

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

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



**Volume 1: Bible Truths 1-4 from Big Question 12:
How Should God's People Live?**

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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.

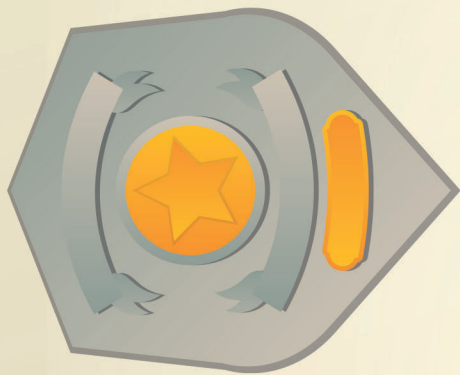
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Deliver to:
The Deep
Down
Detectives**

**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the Hardest Thing**

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 Should God’s People Live?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



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



DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?

A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

BY ASKING GOD FOR HIS ???.

HEBREWS
4:16

Hint: "What we need when we can't do something by ourselves. Starts with an "H" and rhymes with "yelp."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His ???. Hebrews 4:16." Hint: "What we need when we can't do something by ourselves. Starts with an "H" and rhymes with "yelp."

Hebrews

4:16

**“Let us
draw near
the**

**throne
of grace
to find help
in time
of need.”**



Let Us Then Draw Near
Hebrews 4:16

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Hebrews 4:16, and read: “Let us draw near the throne of grace to find help in time of need.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God is the great king over everything. He wants His people to come and ask Him to help them live for Him. He always gives them what they need."



Big Q & A 12
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His HELP!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 12
Tell Me More
Song



“When Jesus lived on earth, He asked God, His Father, for help to do everything He wanted Him to do. God wants His people to ask Him to help them, too. One of God’s best promises to His people is to send the Holy Spirit to live inside their hearts. The Holy Spirit helps them to know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you.”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Hardest Thing"

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21



"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 Hardest Thing.' Listen for what was the hardest thing Jesus had to do and Who helped Him do it."

"The Case of the Hardest Thing" Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21

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for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?
2. Who helped Him do it?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do?
Who did Jesus cry out to for help?
2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Jesus needed help. Enemies were coming to arrest Him, then hang Him on a cross to die. And on that cross, Jesus would suffer all the punishment for the sins of God's people. Even for Jesus, the thought of all that punishment was terrible. He could only do it with help from God, His Father.



2. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the help He needed. "My Father, if it's possible, take this suffering away," Jesus pleaded. "But if this is the only way to save Your people, then I want to do it. I want Your will, not Mine, Father," Jesus prayed.



3. Jesus wasn't the only one who needed help with what was about to happen. Jesus' disciples would, too. "Watch and pray that you might say 'no' to temptation," Jesus urged them. "You WANT to do God's will, but you are very weak." Sadly, the disciples slept instead of praying.



4. But God heard Jesus' prayers. He sent an angel to strengthen Him. And just in time, for up came Judas Iscariot with a crowd of Jesus' enemies. "Hello, Teacher," Judas said, kissing Jesus. "Friend, do what you came to do," Jesus replied. The men grabbed Jesus, and the disciples ran away.



5. The next day, Jesus' enemies put Jesus on the cross to die. There, Jesus took all the punishment for God's people's sins. It was so terrible, but Jesus did it. He had asked for help; and God, His Father, gave it to Him. He helped Jesus do the hardest thing.



6. How do we know Jesus paid for all those sins on the cross? Because of what happened next. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the grave to live forevermore. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, they would get to live with God, knowing, loving, and enjoying Him forever.



7. And what happened to Jesus' disciples? Would God forgive them for leaving Jesus? Yes, He would! Jesus paid for ALL their sins when He died on the cross. And even though the disciples had slept, instead of asking God for help, Jesus had prayed that night for God to help them.



8. Jesus appeared to His disciples on the evening of that wonderful Day Three. "I'm alive and I've beaten sin and death for you and all of God's people!" He exclaimed.



9. Over the next 40 days, Jesus shared God's plans for them to tell whole world the gospel. They could never do this on their own, so Who did Jesus promise to send? The Holy Spirit! He would live in God's people, giving them all the help they needed. Then, Jesus went home to heaven.



10. Jesus was in heaven, but He never forgot God's people on earth. He is always praying for them. Jesus asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, and He did. He filled them with power and wisdom to carry out God's great plans to tell everyone about Jesus.



II. And, oh, how those first believers had learned their lesson to ask God for His help! There were many times when they were scared, weak, and in trouble. But now, they knew what to do. They prayed to God and He was good to give them the help they needed.



12. God's people today need God's help just as much as those believers did, long ago. And God is just as faithful to give them the help they need. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us live for Him, too.

"The Case of the Hardest Thing"

Q: "What was the hardest thing Jesus had to do
and Who helped Him do it?"

plenty for
younger
kids



GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

By Asking God for His Help.

A: "Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross for God's people. God, His Father, helped Him."

"The Case of the Hardest Thing" Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?
Jesus did. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He suffered and died for them. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory.

2. Who helped Him do it?
God, His Father, helped Jesus do it.

For You and Me:
Did you know that God calls all His people to do hard things they can never do on their own? And who will help them do these hard things? The very same One who helped Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever He calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we can know God will help us to do whatever He calls us to do, too.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do?
Who did Jesus cry out to for help?

To live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. To suffer and die for them. He asked God, His Father, to help Him do it all.

2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?
Yes, God helped Him do it perfectly!

For You and Me:

Did you know that God calls all His people to do hard things they can never do on their own? And who will help them do these hard things? The very same One who helped Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever He calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we can know God will help us to do whatever He calls us to do, too.

Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Asking God for His Help!

The Gospel

We need God's help if we are to be His people and live for Him. Why? Because we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment, and only with His help can we ever be forgiven and become His people.

But God, in His mercy, sent that help: His Son, Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them! They are forgiven!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. He will help them with everything He wants them to do. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. This will be best of all. God can help you become one of His people. Ask Him! He loves to do this!

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older kids



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



“The LORD made us to know Him and live for Him. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are strong and always able to help.

Thank You for promising to help Your people live for You.

**Work in our hearts. Help us to love and obey You.
Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in
Jesus as our Savior that we might be 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 giving us Jesus so we can know how You want us to live.

C God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.

S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to.

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!”

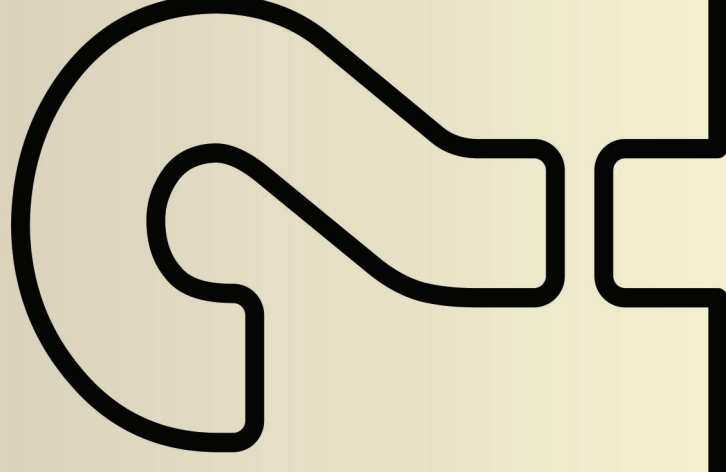
Big Q & A #12

Simple Song



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

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



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

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

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

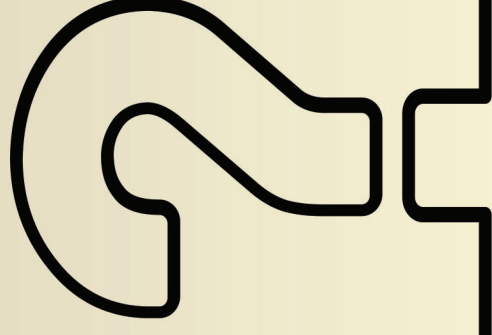
Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all,
He loved all people, too,
In all that He did and said and thought,
He loved them thru and thru.
Refrain



Verse 2

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



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

Big Question #12, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:

Let Us Then Draw Near: Hebrews 4:16

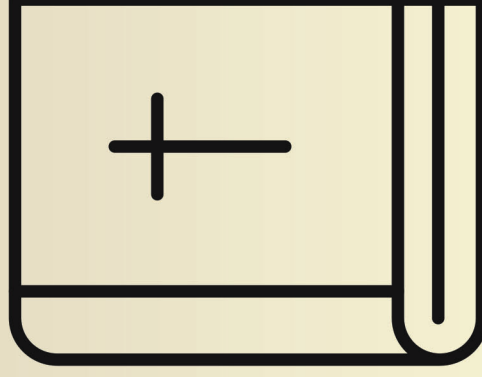
Let us then draw near,
draw near the throne of grace,
Draw near with confidence,
the throne with confidence,
That we may receive mercy
and find grace to help,
Help us in time of need,
in time of need,
Hebrews four, verse sixteen.



Big Question #12, Bible Truth I Bible Verse Song:

Let Us Then with Confidence: Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near,
With confidence draw near
the throne of grace,
So that we may receive mercy
and find grace,
In our time of need,
Hebrews Four, sixteen.



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

Big Question #12 Hymn

Trust and Obey, Refrain

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

Big Question #12 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

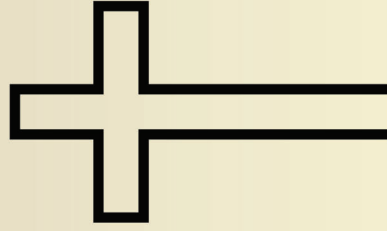


"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

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

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



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

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

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

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 12, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Hardest Thing *Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21*

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

1. Jesus needed help. Enemies were coming to arrest Him, then hang Him on a cross to die. And on that cross, Jesus would suffer all the punishment for the sins of God's people. Even for Jesus, the thought of all that punishment was terrible. He could only do it with help from God, His Father.
2. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the help He needed. "My Father, if it's possible, take this suffering away," Jesus pleaded. "But if this is the only way to save Your people, then I want to do it. I want Your will, not Mine, Father," Jesus prayed.
3. Jesus wasn't the only one who needed help with what was about to happen. Jesus' disciples would, too. "Watch and pray that you might say 'no' to temptation," Jesus urged them. "You WANT to do God's will, but you are very weak." Sadly, the disciples slept instead of praying.
4. But God heard Jesus' prayers. He sent an angel to strengthen Him. And just in time, for up came Judas Iscariot with a crowd of Jesus' enemies. "Hello, Teacher," Judas said, kissing Jesus. "Friend, do what you came to do," Jesus replied. The men grabbed Jesus, and the disciples ran away.
5. The next day, Jesus' enemies put Jesus on the cross to die. There, Jesus took all the punishment for God's people's sins. It was so terrible, but Jesus did it. He had asked for help; and God, His Father, gave it to Him. He helped Jesus do the hardest thing.
6. How do we know Jesus paid for all those sins on the cross? Because of what happened next. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the grave to live forevermore. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, they would get to live with God, knowing, loving, and enjoying Him forever.
7. And what happened to Jesus' disciples? Would God forgive them for leaving Jesus? Yes, He would! Jesus paid for ALL their sins when He died on the cross. And even though the disciples had slept, instead of asking God for help, Jesus had prayed that night for God to help them.
8. Jesus appeared to His disciples on the evening of that wonderful Day Three. "I'm alive and I've beaten sin and death for you and all of God's people!" He exclaimed.
9. Over the next 40 days, Jesus shared God's plans for them to tell whole world the gospel. They could never do this on their own, so Who did Jesus promise to send? The Holy Spirit! He would live in God's people, giving them all the help they needed. Then, Jesus went home to heaven.
10. Jesus was in heaven, but He never forgot God's people on earth. He is always praying for them. Jesus asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, and He did. He filled them with power and wisdom to carry out God's great plans to tell everyone about Jesus.
11. And, oh, how those first believers had learned their lesson to ask God for His help! There were many times when they were scared, weak, and in trouble. But now, they knew what to do. They prayed to God and He was good to give them the help they needed.
12. God's people today need God's help just as much as those believers did, long ago. And God is just as faithful to give them the help they need. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us live for Him, too.

