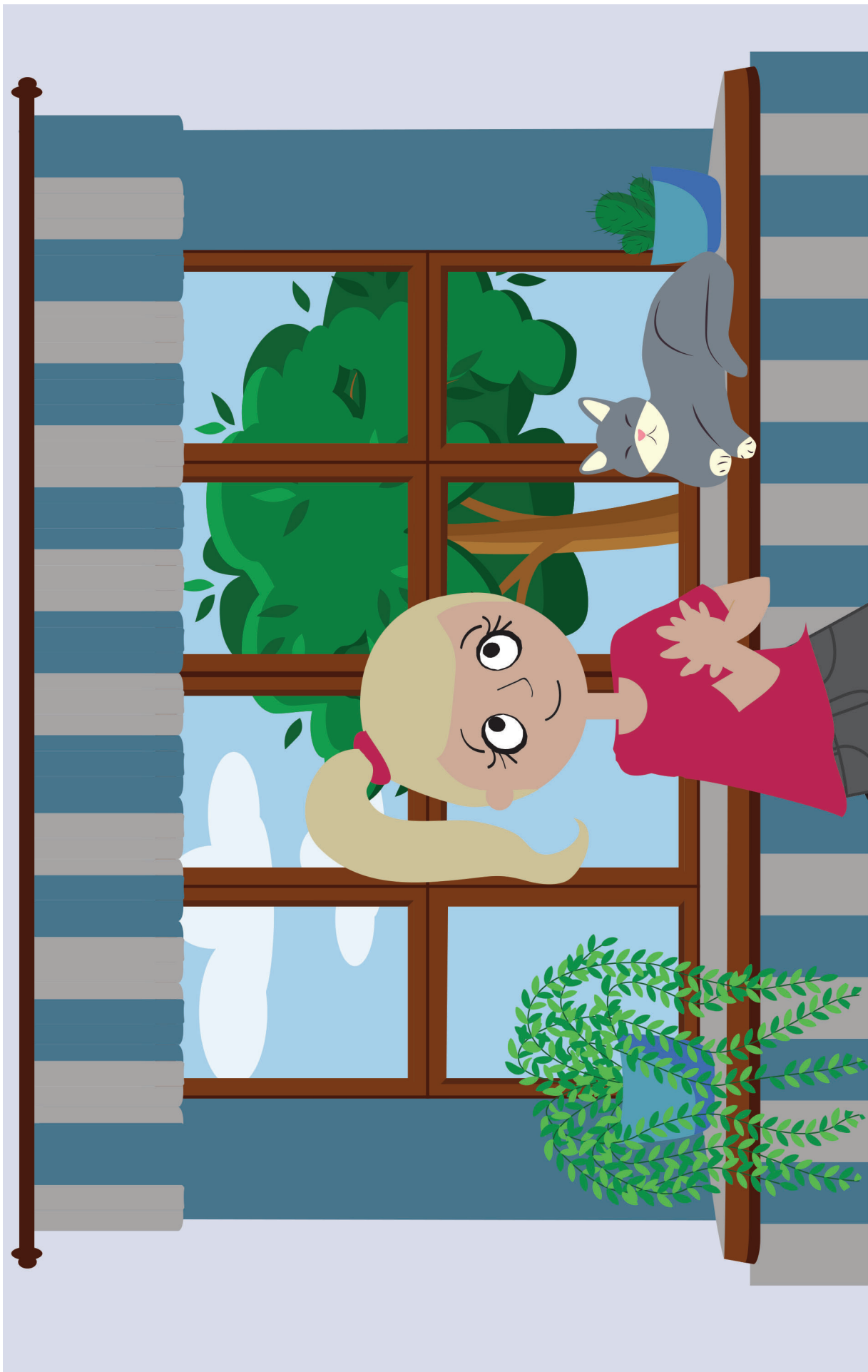
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10. Nicodemus had much to think about that night. Jesus had taught him new things he had never understood before: the Holy Spirit works inside people, helping them believe in Jesus as their Savior and giving them new hearts as God's people. What big ideas!



