



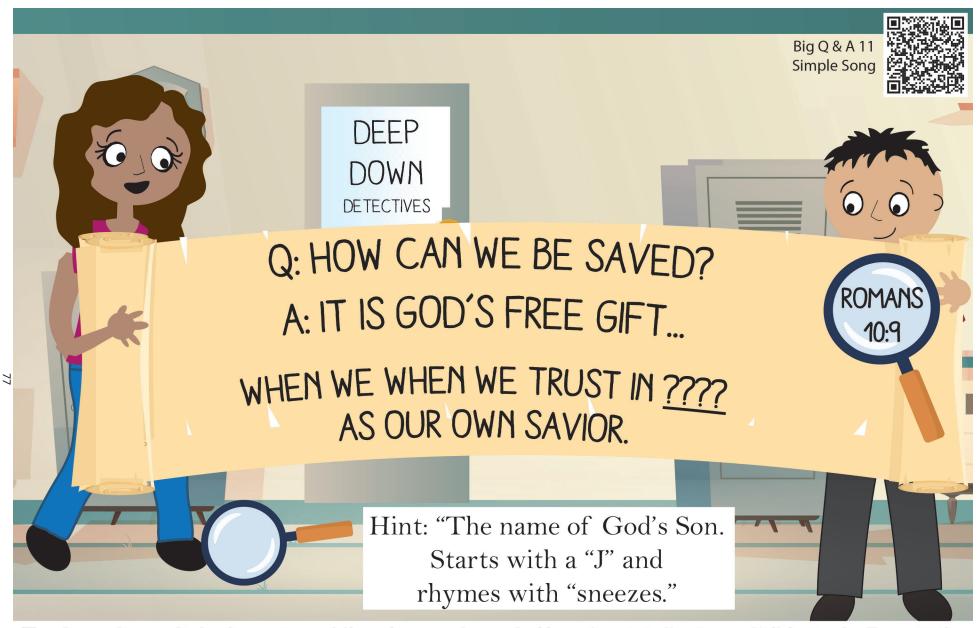
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



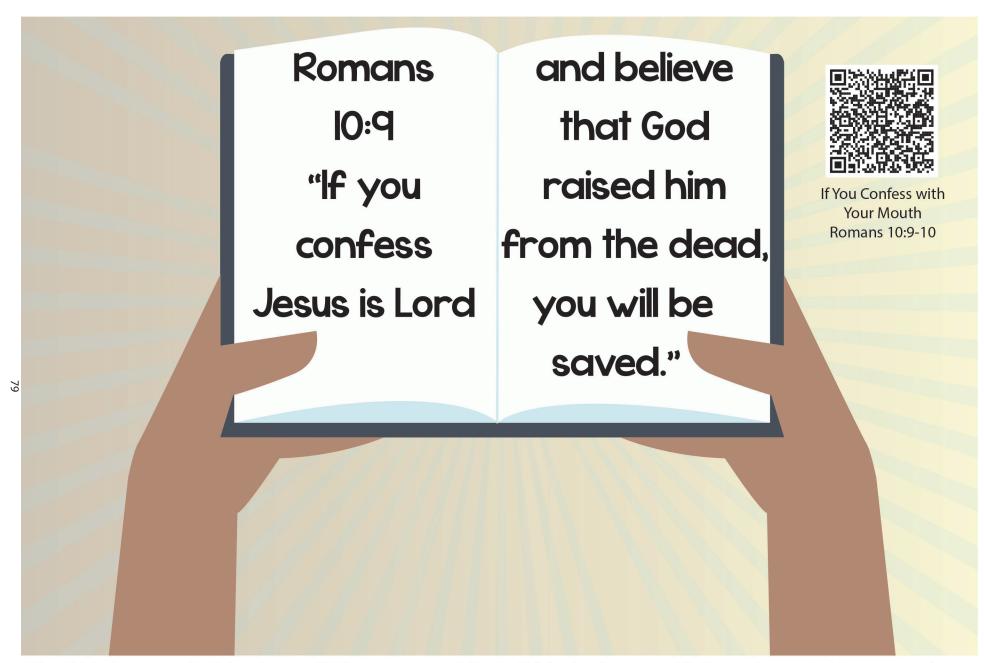
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'How Can We Be Saved?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