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

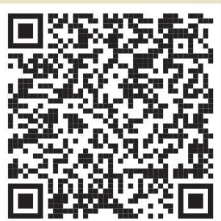


**Deliver to:
The Deep
Down
Detectives**

**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 2:
The Case of the Man Who Left His Money**



Deep Down
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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!"



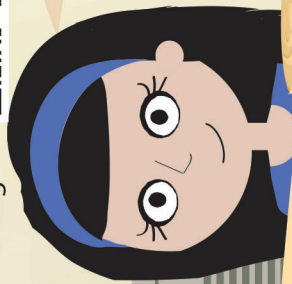
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. The Big Question is 'How Should God's People Live?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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



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Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?

A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

BY LOVING GOD ??? OF ALL.



Hint: More than anything else. Starts
with an "M" and rhymes with "toast."



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving God ??? Of All. Deuteronomy 6:5." Hint: "More than anything else. Starts with an "m" and rhymes with "toast."

Deuteronomy

6:5

**“Love the
LORD your
God with
all your heart,
all your soul,
and all your
might.”**



Hear, O Hear
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Deuteronomy 6:5, and read: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! To love the LORD with ALL our heart, soul, and mind is to love Him most of all."



"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving God most of All." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 12
Tell Me More
Song



“Jesus loved God most of all. God wants His people to love Him most of all, too. God’s people know their love for God, here on earth, won’t be perfect like Jesus’ was. But they know God promises to help them love Him by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. And one day, in heaven, God will make their love perfect. We can become God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us love Him most of all, too.”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money"

Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5



"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 Man Who Left His Money.' Listen for who Matthew chose to love even more than all his money."

"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money" Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who left his money? Why did he leave it behind?
2. Who did he decide to love even more than his money?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, ESV

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

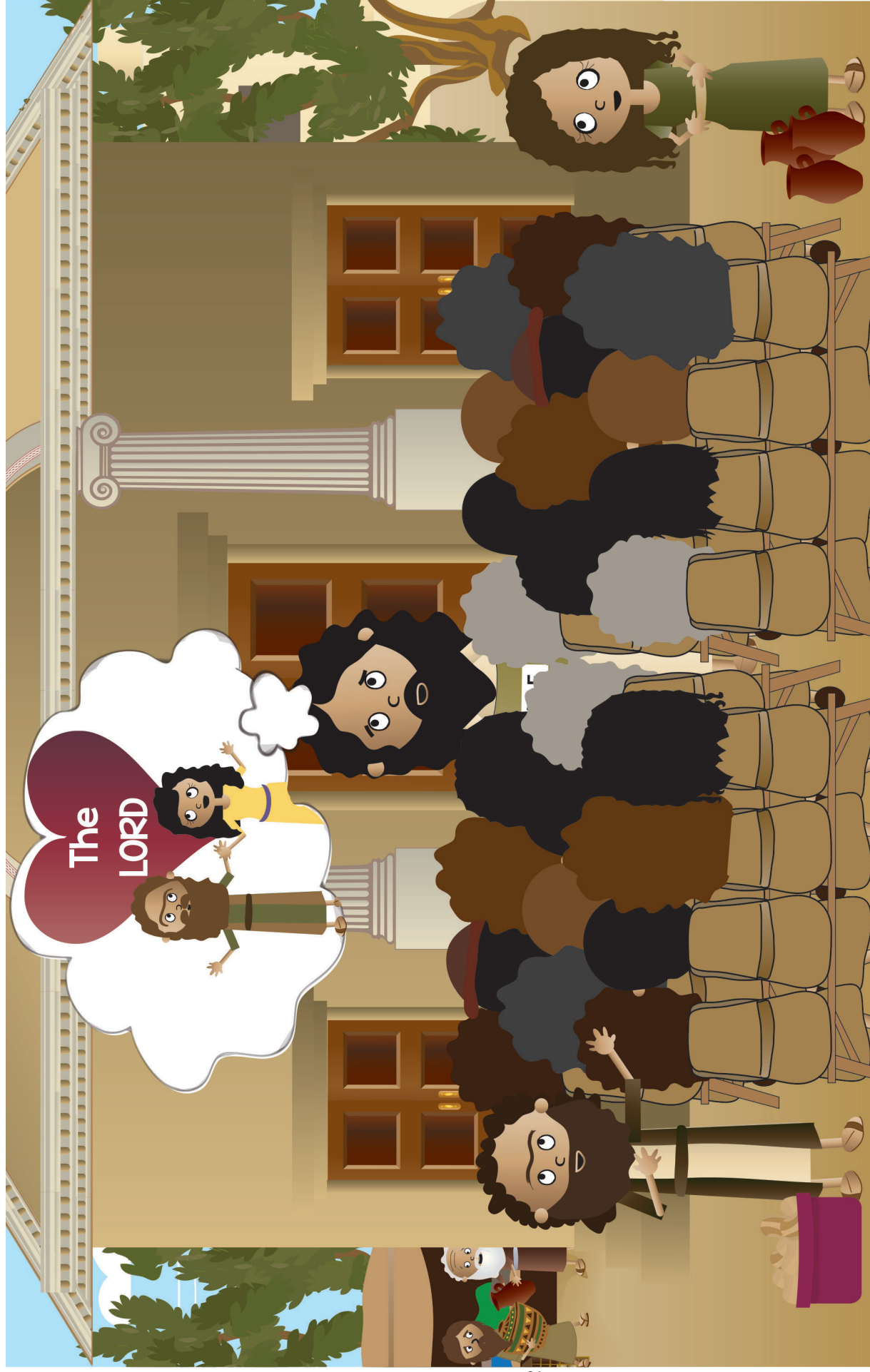
1. Who loved money and the nice things in this world more than God?
2. Why did he leave his money and nice things behind? Who did he find was even better to love?

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

Something to Grow Into



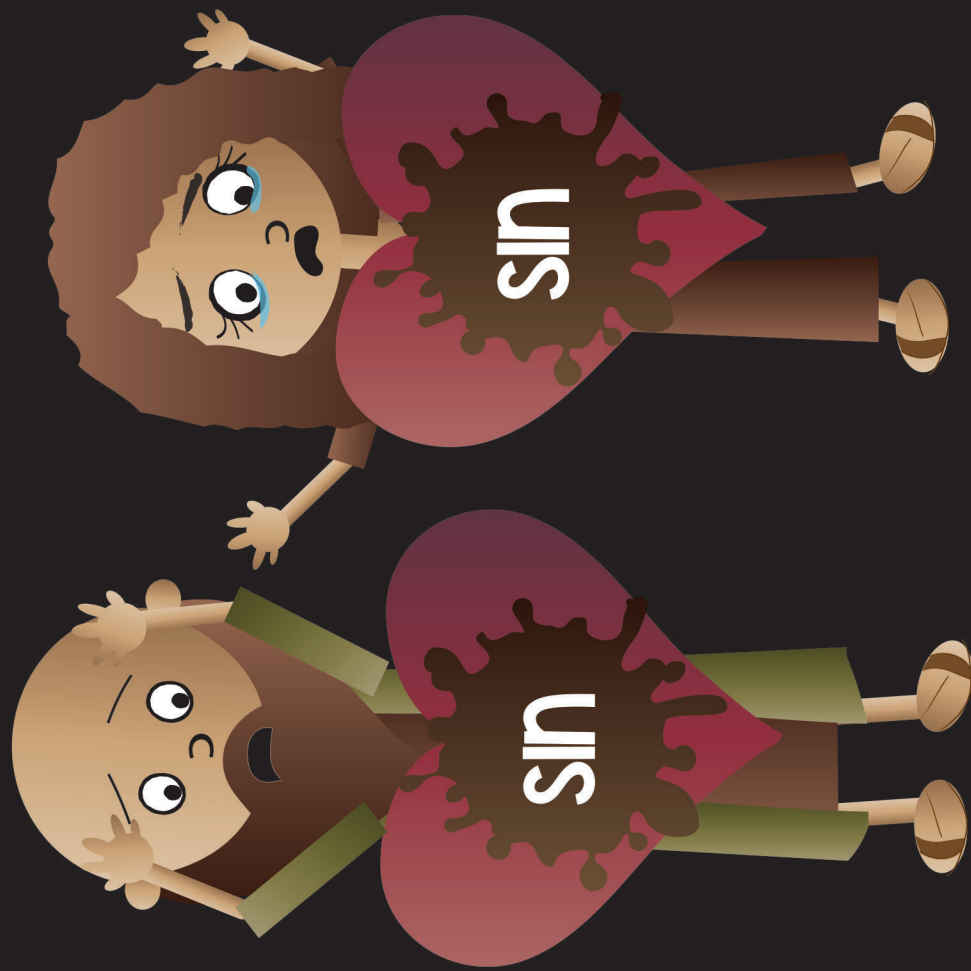
I. Jesus had good news to tell everyone. "The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" He exclaimed. The kingdom of God is **NEAR**? What did **THAT** mean? What **IS** this kingdom of God? How can we be part of it?" many wondered.



