



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #11, Bible Truth 3:  
The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday**



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



DEEP  
DOWN  
DETECTIVES

Q: HOW CAN WE BE SAVED?

A: IT IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN OUR ????.

TITUS  
3:5

Hint: "What God put inside us so we can know and love Him. It starts with an "H" and rhymes with "starts."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift... When the Holy Spirit Works in Our ????. Titus 3:5" Hint: "What God put inside us so we can know and love Him. It starts with an "H" and rhymes with "starts."

**Titus 3:5**

**“He saved  
us by the  
Holy Spirit.”**



He Saved Us  
Titus 3:5

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Titus 3:5, and read: “He saved us by the Holy Spirit.”





Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about how we can be saved?" he asked. "We think so! We can't be saved on our own. God's Holy Spirit needs to work in our hearts, helping us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



Q: HOW CAN WE BE SAVED?  
A: IT IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...

ROMANS  
10:9

WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN OUR HEARTS.

"Our Big Question is: How Can We Be Saved? And the answer is: It Is God's Free Gift... When the Holy Spirit Works in Our HEARTS." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 11  
Tell Me More  
Song



"We are sinners, with hearts dead and without love for God. We would never choose to love Him on our own. But God treats His people better than they deserve. He sends His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. When they hear God's Word, He helps them know they are sinners. He helps them stop disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He makes their hearts alive to God, so they can know Him, love Him and obey Him. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in your heart!"





Bible Chant  
Song

# **"The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday"**

John 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 Surprising, Second Birthday.' Listen for who learned about the Holy Spirit's powerful work that changes our hearts."



# "The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday" John 3

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for  
older kids



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promise to all who trust in him as their Savior?
2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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### Titus 3:5, ESV

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?
2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?

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

Something to Grow Into



1. To the country, to the cities, went Jesus and His disciples. And everywhere they went, people came and were amazed. "This Jesus is not like any other teacher. He teaches us what God is really like. He heals sick people with just His words, by God's power," they exclaimed.



2. Someone ELSE at work, as Jesus taught about God and did amazing things: God, the Holy Spirit! He worked in the hearts of many, helping them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as God's Son, the Savior.