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



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



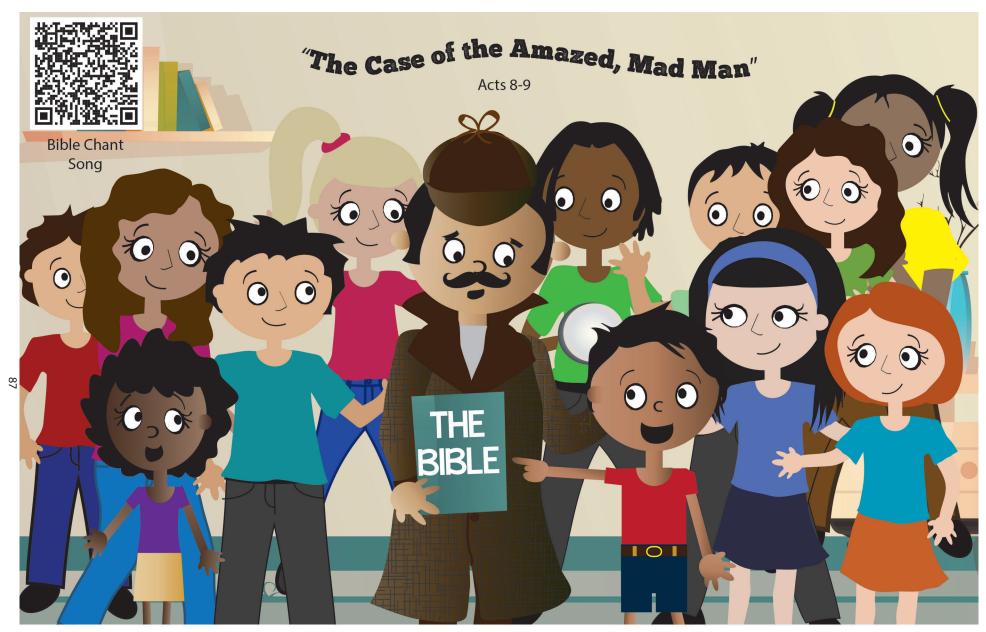
Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about how we can be saved?" he asked. "We think so! God's people believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins and rose from the dead in victory. He is their Lord -- the One they want to live for their whole lives."



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



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



"Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word."

"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man.' Listen for who changed from being an enemy of Jesus to trusting in Him as his Savior."

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



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

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

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



#### Romans 10:9-10, ESV

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

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

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

Something to Grow Into



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



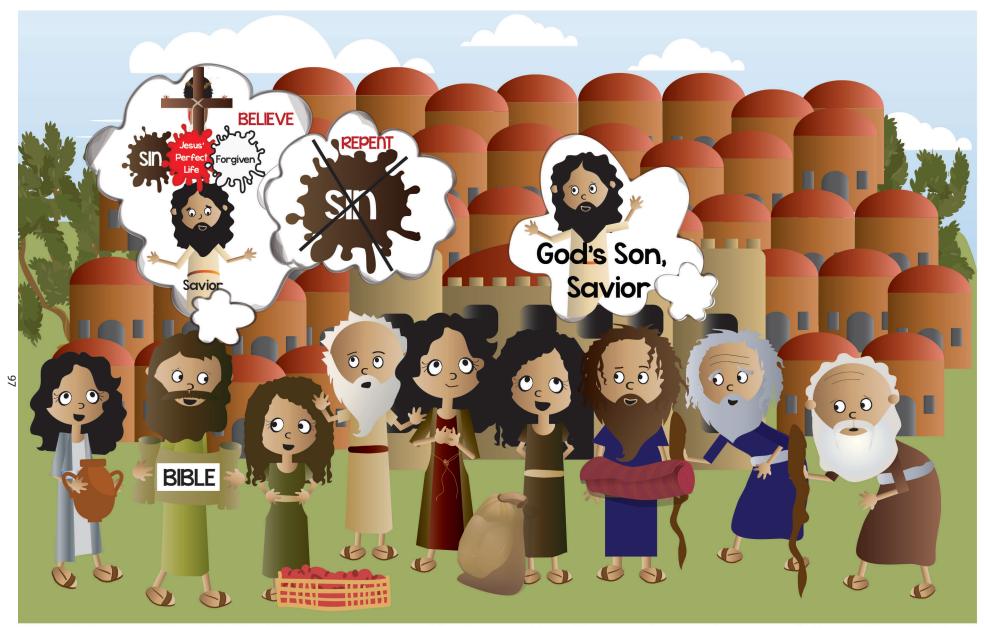
2. But others, like Saul, hated Jesus. "Jesus is a fake! Stop saying He's the Savior," he told Jesus' followers. "Stop telling people about Jesus, or I'll punish you and put you in jail," he warned. Oh, no! What would Jesus' followers do now?