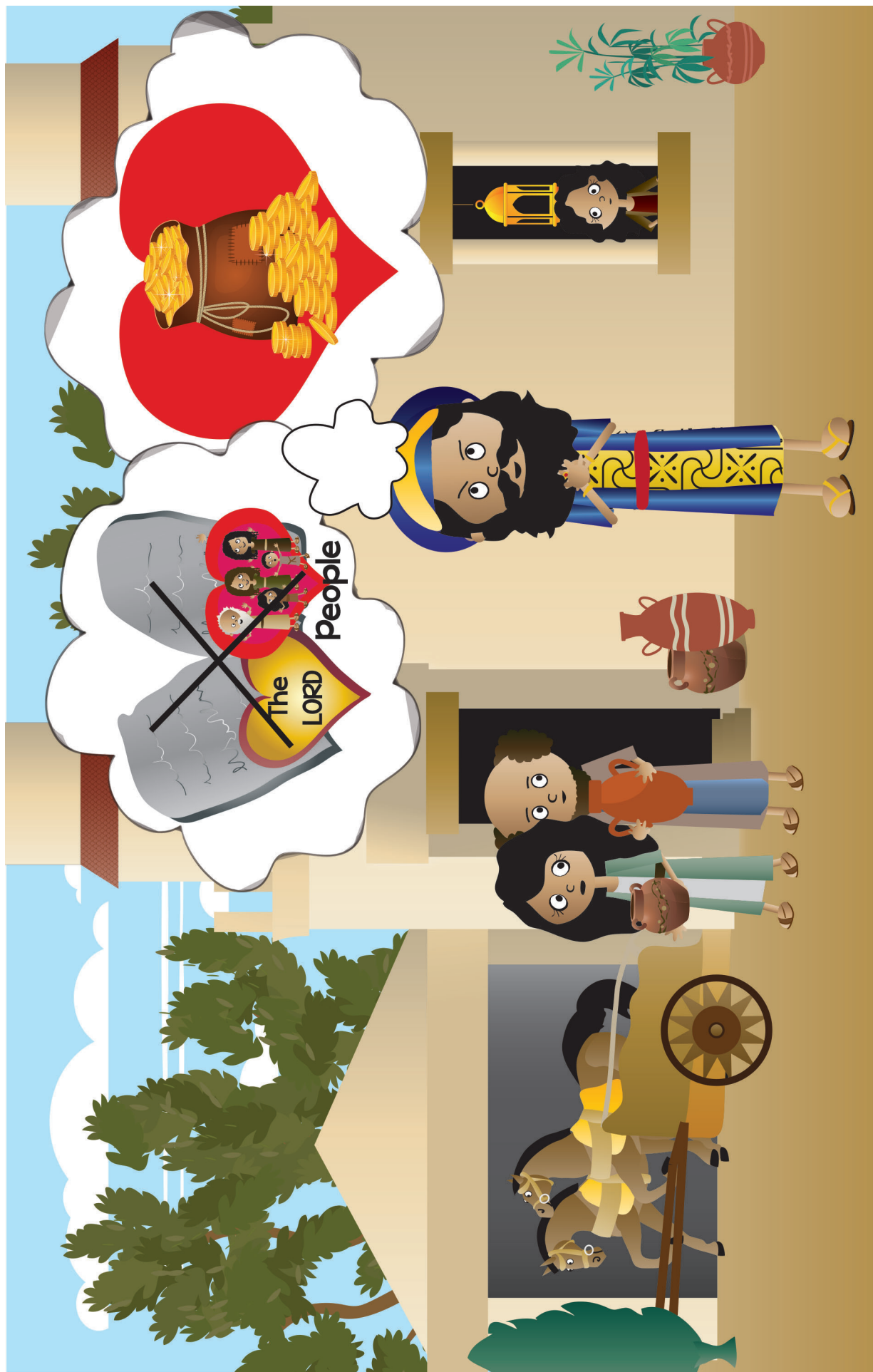
2. "The kingdom of God is knowing and enjoying God as His people. It's loving God most of all and living for Him," Jesus explained. "God's kingdom is in heaven already. And one day, I'll come back and bring it to the new heaven and earth. But right now, it can be in your heart," He said.



3. Wow! Jesus' good news was the BEST news the people had ever heard! They didn't have to wait for heaven or even until Jesus came back. They could be part of God's kingdom that very day.



4. But as big and good as this news was, it wasn't easy to live out. Why? Because we have sinful hearts. We find things to love more than God. We choose ways to live instead of God's good way. There's so much we must stop loving and doing if we are to love God most of all.



5. A man named Matthew knew this. Matthew did NOT love God most of all. He loved money and the nice things he could buy, instead. And, while Matthew had grown up learning about God, he had chosen to break God's good laws to get more money and nice things for himself.



6. Matthew was a tax collector. He gathered money from his people for Caesar, the enemy Roman king. It was a bad job that most people wouldn't do.



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8. Matthew also squeezed lots of money from the people in his town, Capernaum, and they hated him. Perhaps Matthew had a big house, lots of nice things, and loads of money, but he lost many friends. He had broken his friendship with them by the mean, greedy things he did.



q. Even worse, Matthew had chosen to break God's good laws, and he refused to repent. Wherever God's kingdom was, whenever it could come, Matthew certainly would not be a part of it. There seemed to be no hope for Matthew to be right with God again.



10. But there **WAS** hope for Matthew. Jesus came to Capernaum to teach. As Matthew listened to Jesus, the Holy Spirit worked in his heart and changed it. Now, Matthew wanted to love God most of all. He wanted to be one of God's people and have the kingdom of God in his heart.



II. Jesus knew what was happening in Matthew's heart. "Matthew, follow Me! Be my disciple, my close friend who lives with Me and learns from Me each day," Jesus said to him. "Yes, Jesus, I will," Matthew told Jesus, and right then, he left his tax house and all his money to follow Jesus.



12. The rest of his life, Matthew followed Jesus and sought to love God most of all. God even used him to write a Bible book about Jesus: the Gospel of Matthew. "Gospel" means "good news," and that's what Jesus was to Matthew --the Savior who made him one of God's people.

"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money"

Q: "Who did Matthew choose to love even more than all his money?"



GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

By Loving God Most of All.

A: "Matthew chose to love God even more than all his money. He wanted to love Him most of all."

"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money" Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who left his money? Why did he leave it behind? The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he Matthew did. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he listened to Jesus teach. He helped Matthew turn away from his old life of loving money and nice things, and love God and live for Him, instead.

2. Who did he decide to love even more than his money? God!

For You and Me:
Matthew had a lot of money and he loved nice things, but he learned that God was better than even the world's best things. There are many nice things we may enjoy in this world, too. But we will never find anything that is better than loving God and being one of God's people. We can become one of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, ESV

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

1. Who loved money and the nice things in this world more than God? Matthew did.

2. Why did he leave his money and nice things behind? Who did he find was even better to love? The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he listened to Jesus teach. He helped Matthew turn away from his old life of loving money and nice things, and love God and live for Him, instead.

For You and Me:

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Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Loving God Most of All!

The Gospel

We should love God, our good Creator and King, most of all. He made us and has blessed us with many, good gifts. He has given us His good laws to live by. But sadly, we have all chosen to disobey Him and His good laws. We have all chosen to love other things more than Him. How we deserve God's punishment!

But God has been so kind! He offers us forgiveness through His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life. He loved God most of all. Then, on the cross, Jesus gave His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Now, we can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can save us and send His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts.

He can help us love God most of all.

Ask Him to help you. He loves to!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

“The LORD made us to know Him and live for Him. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You deserve for us to love You most of all.

Thank You for promising to help Your people love You.

**Work in our hearts. Help us to love and obey You.
Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in
Jesus as our Savior that we might be 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 giving us Jesus so we can know how we should love You.

C God, please forgive us for not loving You most of all. Too often we choose to love other people, things, and even ourselves, more than we love You. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for promising to help people like us to live like Jesus. You can help us to love You the way You want us to.

S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You and live like You want us to live. Help us to love You most of all.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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



“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!”

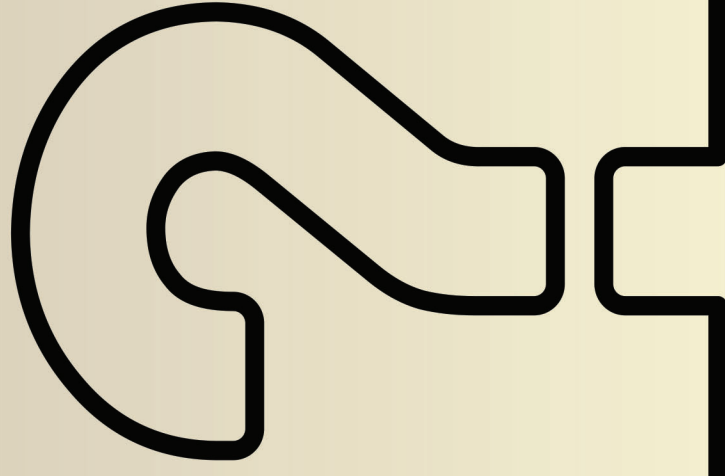
Big Q & A #12

Simple Song



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

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They should live like Jesus!



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

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

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

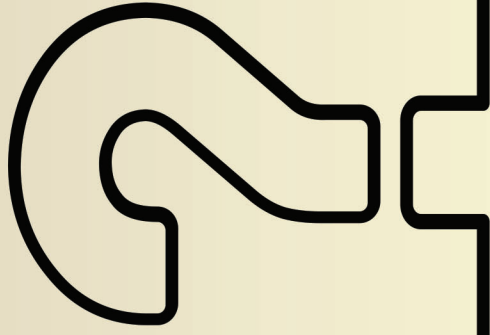
Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all,
He loved all people, too,
In all that He did and said and thought,
He loved them thru and thru.
Refrain



Verse 2

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



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

Big Question #12, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

Hear, O Hear: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O hear, O Israel,
Hear, O hear, O Israel,

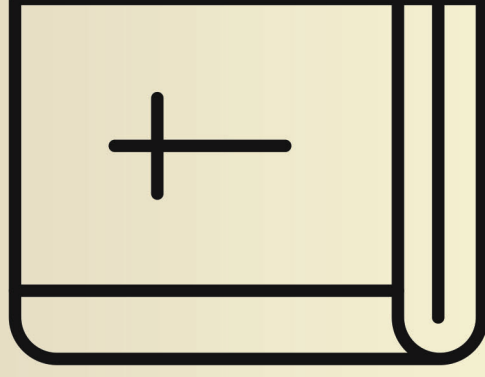
The LORD your God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart,

You shall love the LORD your God
with all your soul,

You shall love the LORD your God
with all your might.

Deuteronomy Six, four through five.



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

Big Question #12 Hymn

Trust and Obey, Refrain

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

Big Question #12 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

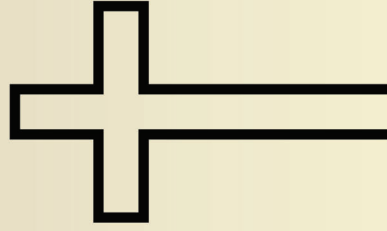


“Let’s praise the Lord for being so good! Let’s tell Him we want to live for Him!”

The Gospel Song (Short)

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

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



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd won the fight,
And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him,
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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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Bow head, Close your eyes,
Shhh, Let's begin.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the Man Who Left His Money *Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5*

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

1. Jesus had good news to tell everyone. "The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" He exclaimed. The kingdom of God is NEAR? What did THAT mean? What IS this kingdom of God? How can we be part of it?" many wondered.

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4. But as big and good as this news was, it wasn't easy to live out. Why? Because we have sinful hearts. We find things to love more than God. We choose ways to live instead of God's good way. There's so much we must stop loving and doing if we are to love God most of all.

5. A man named Matthew knew this. Matthew did NOT love God most of all. He loved money and the nice things he could buy, instead. And, while Matthew had grown up learning about God, he had chosen to break God's good laws to get more money and nice things for himself.

6. Matthew was a tax collector. He gathered money from his people for Caesar, the enemy Roman king. It was a bad job that most people wouldn't do.