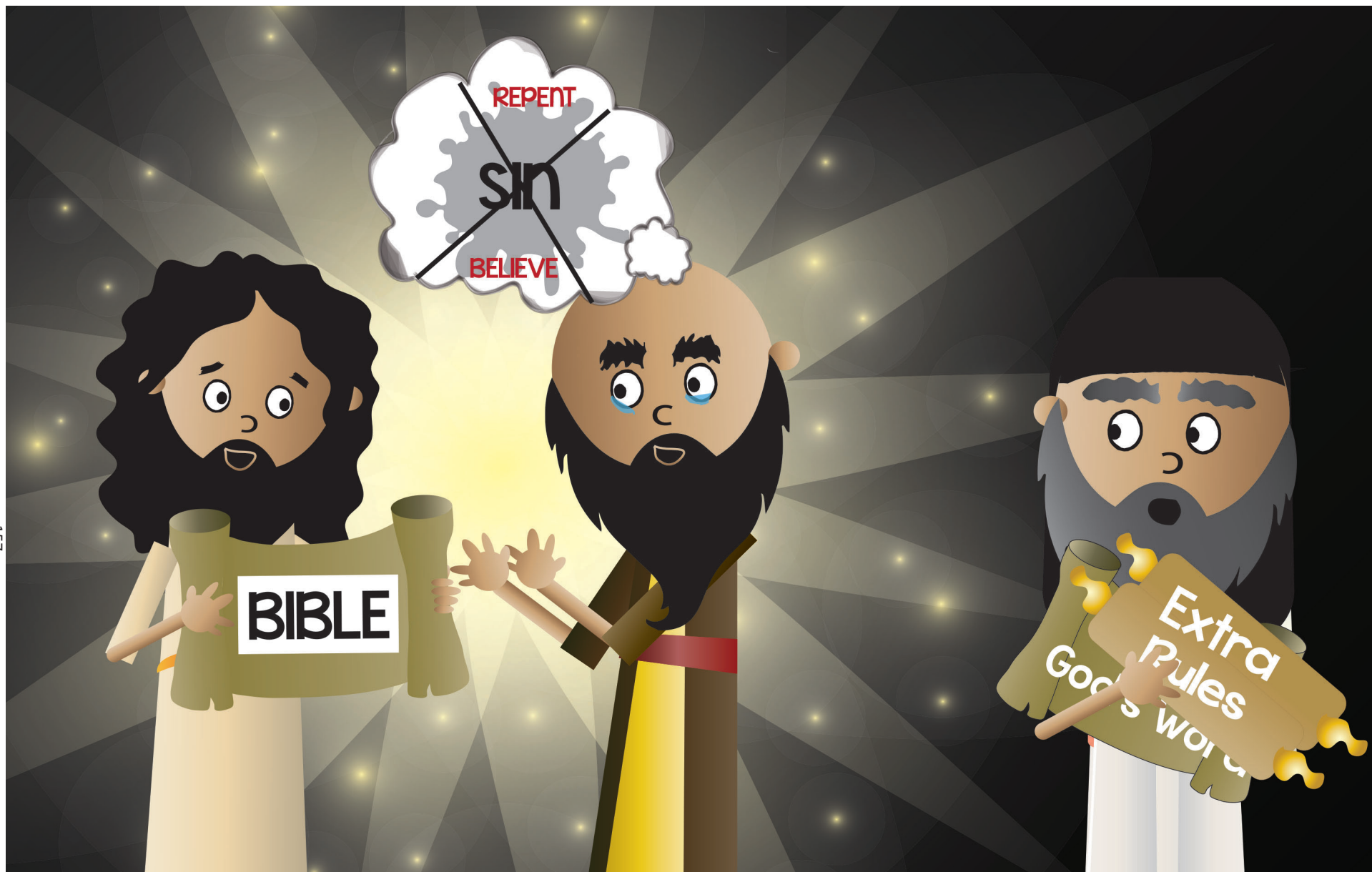


3. God forgave their sins and made them His people. Now, they could know and love God in their hearts. And one day, they would go live with Him, face-to-face forever. What a wonderful thing the Holy Spirit was doing in these people as they listened to Jesus!





4. An important teacher of God's Word named Nicodemus came to hear to Jesus. He may have been a teacher, but he felt like a learner when he listened to Jesus, he was so amazed. "No one can teach or do the things Jesus does unless he was sent by God," Nicodemus thought.



5. But what amazed Nicodemus most of all was how people changed when they believed in Jesus. They were turning from their sins and living for God! How could this be? Nicodemus had to know more. So, one night, Nicodemus went to see Jesus and ask Him his questions.



6. "No one can become one of God's people and part of His kingdom unless they are born again," Jesus told Nicodemus. Nicodemus was confused. "Born again? Like a baby from a mother? How? I'm a full-grown man. I don't understand," Nicodemus told Jesus.



