



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #10, Bible Truth 4:  
The Case of the World's Biggest Building**



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



DEEP  
DOWN  
DETECTIVES

Q: WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO  
IN GOD'S PEOPLE?

A: HE CHANGES THEIR HEARTS TO BE LIKE JESUS...  
THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS GOD'S ????.

ACTS  
9:31

IDENTITY CARD



NAME  
Detective Dan



Hint: "The name for God's people,  
gathered together. Starts with a  
"C" and rhymes with "search."

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 Builds God's ????. Acts 9:31" Hint: "The name for God's people, gathered together. Starts with a "C" and rhymes with "search."



**Acts 9:31**  
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The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Acts 9:31, and read: “The church was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers.”





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



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THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS GOD'S CHURCH.

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



Big Question 10  
Tell Me More  
Song



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





Bible Chant  
Song

# "The Case of the World's Biggest Building"

Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4



"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 World's Biggest Building.' Listen for the name of this biggest building and who works in God's people to build it."



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

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the builder?
2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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### Acts 9:31, NIV

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

1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus?
2. How did the Holy Spirit help the Church grow?

(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

Something to Grow Into

# The Church!



**Perfect Wonderfulness**

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





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



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





4. "Go and fill the whole earth with people," God told Adam and Eve, the first people. They had children, and their children had children. They grew and grew and made their homes all over the world.



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





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



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





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



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



# The Church!

Holy Spirit



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





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



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



# "The Case of the World's Biggest Building"

Q: "What is the name of this biggest building and  
Who works in God's people to build it?"

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THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES THEIR HEARTS TO BE LIKE JESUS...

The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church.

A: "God's Church. The Holy Spirit works in God's people to build it, giving them faith in Jesus."



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

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the builder?  
The LORD.

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

For You and Me:

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

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Acts 9:31, NIV

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

1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus?  
God's Holy Spirit.

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

He helped the believers be bold to tell others about Jesus and He gave them words to say. He worked in the hearts of those listening and helped them put their trust in Jesus, too.

For You and Me

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

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## Something to Grow Into

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

# The Gospel



Isn't it amazing that God chose to build His Church out of people like us? He is our good God, yet we have all chosen to disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, but instead, He offers to make us His people through His Son, Jesus.

God sent Jesus to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never do. Then on the cross, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, so they could be forgiven. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people! And that's how God makes sinful people into His dearly-loved people, the Church. You can become part of the Church, too. Ask God to help you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into





"God has planned for the Holy Spirit to make His people into a big, beautiful display of His goodness and love. Let's pray to Him now."

## A Prayer

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



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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 Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.

C God, we confess that we have sinful hearts. We need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!

T Thank You, God, for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.

S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, so we might know and love You. Build Your Church, in us and in people throughout the whole world!

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!)



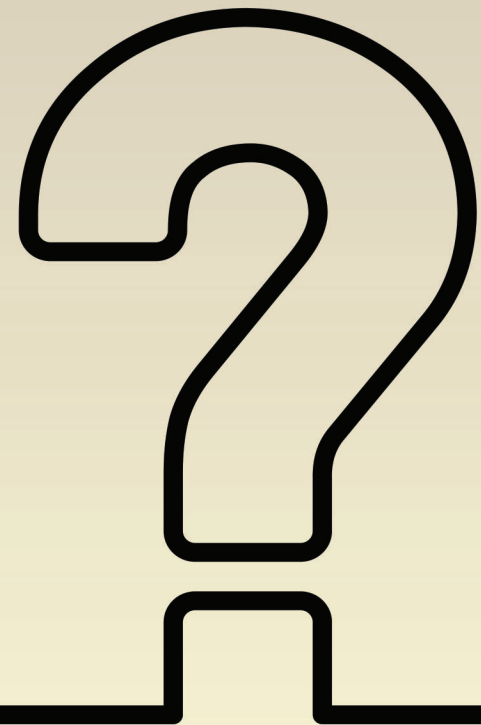
"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

# Big Q & A #10

## Simple Song



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



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"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 1

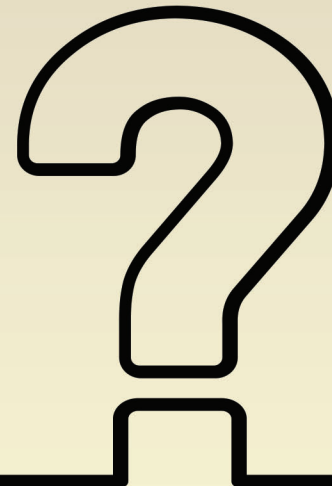
He gives life to the hearts of God's people,  
He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,  
He puts love in the hearts of God's people,  
He helps them love God and others always.

#### 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

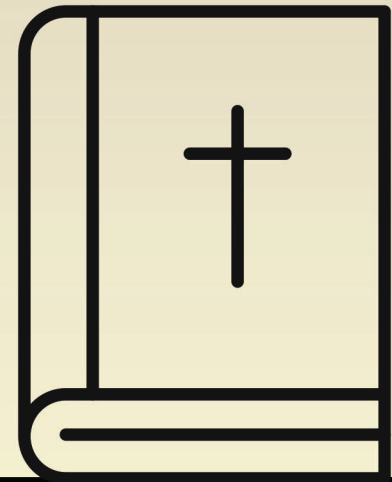


Here is a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #10, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:  
The Church Was Strengthened: Acts 9:31



Then the church was strengthened and encouraged,  
By the Holy Spirit, by the Holy Spirit  
It grew in numbers, It grew in numbers,  
Living in the fear,  
The fear of the Lord, (repeat)  
Acts Nine, thirty-one.



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



## Big Question #10 Hymn

### The Church's One Foundation

#### Verse 1

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, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
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And renew a right spirit within me.

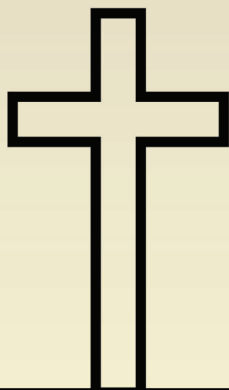


"Let's praise God for promising to give the Holy Spirit to all who trust in Jesus as their Savior!"

## The Gospel Song (Short)

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

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



## The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

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

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