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



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



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



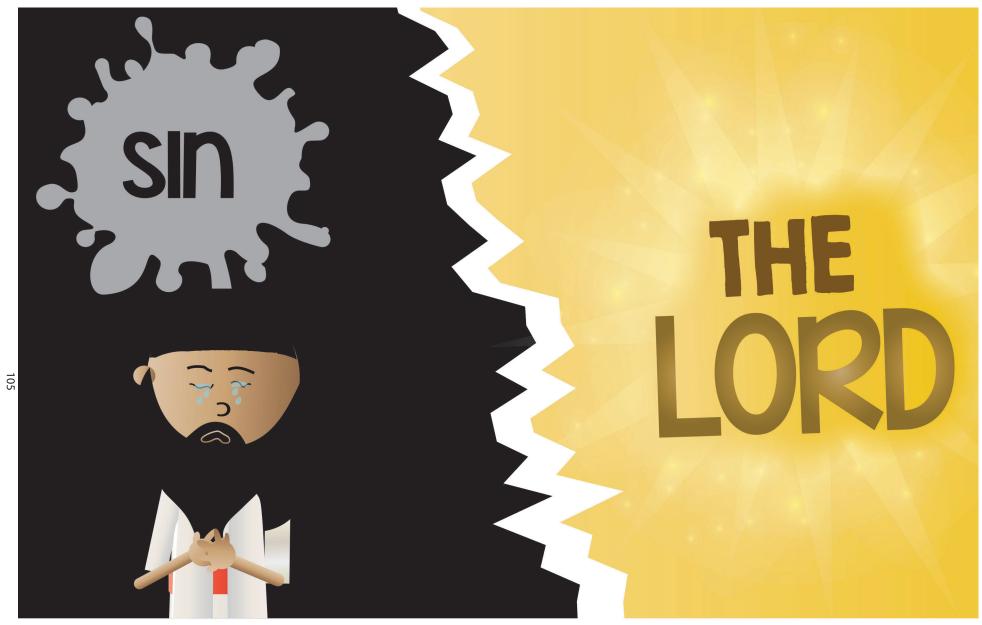
6. Saul was furious when he heard the news. He went to the high priest, and said, "Give me men to go to these other cities, starting in Damascus. I'll arrest the Christians and put them in jail," Saul promised. The high priest agreed. Saul would stop all this talk about Jesus, this fake Savior.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

A: "Saul (Paul) did."

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



## **Detective Dan's** Listening Assignment #1

I. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he so mad

Saul. He was mad that Jesus' followers were telling people to trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change

Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He started telling everyone the good news of Jesus.

#### For You and Me:

God turned Saul from a man who hated Jesus and wanted to hurt God's people, to someone who loved Jesus and served Him his whole life. God can work powerfully in our lives, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