II. Did the Holy Spirit work in Nicodemus' heart? Did he trust in Jesus as his Savior? It seems so. We know Nicodemus stood up against Jesus' enemies. And, he helped bury Jesus' body, when Jesus died. Some say, Jesus' enemies made Nicodemus stop teaching because he was Jesus' follower.



12. But there's something I DO know. We can ask God's Holy Spirit to work in OUR hearts right now. He can help us to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people and enjoy Him forever. God loves to answer this prayer!

"The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday"

Q: "Who learned about the Holy Spirit's powerful work that changes our hearts?"

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SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts.

A: "Nicodemus did."

"The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday" John 3



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promise to all who trust in him as their Savior?

To be a changed person, forgiven of their sins, and one of God's people forever.

2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it?

To Nicodemus. He didn't understand that the Holy Spirit is the One who works inside us and changes our hearts. He is the One who helps us repent and believe, so we can become God's people.

For You and Me:

That special, second birthday wasn't just for important people like Nicodemus. It's for anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and help you. He loves to answer these prayers!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Titus 3:5, ESV

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?

To be made a new person inside their heart. God forgives their sins and helps them trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?
The Holy Spirit.

For You and Me:

That special, second birthday that God gave to His people long ago is something He still gives to people today. How? When they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and work in your heart and help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

Something to Grow Into

How Can We Be Saved?
It Is God's Free Gift...

When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts!

The Gospel

We all have chosen to disobey God. Our hearts are dead and empty of love for Him and His good ways. We would never choose to love God on our own.

We deserve God's punishment, but God has sent us a Savior-- His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us. God loves to answer this prayer!



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

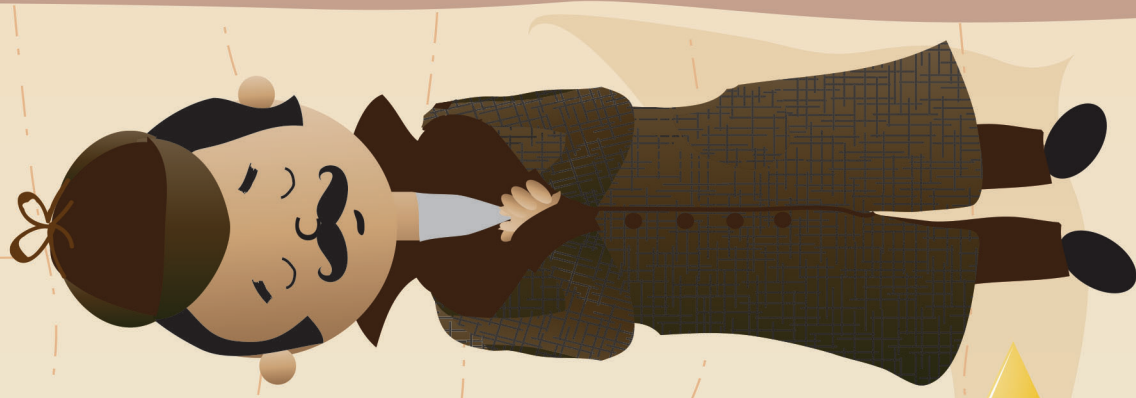
“God offers us His free gift of salvation, too. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who works in our hearts, so we might be saved.

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

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



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the Changer of the hearts of sinful people, like us.

C God, we confess that we are all sinners. We have hard hearts that are slow to believe, love, and obey You. We need Jesus to save us!

T Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of people like us, so we can know You, love You, and live for You. You give us what we need but could never get on our own.

S God, send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Give us faith as we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us new creations! Give us the new birth! We want to know You and live for You!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



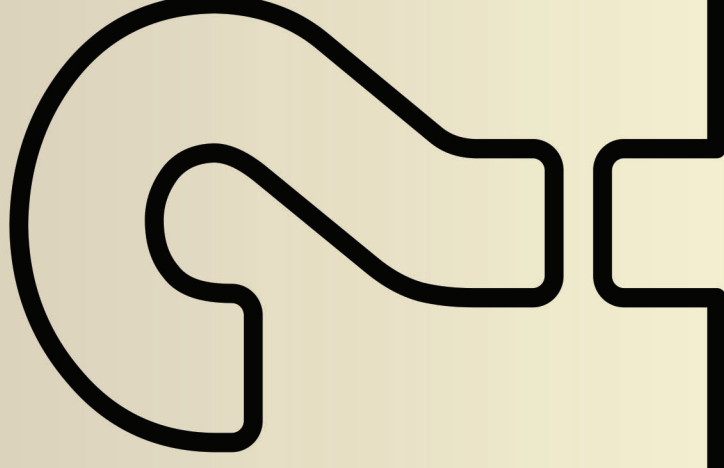
A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)



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

Big Qu & A #11 Simple Song

How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
It is God's free gift!



