



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



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



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



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People ????. 2 Timothy 1:7." Hint: "Another word for "brave." Starts with the letter "C."

2 Timothy **|:7** "God gave us a spirit self-control." not of

fear but of power and love and



2 Timothy 1:6-7

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



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



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



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



"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 Scaredy Cat Scat.' Listen for Who changed Jesus' followers on the inside, from being scared to having courage to live for Jesus."

"The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat"

Matthew 26-28; Mark I4-16; Luke 22-24; John I3-21; Acts I-2



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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

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

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

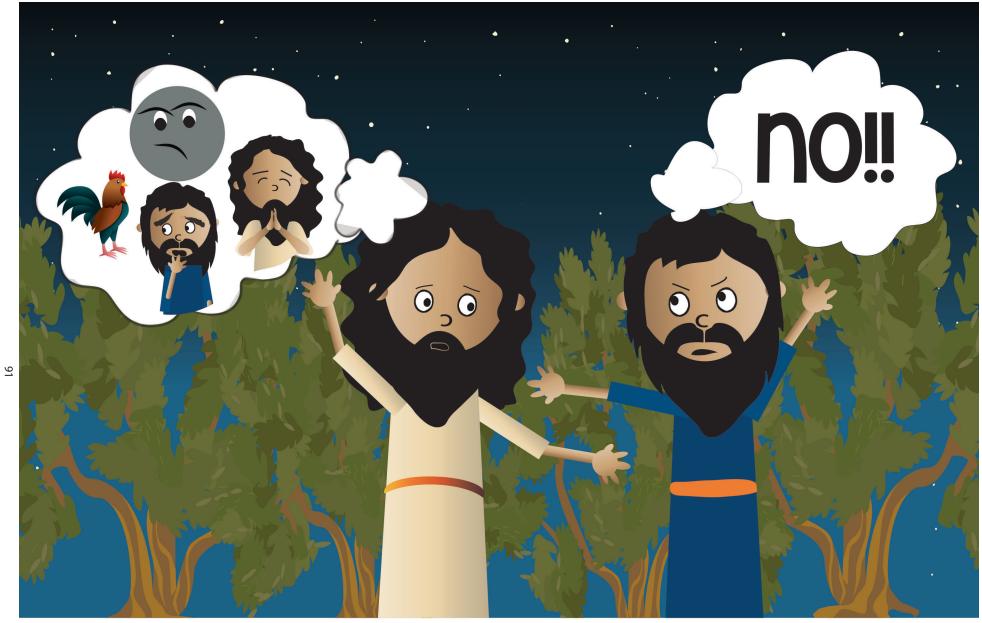
- "...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."
- I. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did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

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

Something to Grow Into



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



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



3. Jesus comforted His disciples. They were so sad. "I'm going to heaven to make a place for you to live with Me forever," Jesus told them. "I'm going to ask God, My Father, to send the Holy Spirit to live in you and help you. It's better for you that I go, so He can come and live inside of you," Jesus said.



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



5. Peter decided to fight for Jesus. He drew his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of Jesus' most powerful enemy -- the high priest. But Jesus would not fight. "This is God, My Father's, plan and I won't run from it," Jesus told Peter. Then, He reached out and healed Malchus' ear.



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



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



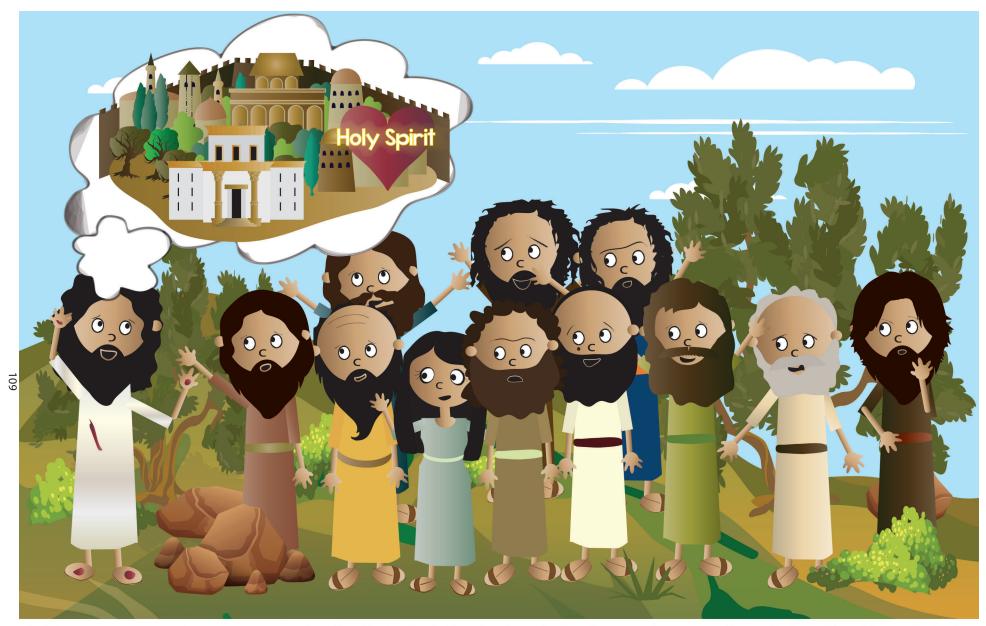
8. Later that day, Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Friends took his body and buried it in a cave-grave. How very sad and scared Peter and the other disciples were. Enemies had killed Jesus. Would they be next? They locked the doors and hid in fear like scaredy cats.



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



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



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



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

A: "God's Holy Spirit."

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- I. Who was very afraid, like a scaredy cat? Peter and Jesus' other disciples.
- 2. Why didn't they stay scaredy cats? Who changed them? Jesus prayed for Peter and the others. The Holy Spirit came to live inside of them all. He changed their hearts and gave them boldness to tell others about Jesus.

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

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



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- I. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why? Peter and the other disciples were. They were afraid the soldiers would arrest them and kill them.
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciples? What did these men become bold to do?

The gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to be bold to live for God and to tell others about God, even if enemies threatened to hurt them. That's boldness!

For You and Me

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

Something to Grow Into

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

A Prayer

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

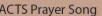
God, we disobey You and deserve Your punishment, yet You offer to save us through Jesus. Thank You!

Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Change us and make us Your people.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



plenty for younger kids



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



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

Big Q & A #10 Simple Song

What does the Holy Spirit do Inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart!





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

Big Question #10 Tell Me More Song What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse I

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

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of people,
He gives them the courage
to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom
to the hearts of God's people.
He reveals His Holy Word to them.
Refrain



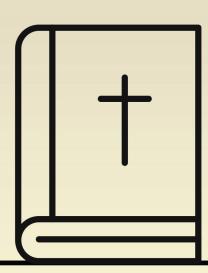
Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #10, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

Fan Into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
For God gave us a spirit not of fear
But of power and love and self-control.
Second Timothy One, six and seven.





Big Question #10 Hymn
The Church's One Foundation

Verse I
The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By Spirit and the Word;
From heav'n He came a sought her,
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

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

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





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

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.

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

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.