#### Romans 10:9-10, ESV

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

I. Who told people to stop saying Jesus is the Savior? Saul did.

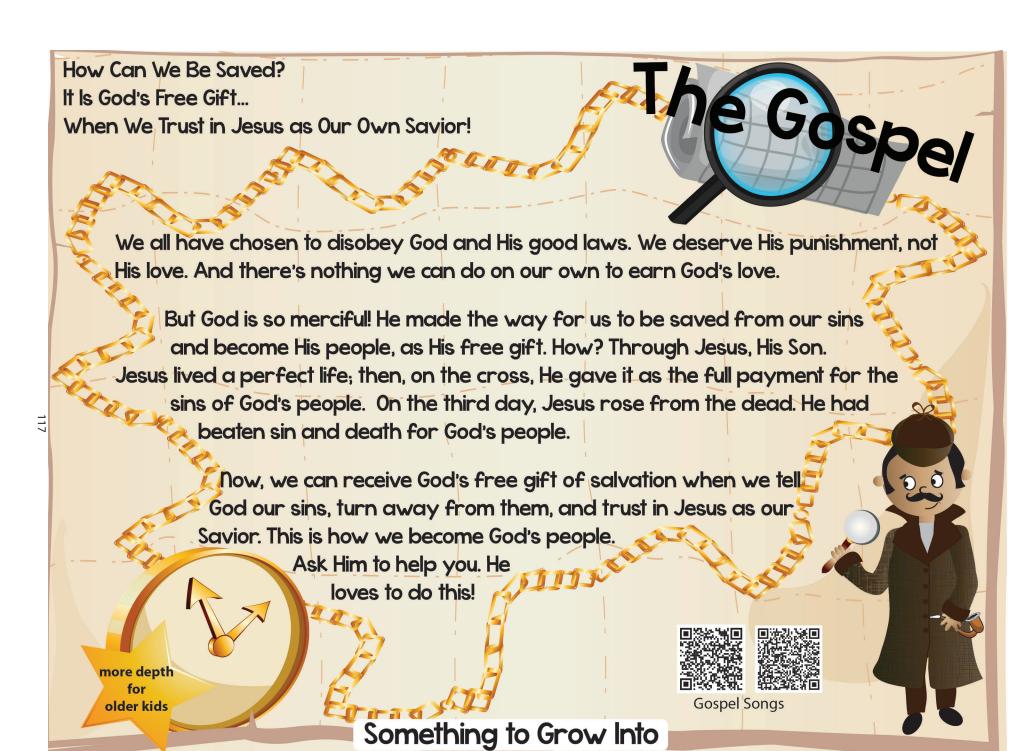
#### 2. Why did he change his mind?

Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior

#### For You and Me:

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

## Something to Grow Into



"God offers us His free gift of salvation, too. Let's pray to Him

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are our Savior!

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

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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

plenty for younger kids

# Something to Grow Into A Prayer

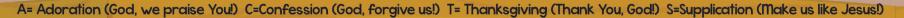
more depth for older kids

- A God, we praise You for being good and just. We honor You as the One we should all obey.
- C God, we confess that we are all sinners who have disobeyed You. We know that we can never deserve to be Your people by good things we do. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Thank You that He made the way for us to become Your people with His perfect life given as the full payment for the sins of God's people.
- S God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior that we might become Your people. Help us to know and love You. Help us to live for You.

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 Qu & A #II Simple Song

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





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

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

Refrain

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God' free gift.

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

How can we be saved?

It's God's free gift through Christ.

Verse 2

Jesus, He paid the price,

the perfect sacrifice,

On the cross, gave His life,

Bought us eternal life,

Takes away all our sin,

Makes our hearts clean within.

When we repent and believe in Him.

Refrain



Verse I I disobey God, I need a Savior, You disobey God, You need a Savior, We all disobey God, We need a Savior. To save us from our sins. Refrain

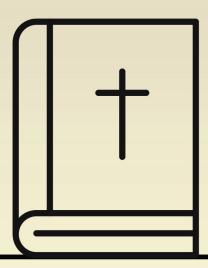


Big Question #II, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: If You Confess with Your Mouth: Romans 10:9-10

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

If you confess, with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"
And believe in your heart,
That God raised Him from the dead,
You will be saved, you will be saved.
For with the mouth, one confesses and is saved.
Romans Ten: nine through ten.





Big Question #Il Hymn
Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin

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

Big Question #Il Praise Song Blessed Be the Name

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



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

#### The Gospel Song (Short)

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

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



The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

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

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

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

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

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



Bible Chant Song

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



Classroom Rules Song

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

These are our classroom rules.

These are our classroom rules.

They help us worship God

and love one another.



**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.