7. Every day, Matthew sat in his tax house near the Sea of Galilee, stopping people with things to sell. "Pay your taxes. Here's what you owe Caesar," he demanded. But Matthew was unfair. He made everyone pay a lot more than they owed and kept the extra to make himself rich.

8. Matthew also squeezed lots of money from the people in his town, Capernaum, and they hated him. Perhaps Matthew had a big house, lots of nice things, and loads of money, but he lost many friends. He had broken his friendship with them by the mean, greedy things he did.

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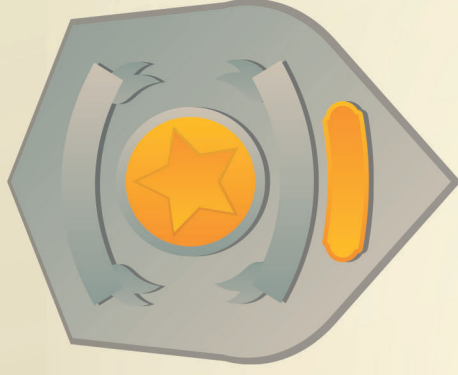
Detective Dan's Big Question Box



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**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving**

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. The Big Question is ‘How Should God’s People Live?’ Come on! Let’s unlock it and see what clue he gives us.”



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



Big Q & A 12
Simple
Song

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Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?

A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

BY LOVING OTHER ??? AS GOD HAS LOVED THEM.

1 COR.
13:4,7,8

Hint: "A group of men and women,
boys and girls. It starts with a 'P'
and rhymes with 'steeple'."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other ??? As God Has Loved Them. 1 Corinthians 13:4,7,8." Hint: "A group of men and women, boys and girls. It starts with a 'p' and rhymes with 'steeple.'"

1 Corinthians

13:4,7,8

“Love is

patient and

kind... Love

bears all

things,

believes all

things,

hopes all

things, endures

all things.

Love never

ends.”



Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:4,7,8, and read: “Love is patient and kind. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God wants His people to love others with the same kind of love He has shown them."



"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other PEOPLE As God Has Loved Them." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 12
Tell Me More
Song



“Jesus always loved people with God’s love, even His enemies. God wants His people to love other people like Jesus did, even their enemies. God’s people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God’s love, too.”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving"

Acts 6-7



"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 Man Who Kept on Loving.' Listen for who kept on loving his enemies, even when they were hurting him."

"The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving" Acts 6-7

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who kept on loving?
2. Who did he keep on loving?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 13:4,8, ESV

"Love is patient and kind... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

1. Who lived for God by loving others like this?
2. How did his life show this kind of love?

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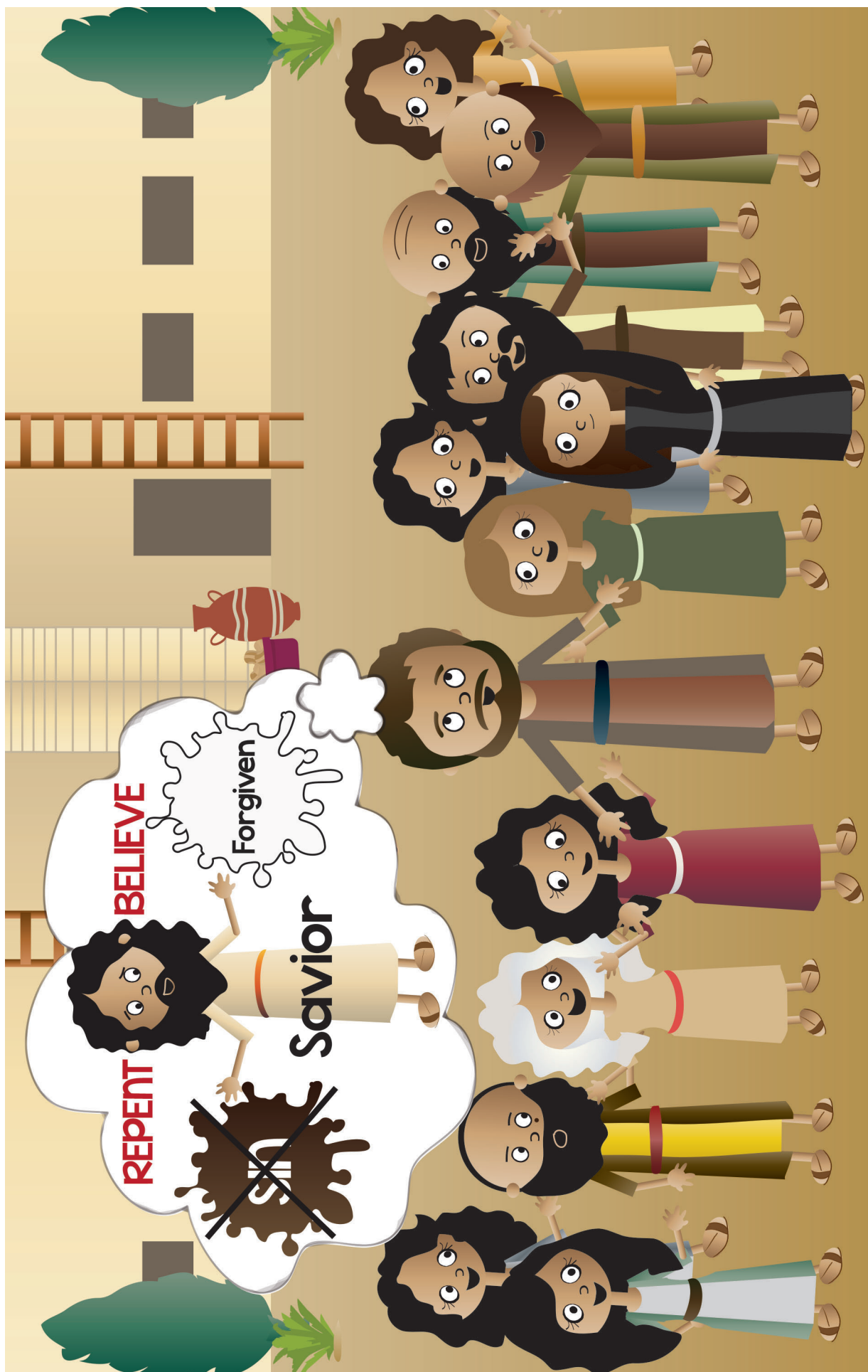
Something to Grow Into



I. Stephen was a follower of Jesus. He heard the good news of Jesus and trusted in Him as his Savior. Stephen turned away from living life his own way to live God's good way. The Holy Spirit helped Stephen. He lived in Stephen's heart, filling him with love for God and for people.



2. But it wasn't just Stephen's heart that was full of love for God and for people. Stephen's life was, too. Stephen cared for the needy widows in the church. He taught God's Word, and he prayed. In everything Stephen did, he wanted to live out his love for God and people.



3. But there was something ELSE Stephen did that showed his love for God and others. He shared the good news of Jesus with all who would listen. "Turn away from disobeying God. Trust in Jesus as your Savior," Stephen urged all. "God will forgive your sins and make you His people."



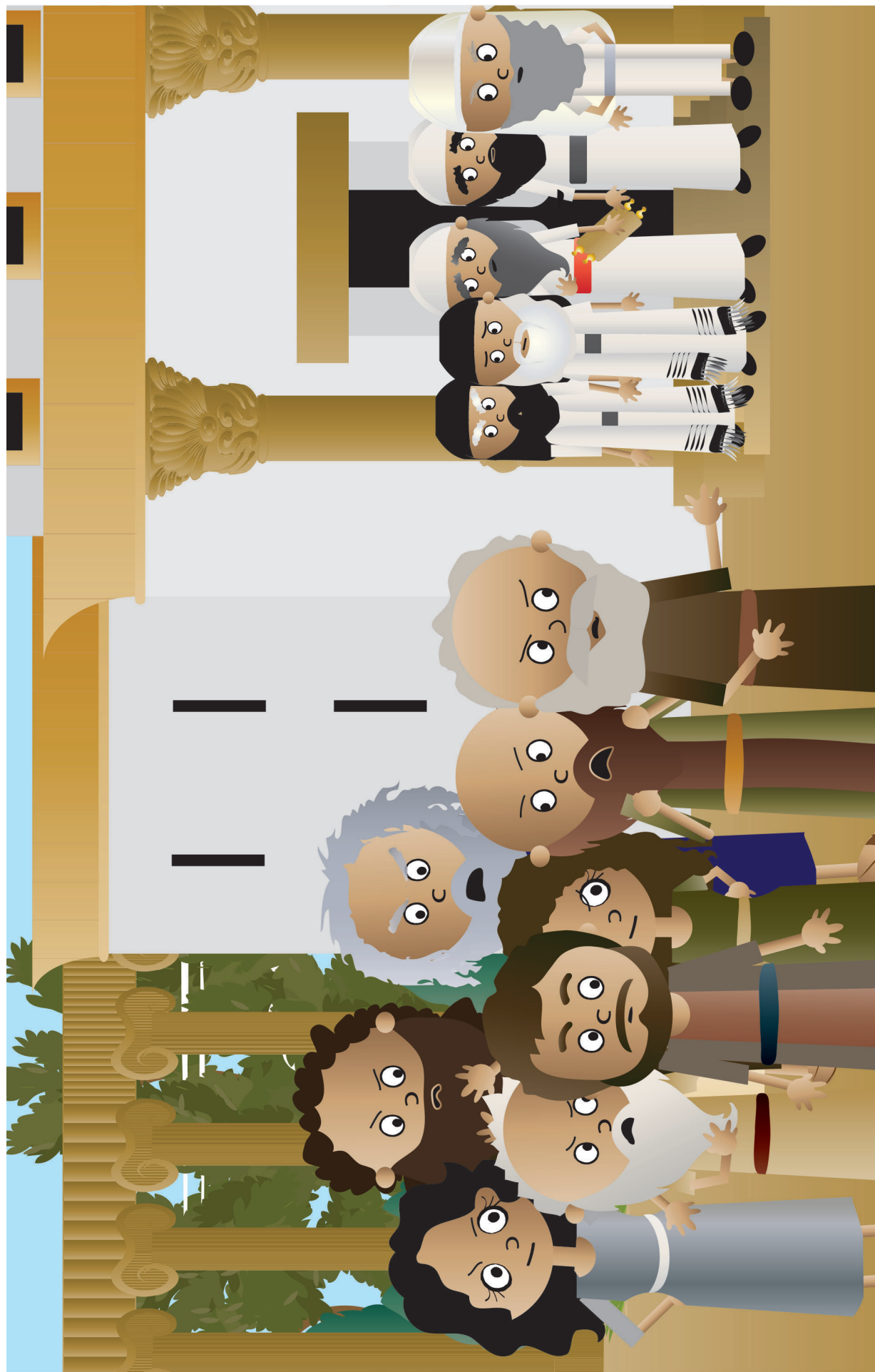
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5. But while Stephen rejoiced, others were angry. "We must stop Stephen from talking about Jesus, but how?" these enemies wondered. "The people see God's amazing power in the miracles Stephen does. They see God's love in how he loves others. How can we stop him!" they exclaimed.



