



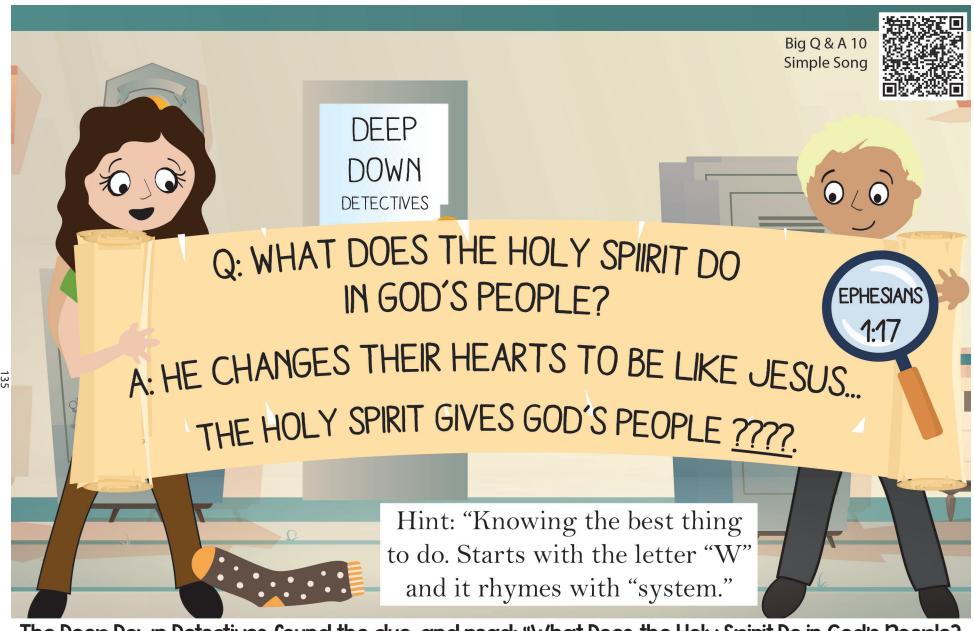
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



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



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



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 ???? Ephesians 1:17" Hint: "Knowing the best thing to do. Starts with the letter "W" and it rhymes with "system."

Ephesians !:17 "I keep asking that

give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may God may know him better."



Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17

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



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



"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>WISDOM</u>." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



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



"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 Secret Weapon Within.' Listen for why Jesus' followers could give such wise answers to Jesus' enemies."

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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I

- I. Who was the "secret weapon" and in where did God put Him?
- 2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Ephesians 1:17, NIV

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

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

Something to Grow Into



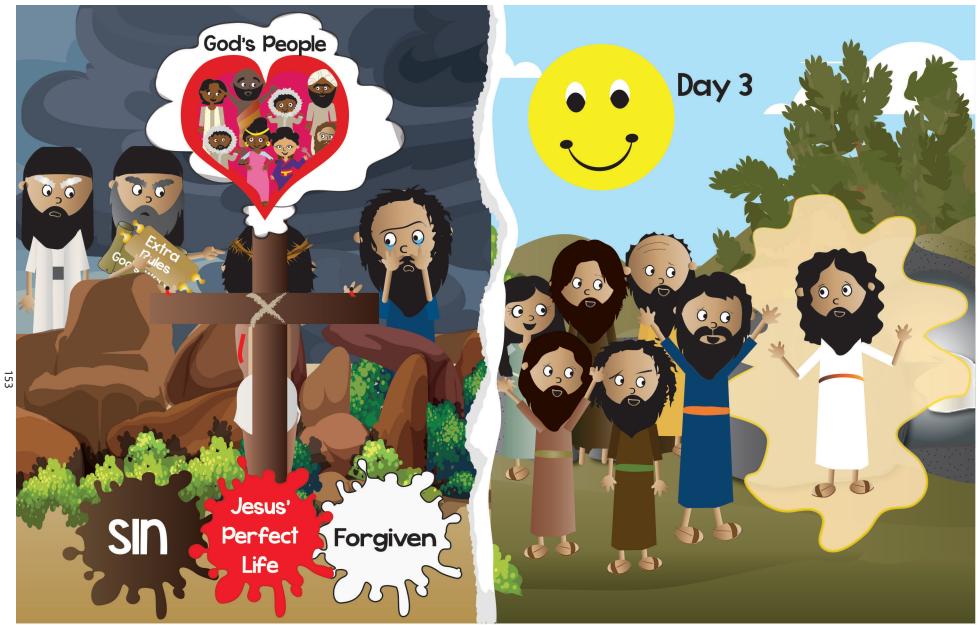
I. Jesus taught His followers happy things about God and His plans. Best of all, were the promises about life with God forever. "I will save God's people, then go prepare a home for them," Jesus told them. "We'll live there together in perfect happiness forever," He promised.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



9. The Holy Spirit wasn't ONLY at work in those first believers when they spoke to Jesus' enemies. He was at work whenever they shared God's Word. He helped many people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.