# Holy Spirit

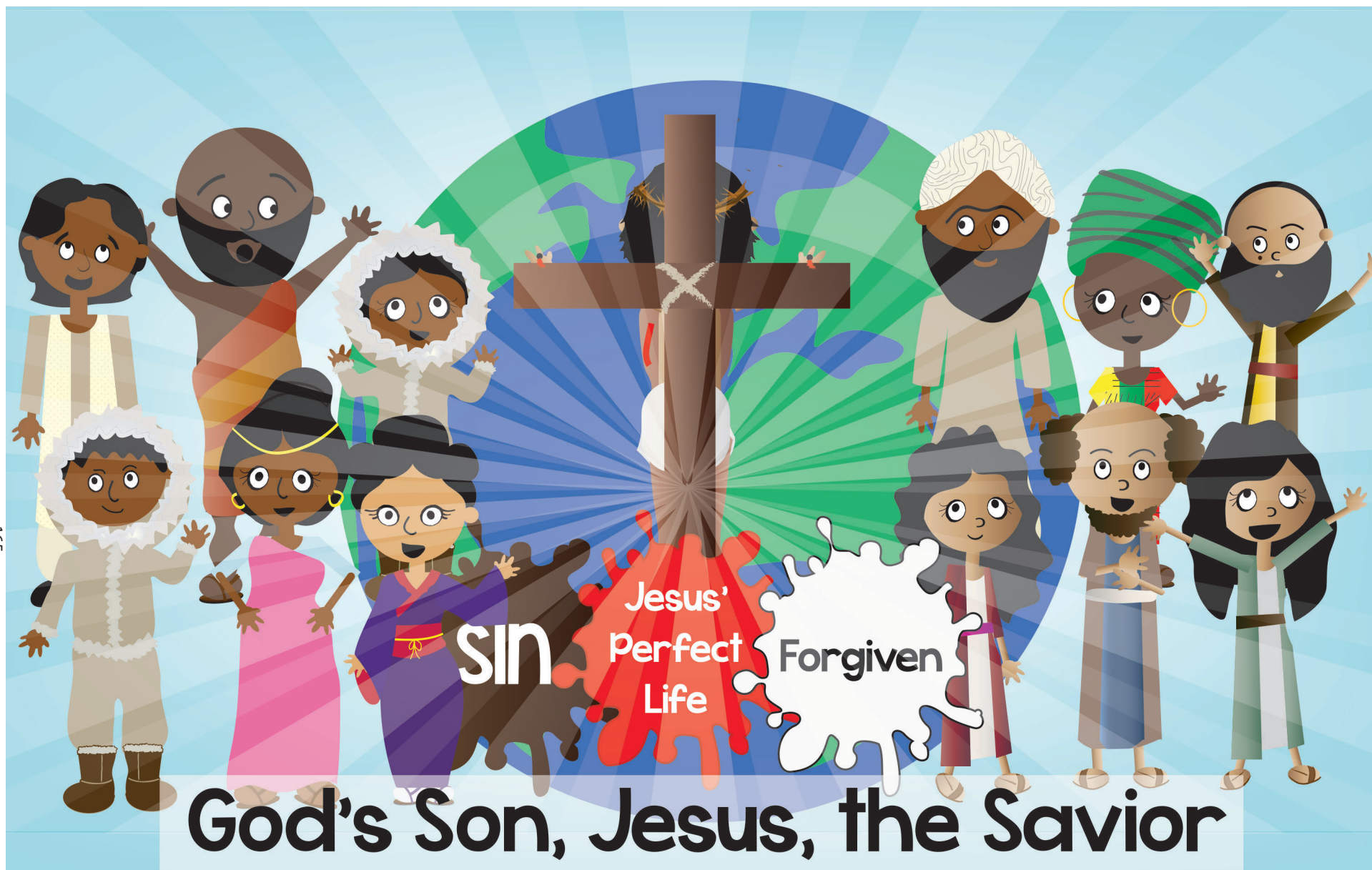


7. "This is a new birth in your HEART, not in your body," Jesus explained. "The Holy Spirit works in your heart, helping you turn away from disobeying God. He helps you love God and trust in Me as your Savior. He makes you a new person on the inside, like being born again," Jesus said.





8. "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked, still trying to understand. "Nicodemus, you are one of the best teachers of God's Word, yet you don't understand?" Jesus replied. "This is why God has sent Me, His Son, from heaven."



9. "For God loved the world so much that He sent Me to be the Savior. Whoever believes in Me won't be punished by God for their sins, but have eternal life," Jesus said. "I will be lifted up on the cross to pay for their sins. They will be God's people and will live with Him forever," Jesus explained.



10. Nicodemus had much to think about that night. Jesus had taught him new things he had never understood before: the Holy Spirit works inside people, helping them believe in Jesus as their Savior and giving them new hearts as God's people. What big ideas!





II. Did the Holy Spirit work in Nicodemus' heart? Did he trust in Jesus as his Savior? It seems so. We know Nicodemus stood up against Jesus' enemies. And, he helped bury Jesus' body, when Jesus died. Some say, Jesus' enemies made Nicodemus stop teaching because he was Jesus' follower.



12. But there's something I DO know. We can ask God's Holy Spirit to work in OUR hearts right now. He can help us to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we can become God's people and enjoy Him forever. God loves to answer this prayer!

# "The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday"

Q: "Who learned about the Holy Spirit's powerful work that changes our hearts?"

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younger  
kids



**SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT...**

**When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts.**

A: "Nicodemus did."



# "The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday" John 3

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promise to all who trust in him as their Savior?  
To be a changed person, forgiven of their sins, and one of God's people forever.
2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it?  
To Nicodemus. He didn't understand that the Holy Spirit is the One who works inside us and changes our hearts. He is the One who helps us repent and believe, so we can become God's people.

For You and Me:

That special, second birthday wasn't just for important people like Nicodemus. It's for anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and help you. He loves to answer these prayers!

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Titus 3:5, ESV

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?  
To be made a new person inside their heart. God forgives their sins and helps them trust in Jesus as their Savior.
2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?  
The Holy Spirit.