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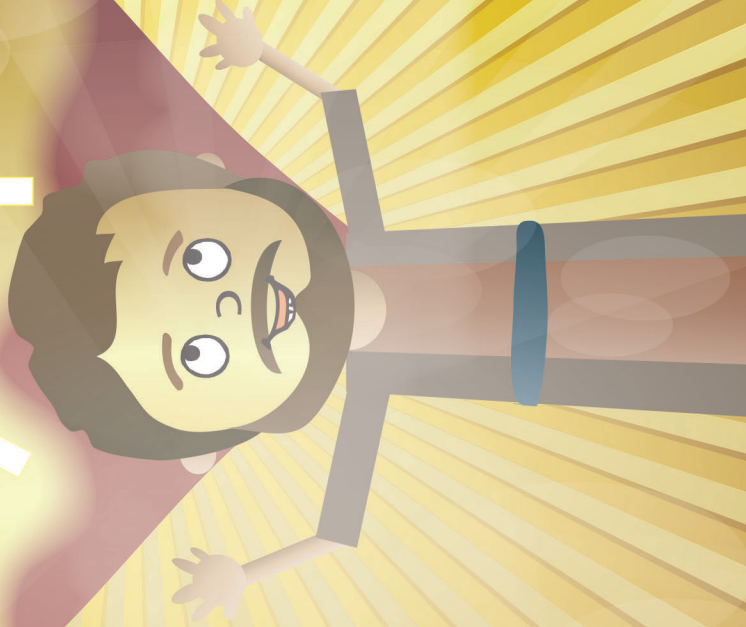


7. The lies worked. Even people who used to love Stephen became angry. "Stephen must be punished," they exclaimed. "Let's take him to the leaders of the Temple. Let them decide what to do with him," the people said. So, they grabbed Stephen and took him away.



8. The leaders of the Temple listened to Stephen's enemies, then questioned Stephen, "What do you say about this?" What **WOULD** Stephen say? Would he hate these enemies the way they had hated him? They had lied about Jesus and him, yet he had done nothing wrong to them!

Holy Spirit



q. But Stephen's heart was NOT filled with hate. It was filled with love. God's Holy Spirit was at work in Stephen, giving him wisdom to speak God's truth to help these enemies. Everyone could see it in Stephen's face which shone like an angel's, bright with God's goodness and glory.



10. "Jesus IS the Savior God promised to send, but you refused to believe in Him," Stephen told them. "YOU put Him on the cross to die," The leaders were furious! They grabbed Stephen and dragged him down the street and outside the city. Some picked up stones and threw them at him. Oh, no!



II. But even as the stones hit him, God kept helping Stephen. His heart was still filled with love for these enemies. He looked up and saw Jesus in heaven. Soon, he would be home with Him forever. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," Stephen pleaded, as he died.



12. God's Holy Spirit had helped Stephen live and die with a heart full of love for God and for people, even his enemies. And now in heaven, Stephen would go on living and loving, even better than he had on earth. Now, he would love God and His people perfectly, forever!

"The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving"

Q: "Who kept on loving his enemies even when they were hurting him?"

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GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

By Loving Others As God Has Loved Them.

A: "Stephen did."

"The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving" Acts 6-7



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who kept on loving?
Stephen.

2. Who did he keep on loving?
He kept on loving everyone. He even kept on loving his enemies, even as they were hurting him.

For You and Me:
Stephen loved God and others his whole life. He even loved his enemies who were so mean to him! God wants all His people to love others as Stephen did AND as Jesus did! God knows no one can love others like this on their own, especially enemies. But He promises to give His Holy Spirit to help His people love others, even when it is very hard! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His Holy Spirit can come live in us and help us love others like this, too.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 13:4,8, ESV

"Love is patient and kind... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

1. Who lived for God by loving others like this? Stephen.

2. How did his life show this love?

He tried to always love others. He even kept on loving his enemies as they were hurting him. He always tried to love God most of all, too. He kept on living for God, even when his enemies told him to stop talking about Jesus. He even chose to die, rather than stop living the way God wanted him to live.

For You and Me:

God wants His people to love Him most of all. He wants them to love others and live like Jesus. But God knows how weak His people are. He knows they can't love Him or others the way He wants them to by themselves. That's why He forgives their sins through Jesus. And that's why He sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them. He helps them love God and others in ways they could never love on their own. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer.

Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!
By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

The Gospel

We need God's help if we are to be His people and love others like He does. Why? Because our hearts have turned away from God and we do not love Him or others as we should.

We all deserve His punishment, and only with His help can we ever be forgiven and become His people. Only with His help, can we love the way He wants us to.

But God, in His mercy, sent that help: His Son, Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. His Holy Spirit will help them love others and Him. And one day, they will go live with Him forever. This will be best of all. God can help you become one of His people, too. Ask Him!
He loves to help us!



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Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“The LORD made us to know Him and live for Him. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. Your love for people is more than they could ever deserve.

Thank You for promising to help Your people love other people.

Work in our hearts. Help us to love others like You do. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior that we might be 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 the God who loves and is able to help us love.

C God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.

S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies.

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!”

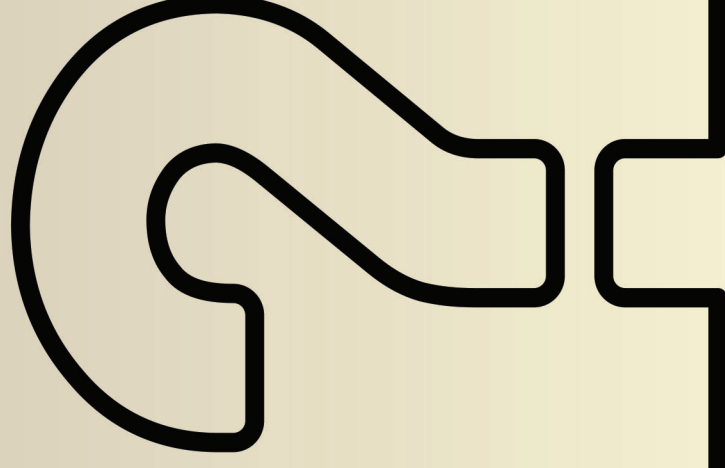
Big Q & A #12

Simple Song



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

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They should live like Jesus!



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

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

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

Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all,
He loved all people, too,
In all that He did and said and thought,
He loved them thru and thru.
Refrain



Verse 2

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



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

Big Question #12, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

Love: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind,
love does not envy or boast,
It is not arrogant or rude,
Does not insist on its own way,
It is not irritable, or resentful,
Does not rejoice in wrong-doing,
but with the truth.



Love bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes and endures all things,
Faith, hope and love abide these three,
but the greatest is love.
Love never ends, love never ends,
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First Corinthians Thirteen,
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"Let's hide God's Word in our hearts! Let's sing our Bible verse!"

Big Question #12 Hymn

Trust and Obey, Refrain

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

Big Question #12 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

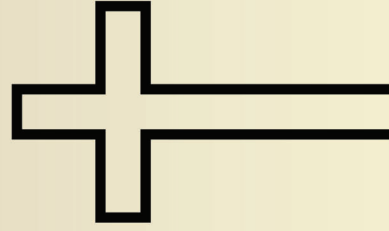


"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

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

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



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

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

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

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.



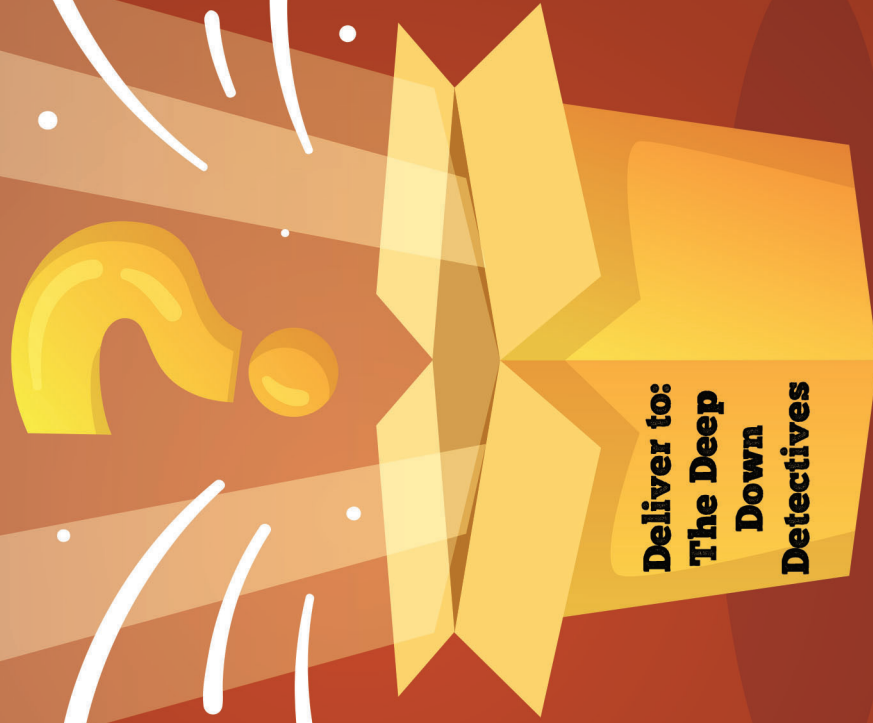
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The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving Acts 6-7

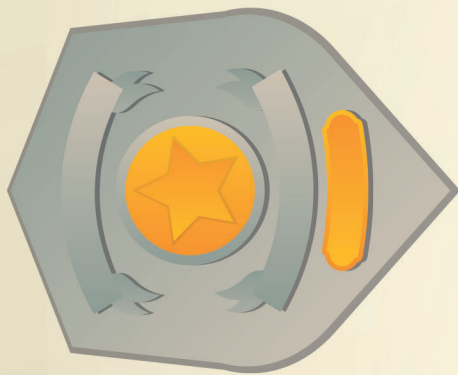
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Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 4:
The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire**



"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. The Big Question is ‘How Should God’s People Live?’ Come on! Let’s unlock it and see what clue he gives us.”



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



Big Q & A 12
Simple
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Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?

A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

BY TRUSTING GOD AND BEING ??? WITH WHAT HE WANTS.



Hint: "The opposite of being sad.
Starts with an "H" and
rhymes with "snappy."



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being ??? With What He Wants. Proverbs 3:5." Hint: "The opposite of being sad. Starts with an "H" and rhymes with "snappy."

Proverbs 3:5

**“Trust in the
LORD with all
your heart.”**



Trust
Proverbs 3:5-6

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Proverbs 3:5, and read: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God's people know God has good planned for them. He wants them to trust Him and be happy with His plans, even if they don't understand them."



Big Q & A 12
Simple
Song



"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being HAPPY With What He Wants." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 12
Tell Me More
Song



“Jesus trusted God, His Father, completely. He knew that what His Father wanted Him to do was always best, even when it was very hard. God wants His people to trust Him like Jesus did, even when it is very hard. He wants them to be happy and keep on believing that He is doing what is best for them. God helps His people keep trusting in Him by His Holy Spirit working in their hearts. We can be God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire"

Daniel 1-3



"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 Faith that Faced Fire.' Listen for who trusted God knew what was best even when they were being thrown in the fiery furnace."