10. And when they did, the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts to stay. Now, they were God's people, too. Now, He would be their Helper, giving them wisdom and helping them live for God, too.

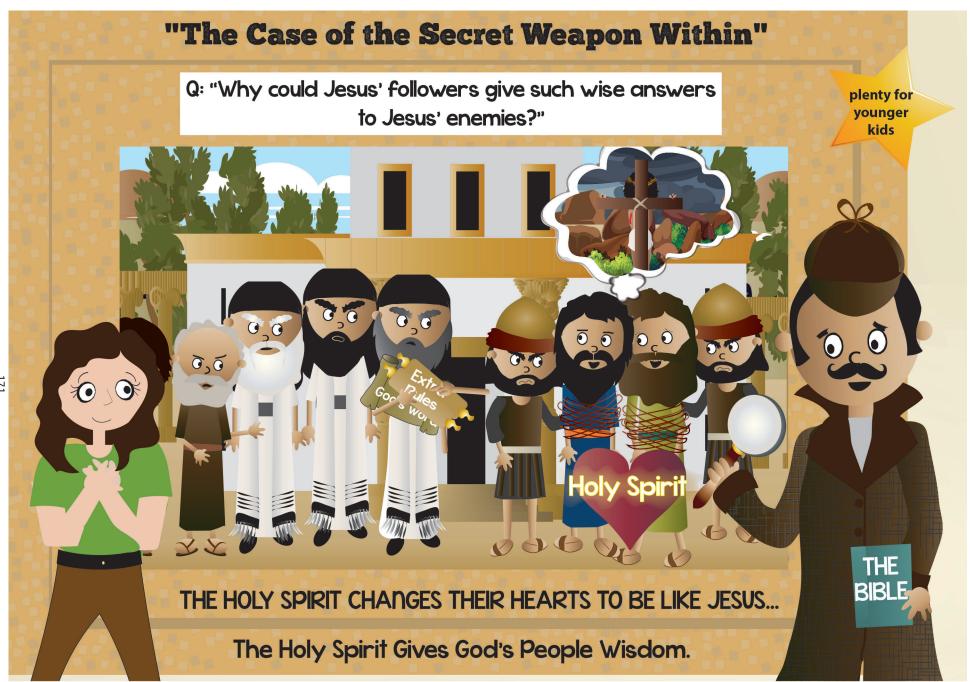


II. And that's what the Holy Spirit is still doing even today in people all around the world. He works in their hearts as they hear the good news of Jesus and helps them believe. Then, He comes to live in their hearts to stay, giving them wisdom to know God and how to live for Him.



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





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

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



SOLVED

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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

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

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

For You and Me:

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

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Ephesians 1:17, NIV

- "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."
- I. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? The Holy Spirit.
- 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do? To know God; to know how God wanted them to live; and, to know what to say, as they told others about Jesus.

For You and Me:

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

Something to Grow Into

How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!



What great changes the Holy Spirit made inside of Jesus' disciples, long ago! Even the leaders were amazed at the wisdom God gave them through His Holy Spirit.

Like the disciples, we need Jesus to be our Savior, and for the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. You see, we all disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins. But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's

people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and His Holy Spirit will come live inside of us. And one day, we will get to live with God forever. Ask God to help you become one of His

people. He loves to answer

this prayer!

more depth for older kids





Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

"God wants us to have hearts that live by His wisdom, like Jesus.

Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

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

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

ACTS Prayer Song



more depth for older kids

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

C God, we confess that many times we choose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead, we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior. We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts, so we might love You and live for You!

T Thank You, God, for all the wisdom You offer us through Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the wisdom You give us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to the hearts of Your people, as they pray.

S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



"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

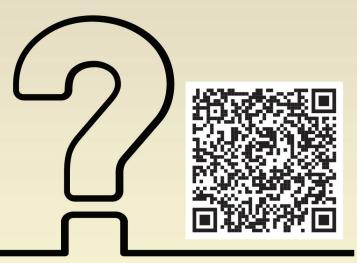
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

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 3 Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking: Ephesians 1:17



I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom,

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.

So that you may know Him,

You may know Him,

That you may know Him, better.

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

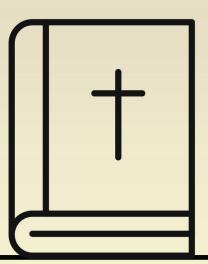
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Ephesians One, seventeen.



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

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.