For You and Me:

That special, second birthday that God gave to His people long ago is something He still gives to people today. How? When they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and work in your heart and help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

## Something to Grow Into

How Can We Be Saved?  
It Is God's Free Gift...  
When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts!

# The Gospel

We all have chosen to disobey God. Our hearts are dead and empty of love for Him and His good ways. We would never choose to love God on our own.

We deserve God's punishment, but God has sent us a Savior-- His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us. God loves to answer this prayer!

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Something to Grow Into



Gospel Songs





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

## A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are the One who works in our hearts, so we might be saved.

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.



ACTS Prayer Song





# Something to Grow Into

## A Prayer

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**A** God, we praise You for being the Changer of the hearts of sinful people, like us.

**C** God, we confess that we are all sinners. We have hard hearts that are slow to believe, love, and obey You. We need Jesus to save us!

**T** Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of people like us, so we can know You, love You, and live for You. You give us what we need but could never get on our own.

**S** God, send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Give us faith as we hear Your Word, the Bible. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us new creations! Give us the new birth! We want to know You and live for You!

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!)

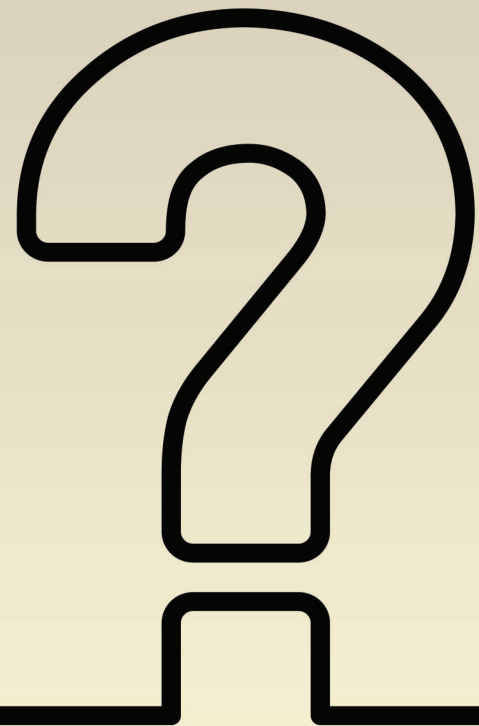


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

# Big Qu & A #11

## Simple Song

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



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



Big Question #1 Tell Me More Song  
How Can We Be Saved?



Refrain

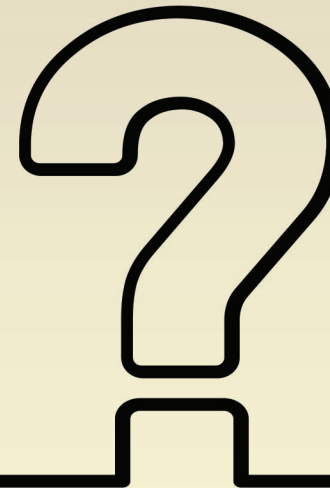
How can we be saved?  
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It's God's free gift.  
How can we be saved?  
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How can we be saved?  
It's God's free gift through Christ.

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 1

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



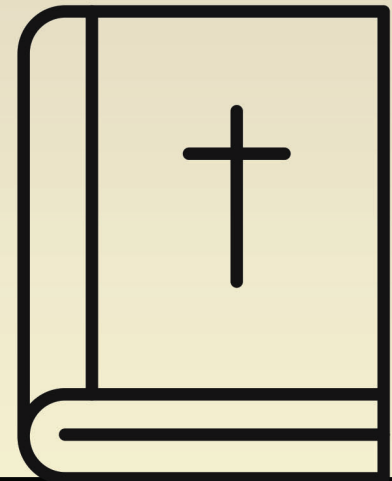
Here's a song that helps us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #11, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:  
He Saved Us: Titus 3:5



He saved us, he saved us,  
By regeneration  
And renewal of the Spirit.  
He saved us, he saved us,  
By the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,  
On us richly,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,  
On us, through Jesus Christ.  
Titus Three, verses five through seven.



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

## Big Question #11 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 #11 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,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.



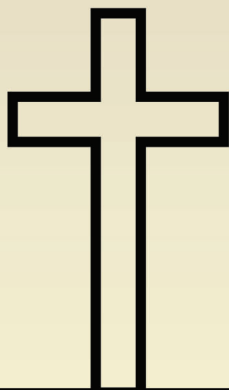
"Let's praise the Lord for His free gift of salvation through Jesus!"



## 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,  
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.