"The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire" Daniel 1-3

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the king order to be thrown into the fire?
2. What did God give them faith to do?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Proverbs 3:5- 6, ESV

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

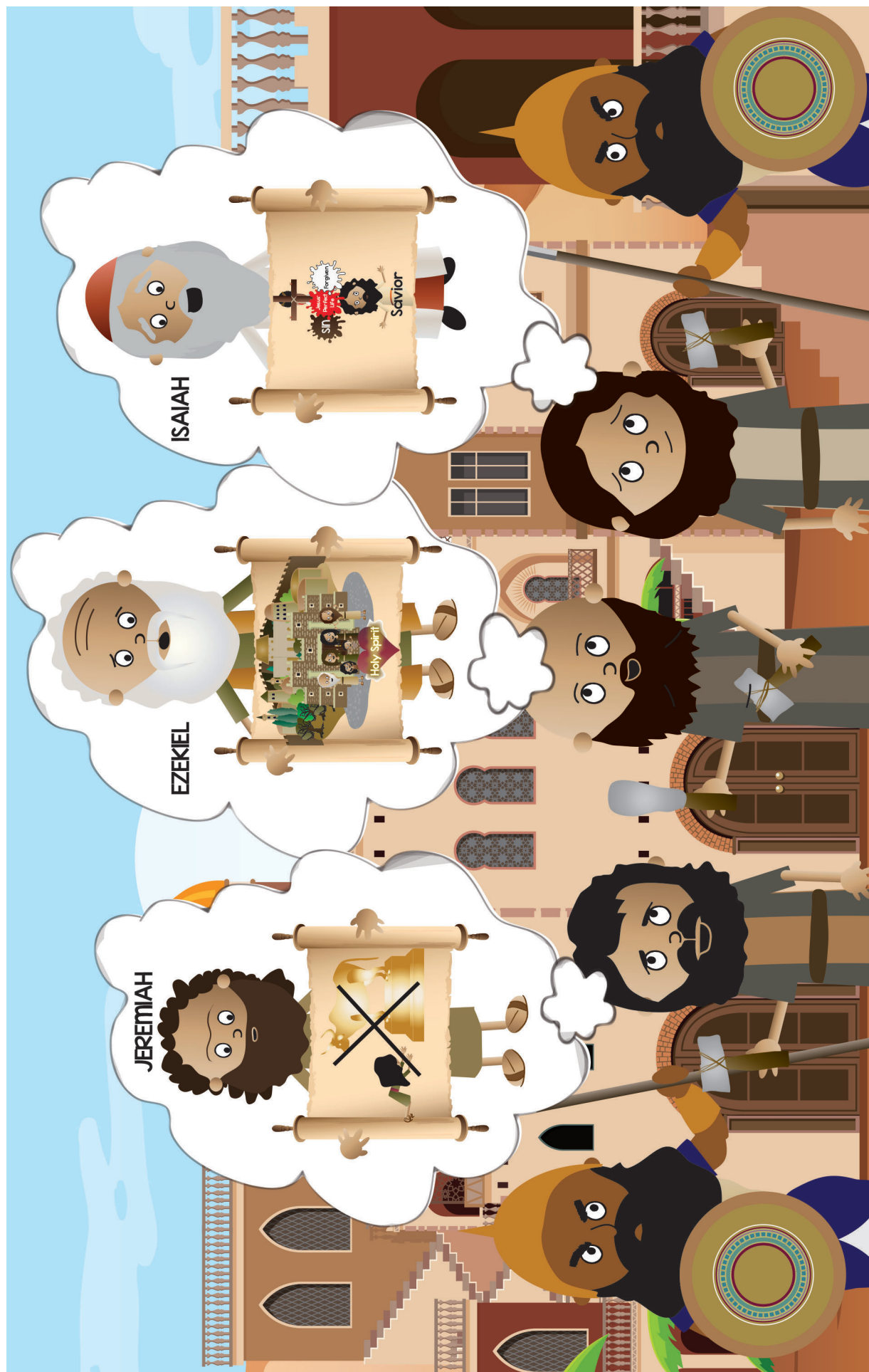
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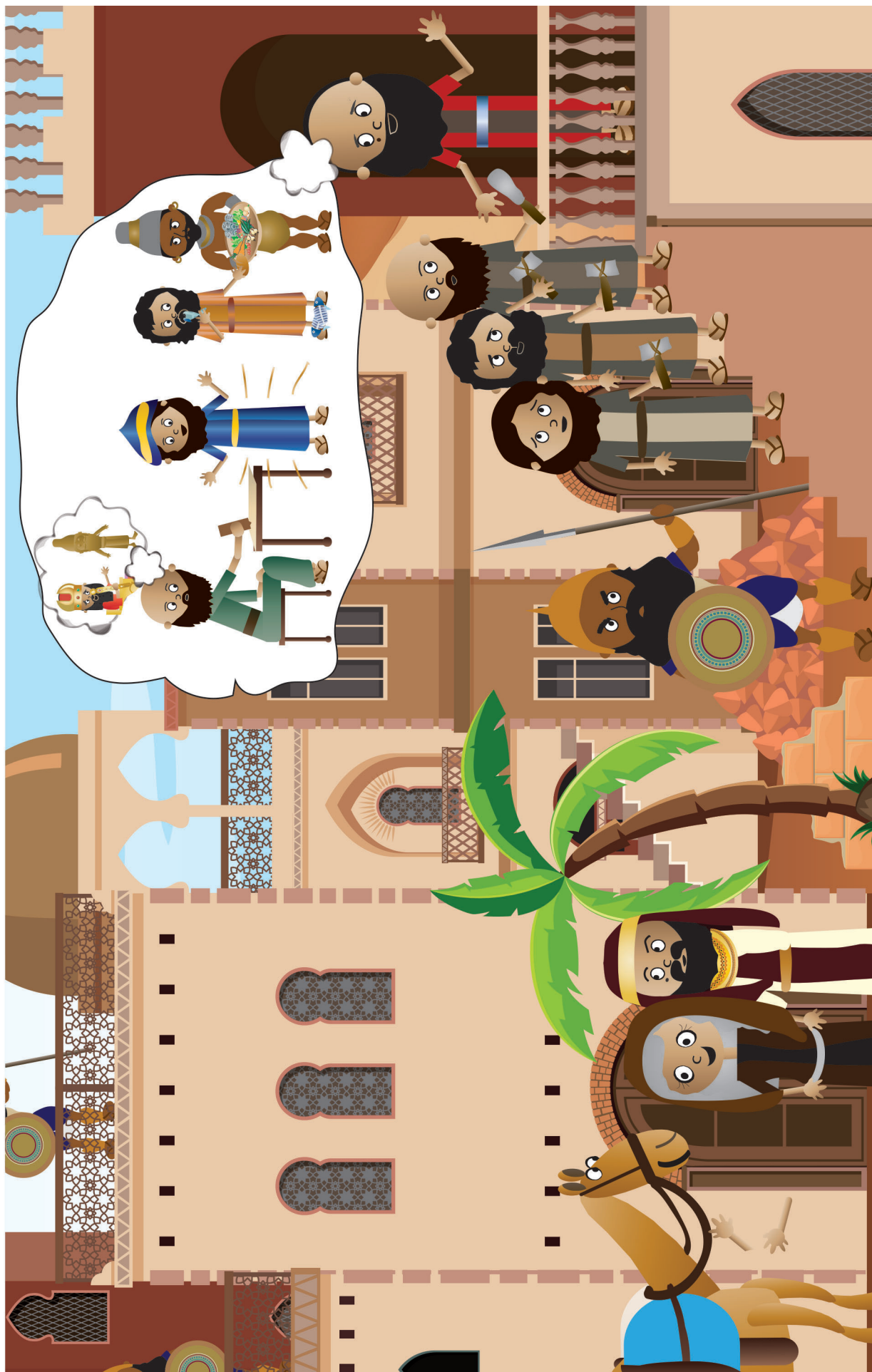
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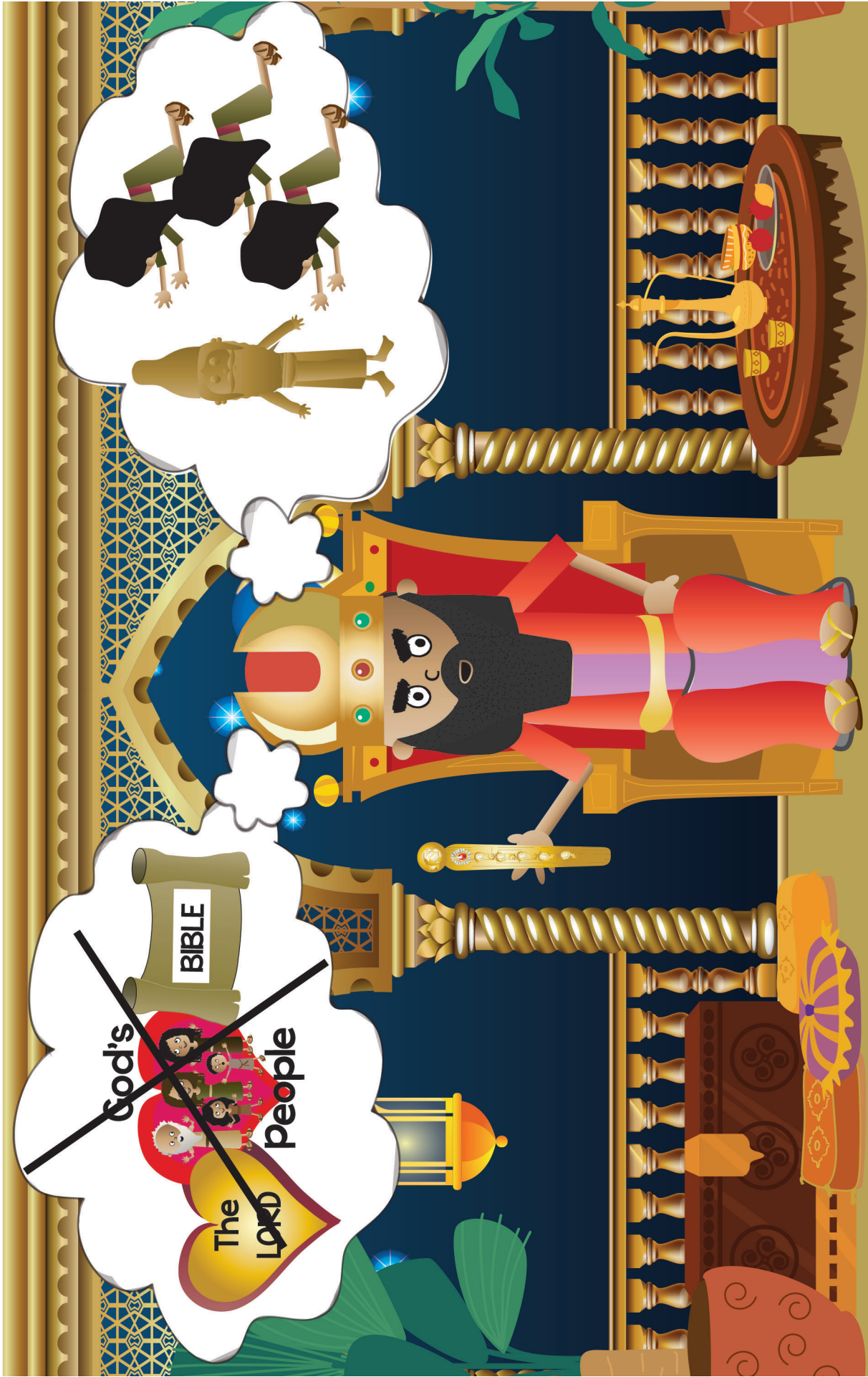
I. "Turn back to Me," the LORD told the people of Judah many times through the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. But the people kept on worshipping fake gods. So, the LORD let their enemies come, destroy their city, and take them away to be slaves in faraway Babylon.