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

Big Question #11 Tell Me More Song How Can We Be Saved?

Refrain

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift.

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift through Christ.

Verse 1

I disobey God, I need a Savior,

You disobey God, You need a Savior,

We all disobey God, We need a Savior.

To save us from our sins.

Refrain

Verse 2

Jesus, He paid the price,

the perfect sacrifice,

On the cross, gave His life,

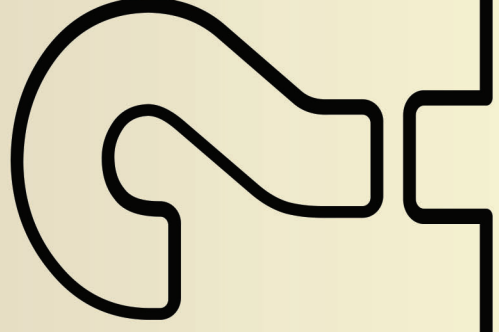
Bought us eternal life,

Takes away all our sin,

Makes our hearts clean within,

When we repent and believe in Him.

Refrain



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

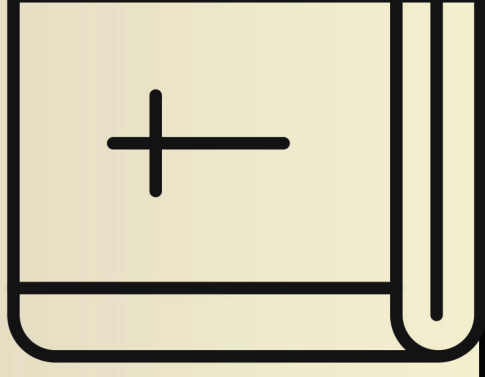
Big Question #11, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

He Saved Us: Titus 3:5

He saved us, he saved us,
By regeneration
And renewal of the Spirit.
He saved us, he saved us,
By the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,
On us richly,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,
On us, through Jesus Christ.
Titus Three, verses five through seven.



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

Big Question #11 Hymn

Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin

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

Big Question #11 Praise Song

Blessed Be the Name

All praise to Him who reigns above
in majesty supreme.
Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
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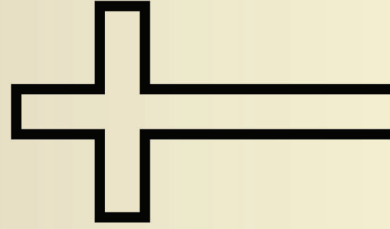


"Let's praise the Lord for His free gift of salvation through Jesus!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

We've all disobeyed God's good ways,
But God sent His Son to save,
All who turn back to Him, and pray:
"Jesus, be my Savior,
Take all my sins away."

This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

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

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

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

We're Deep Down Detectives,
diggin' deep in God's Word,
For truths about God and His
plans for this world,
We're seeking to love Him, with
all of our heart,
We're Deep Down Detectives!
Come on! Let's start!



Bible Chant Song

The Bible, the Bible,
Let's get out the Bible.
Let's hear what God has to say.
The Bible, the Bible,
God's given us the Bible.
It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay!



Classroom Rules Song

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,
Raise your hand,
if you have something to say,
Don't touch your friend,
sitting beside you,
Obey your teachers,
Be kind as you play.
These are our classroom rules,
These are our classroom rules,
They help us worship God
and love one another,
These are our classroom rules.



ACTS Prayer Song

A, Adoration: God, we praise You!
C, Confession: Forgive us our sins.
T, Thanksgiving: Thank You for Jesus,
S, Supplication: Help us to live like Him. (repeat)

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



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 11, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday John 3

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

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