2. But not everyone forgot the LORD. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego kept on obeying Him and trusting His promises: “This punishment will turn the people back to Me. My Spirit will change their hearts. One day, I’ll bring them home. Best of all, I’ll send a Savior to save them from their sins.”



3. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were young, smart and handsome, the very kind of workers Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, wanted. "Go to the king's school and learn about the king and his gods," they were told. "You'll wear rich clothes, eat good food, and help the king."



4. What a good life the king was offering them! But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew this was just a tricky trick. The king wanted them to forget the LORD, and honor him and his fake gods instead. And what would happen if they didn't honor the king or his gods? Time would tell.



5. "I'm the greatest king in the world!" King Nebuchadnezzar boasted. "Everyone should honor me and my gods," he decided. "Build me a great, golden statue," he told his builders. "Make it as high as a tall building. Put it where everyone can gather around and worship," he ordered.



6. The workers built the great, golden statue. Then, the king sent word to all the people: "Gather and worship at my great statue. When you hear the music, fall down and worship me and my gods," he ordered. "And if you don't, you'll be thrown into a hot, fiery furnace," he warned.



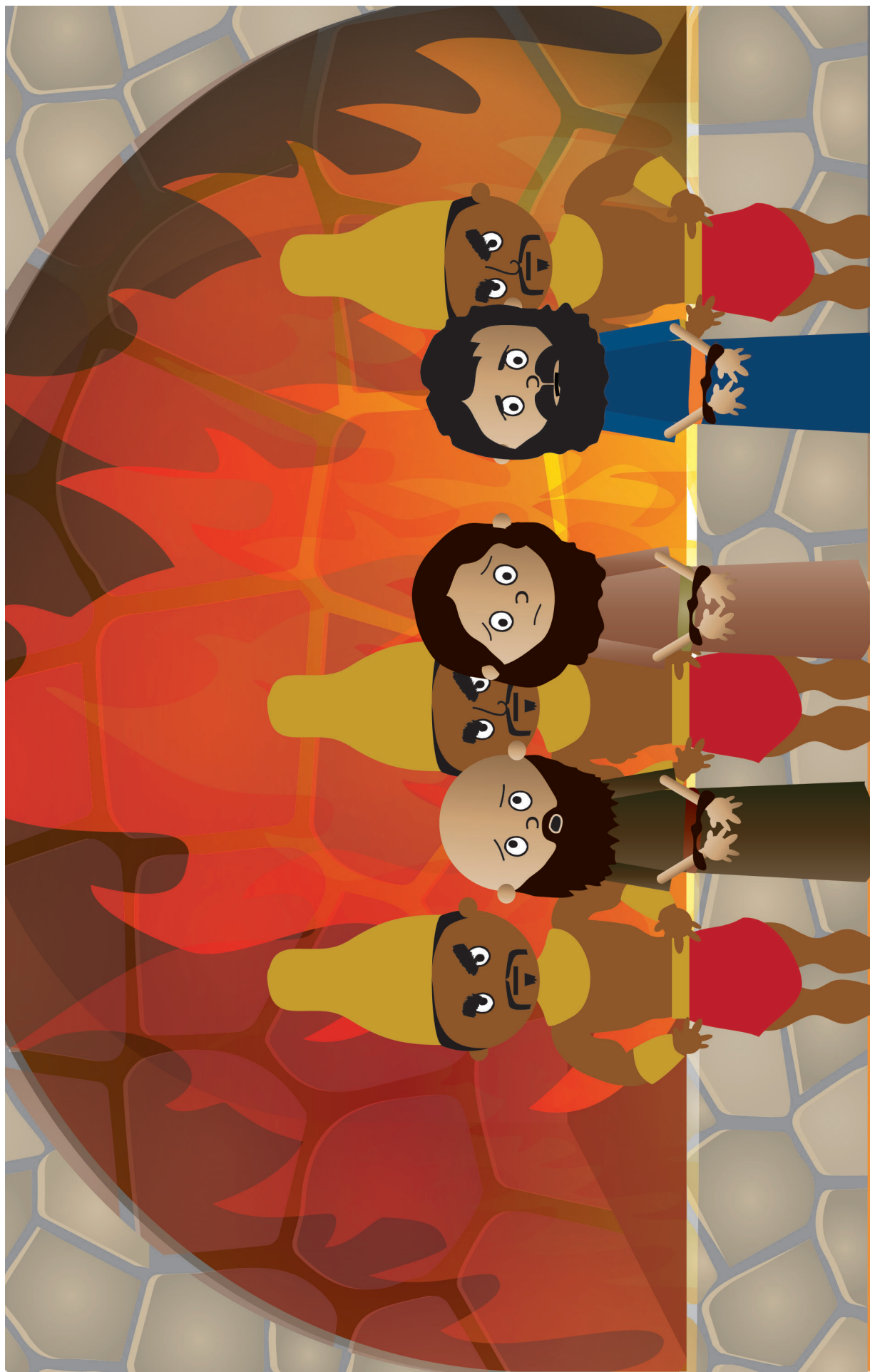
7. When the musicians played their music, everyone fell down before the statue and worshipped. All, that is, except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They knew the LORD was the one, true God, not the king or his gods. They would worship only Him and trust Him to take care of them.



8. Yes, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood while everyone else bowed down. Someone noticed and told the king. Nebuchadnezzar was furious! The three men were brought before him, and he said, "Bow down, or be thrown into furnace! What God can rescue you then?"



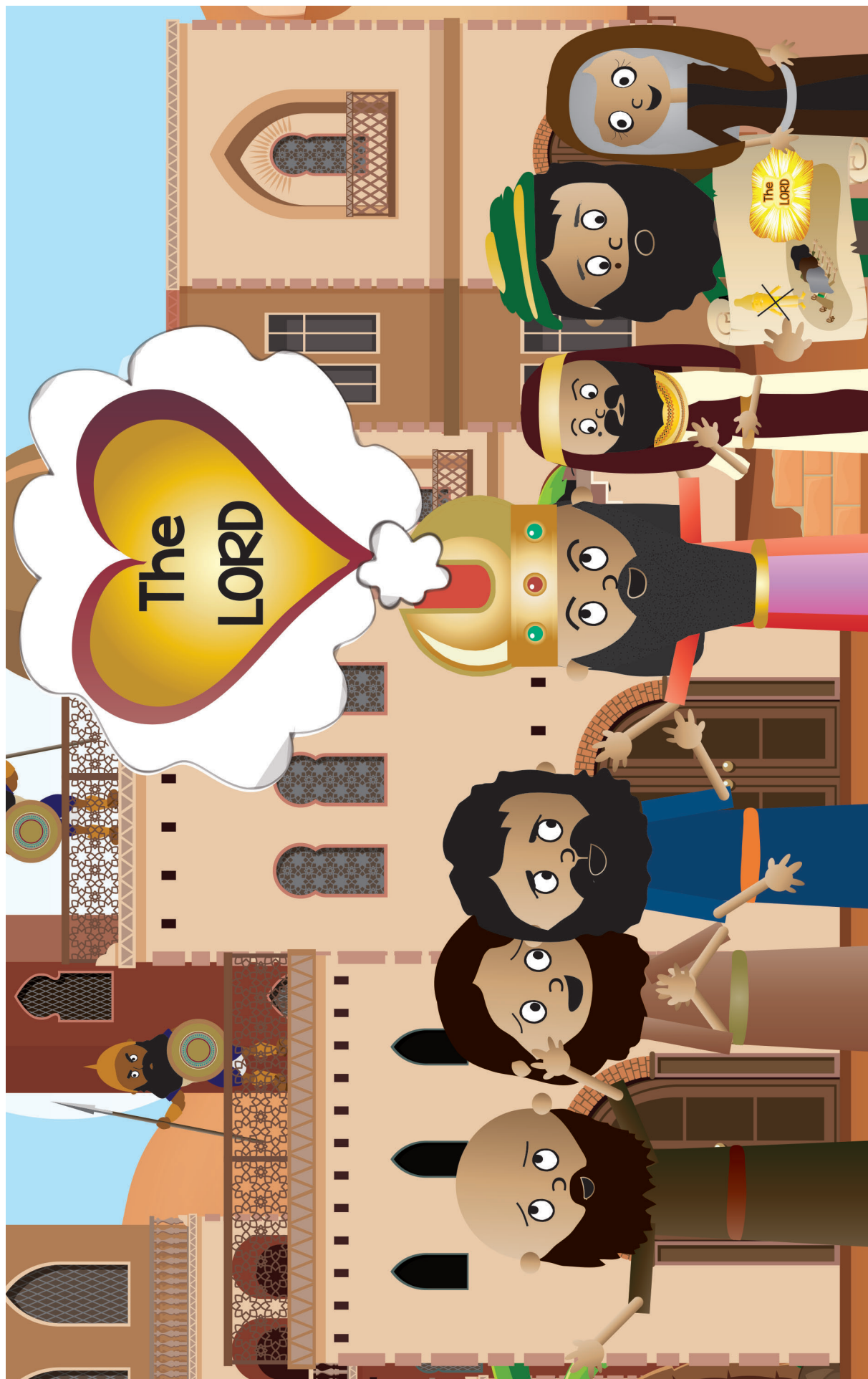
q. "You're wrong, oh king," the men replied. "The LORD, the God we serve, can deliver us if He wants to. And even if He doesn't, we'll keep worshipping Him and be happy with what He wants," they said. "The LORD is the one, true God. He knows and does what's best!"



10. Now, King Nebuchadnezzar was even angrier! "Make the furnace seven times hotter! Tie up these men and throw them in!" he ordered. Soon, the fire was raging hot. It was so hot that the king's men died from the heat as they threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the flames.



II. Then, King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and was amazed. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were alive! And there was a fourth, heavenly person, in the furnace with them! "Come out of the fire," the king ordered the men, and they came out, completely unharmed.

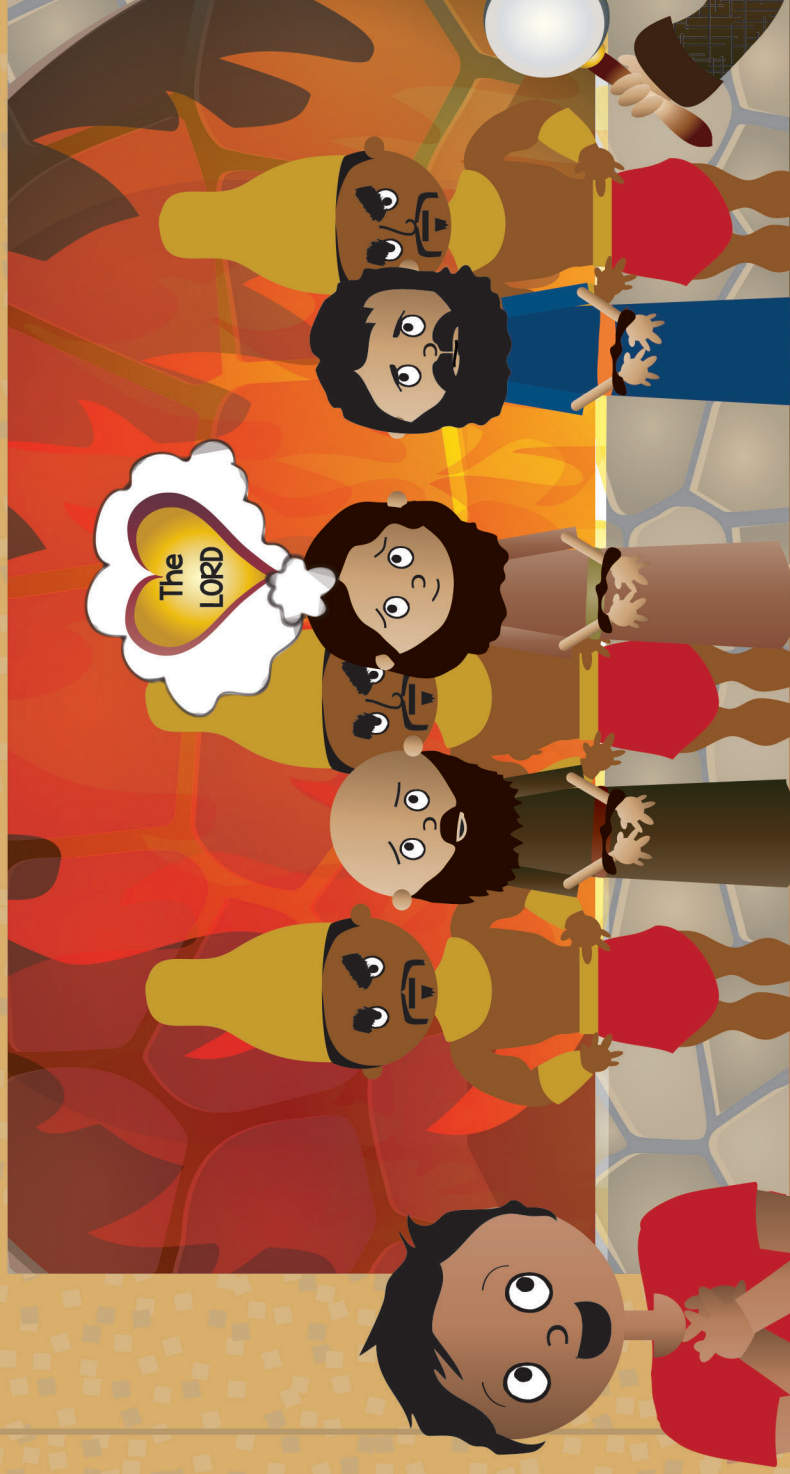


12. No longer did the king want anyone to bow down before him or his statue. He sent out a new order to the people, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They trusted in Him rather than worship my statue. Honor the LORD, their God. What a great God He is!"

"The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire"

Q: "Who trusted God knew what was best, even when they were being thrown into the fiery furnace?"

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GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!

A: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did."

"The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire" Daniel 1-3



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the king order to be thrown into the fire? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

2. What did God give them faith to do?
To NOT bow down to the golden statue, but to keep believing and trusting in Him with their whole lives.

For You and Me:
Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the LORD wants us to trust Him and be happy with what He wants, even when it is very hard. The LORD is always good, and His plans are always right, even if we don't understand them. And, He promises to always help His people keep trusting in Him, no matter what. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior, and to help you trust Him with every day of your life! He loves to answer these prayers!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

1. Who had to trust in the LORD in ways far bigger than they could understand? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

2. How did the LORD show His faithfulness to them?

He helped them to NOT bow down to the golden statue, but to keep on believing and trusting in Him with their whole lives. He protected them from dying in the fiery furnace, too.

For You and Me:

The LORD can always be trusted. He is always up to good. His plans are always perfect. And because He is so much bigger and greater than us, there will be many times when we don't understand the good things He's up to. That's why God's people are told not to lean on their own understanding, but to keep trusting in the LORD. The LORD knows they can't do this on their own. They need His help. And He is happy to give it! He will always give His people everything they need to keep trusting in Him and be happy with what He wants. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us trust Him and be happy with what He wants for our lives, too.

Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!

The Gospel

God is always good and we can always trust Him and His plans. But sadly, we all have chosen to doubt God and His good plans. We have all chosen to do things our own way. And for this, we all deserve God's punishment.

But God is so merciful! He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask Him to help you

do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

“The LORD made us to know Him and live for Him. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You always do what’s best.

Thank You that we can always trust You and Your good plans.

Work in our hearts. Help us to trust You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior that we might be 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 always being good and deserving of our trust. You are always wise and perfect in everything You do and plan.

C God, please forgive us for not trusting You when things happen that we don't like or don't understand. Many times, we start doubting that You know what is best when we should keep on trusting You. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for always doing what is best. Thank You that we can always trust You and be happy with what You allow in our lives. Even if we don't understand, we know You do.

S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You. Help us to trust You with everything in our lives. Help us to be happy with what You choose, even when it is hard and even when we don't understand.

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!”

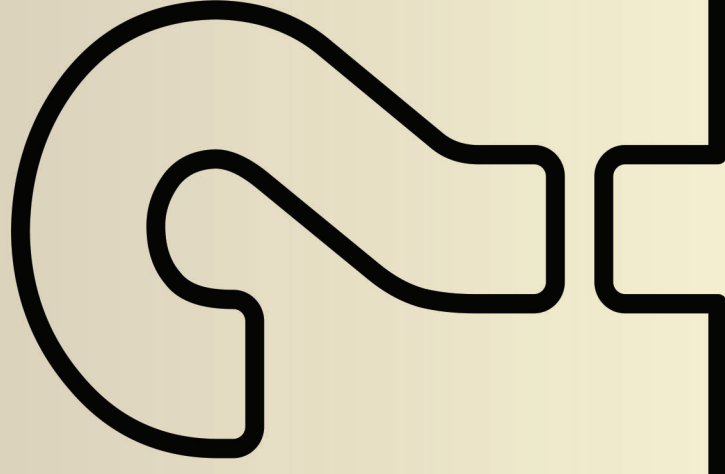
Big Q & A #12

Simple Song



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

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They should live like Jesus!



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

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

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

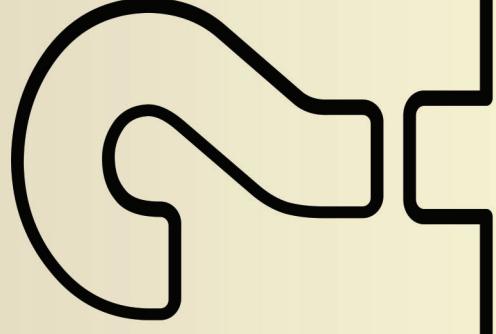
Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all,
He loved all people, too,
In all that He did and said and thought,
He loved them thru and thru.
Refrain



Verse 2

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



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

Big Question #12, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

Trust: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD,
Trust in the LORD,
Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And do not lean,
And do not lean,
On your own understanding,
In all your ways, acknowledge Him,
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make straight your paths,
And He will make straight your paths.
Proverbs Three, five and six.



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Proverbs Three, five and six.



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

Big Question #12 Hymn

Trust and Obey, Refrain

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

Big Question #12 Praise Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

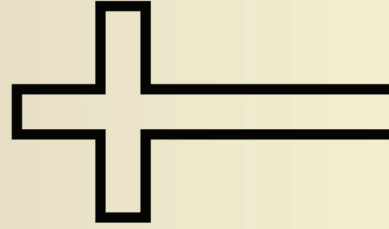


"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

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

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



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

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

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

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 12, Bible Truth 4

The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire *Daniel 1-3*

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

1. "Turn back to Me," the LORD told the people of Judah many times through the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. But the people kept on worshipping fake gods. So, the LORD let their enemies come, destroy their city, and take them away to be slaves in faraway Babylon.

2. But not everyone forgot the LORD. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego kept on obeying Him and trusting His promises: "This punishment will turn the people back to Me. My Spirit will change their hearts. One day, I'll bring them home. Best of all, I'll send a Savior to save them from their sins."

3. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were young, smart and handsome, the very kind of workers Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, wanted. "Go to the king's school to learn about him and his gods," they were told. "You'll wear rich clothes, eat good food, and help the king."

4. What a good life the king was offering them! But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew this was just a tricky trick. The king wanted them to forget the LORD, and honor him and his fake gods instead. And what would happen if they didn't honor the king or his gods? Time would tell.

5. "I'm the greatest king in the world!" King Nebuchadnezzar boasted. "Everyone should honor me and my gods," he decided. "Build me a great, golden statue," he told his builders. "Make it as high as a tall building. Put it where everyone can gather around and worship," he ordered.

6. The workers built the great, golden statue. Then, the king sent word to all the people: "Gather and worship at my great statue. When you hear the music, fall down and worship me and my gods," he ordered. "And if you don't, you'll be thrown into a hot, fiery furnace," he warned.

7. When the musicians played their music, everyone fell down before the statue and worshipped. All, that is, except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They knew the LORD was the one, true God, not the king or his gods. They would worship only Him and trust Him to take care of them.

8. Yes, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood while everyone else bowed down. Someone noticed and told the king. Nebuchadnezzar was furious! The three men were brought before him, and he said, "Bow down, or be thrown into furnace! What God can rescue you then?"

9. "You're wrong, oh king," the men replied. "The LORD, the God we serve, can deliver us if He wants to. And even if He doesn't, we'll keep worshipping Him and be happy with what He wants," they said. "The LORD is the one, true God. He knows and does what's best!"

10. Now, King Nebuchadnezzar was even angrier! "Make the furnace seven times hotter! Tie up these men and throw them in!" he ordered. Soon, the fire was raging hot. It was so hot that the king's men died from the heat as they threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the flames.

11. Then, King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and was amazed. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were alive! And there was a fourth, heavenly person, in the furnace with them! "Come out of the fire," the king ordered the men, and they came out, completely unharmed.

12. No longer did the king want anyone to bow down before him or his statue. He sent out a new order to the people, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They trusted in Him rather than worship my statue. Honor the LORD, their God. What a great God He is!"