



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the Hardest Thing**



"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** Big Question for us. It says, 'How Should God's People Live?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



"Deep Down Detectives! This is your first of eight missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my shoe. 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 Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Asking God for His ????. Hebrews 4:16." Hint: "What we need when we can't do something by ourselves. Starts with an "H" and rhymes with "yelp."

**Hebrews
4:16**

**“Let us
draw near
the**

**throne
of grace
to find help
in time
of need.”**



Let Us Then Draw Near
Hebrews 4:16

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Hebrews 4:16, and read: “Let us draw near the throne of grace to find help in time of need.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God is the great king over everything. He wants His people to come and ask Him to help them live for Him. He always gives them what they need."



Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?
A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...
BY ASKING GOD FOR HIS HELP.

HEBREWS
4:16

"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Asking God for His HELP!" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 12
Tell Me More
Song



“When Jesus lived on earth, He asked God, His Father, for help to do everything He wanted Him to do. God wants His people to ask Him to help them, too. One of God’s best promises to His people is to send the Holy Spirit to live inside their hearts. The Holy Spirit helps them to know what God wants them to do. He makes them strong and brave to do it. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you.”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Hardest Thing"

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21



"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 Hardest Thing.' Listen for what was the hardest thing Jesus had to do and Who helped Him do it."

"The Case of the Hardest Thing" Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?
2. Who helped Him do it?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do? Who did Jesus cry out to for help?
2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Jesus needed help. Enemies were coming to arrest Him, then hang Him on a cross to die. And on that cross, Jesus would suffer all the punishment for the sins of God's people. Even for Jesus, the thought of all that punishment was terrible. He could only do it with help from God, His Father.



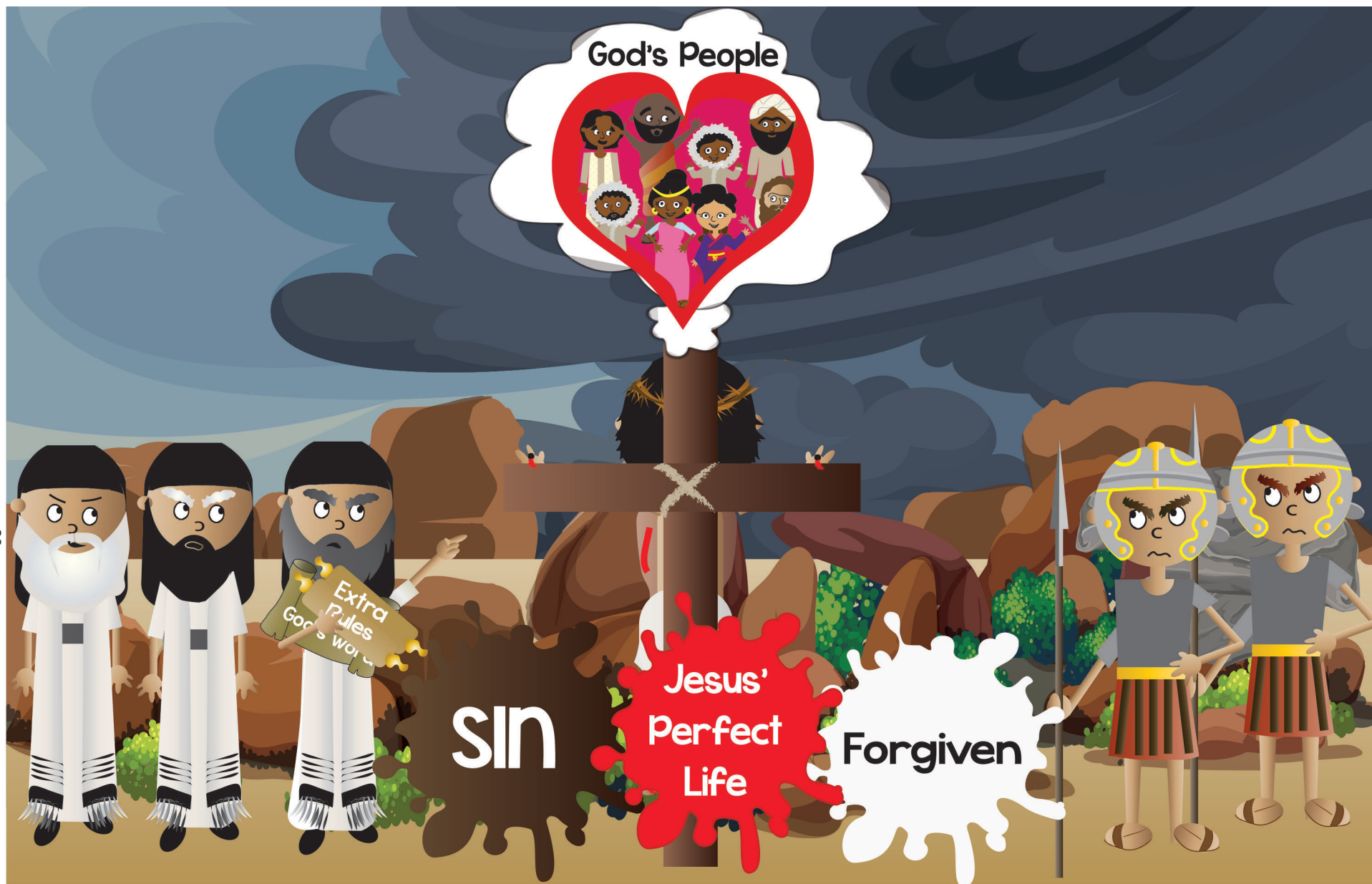
2. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the help He needed. "My Father, if it's possible, take this suffering away," Jesus pleaded. "But if this is the only way to save Your people, then I want to do it. I want Your will, not Mine, Father," Jesus prayed.



3. Jesus wasn't the only one who needed help with what was about to happen. Jesus' disciples would, too. "Watch and pray that you might say 'no' to temptation," Jesus urged them. "You **WANT** to do God's will, but you are very weak." Sadly, the disciples slept instead of praying.



4. But God heard Jesus' prayers. He sent an angel to strengthen Him. And just in time, for up came Judas Iscariot with a crowd of Jesus' enemies. "Hello, Teacher," Judas said, kissing Jesus. "Friend, do what you came to do," Jesus replied. The men grabbed Jesus, and the disciples ran away.



5. The next day, Jesus' enemies put Jesus on the cross to die. There, Jesus took all the punishment for God's people's sins. It was so terrible, but Jesus did it. He had asked for help, and God, His Father, gave it to Him. He helped Jesus do the hardest thing.



6. How do we know Jesus paid for all those sins on the cross? Because of what happened next. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the grave to live forevermore. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, they would get to live with God, knowing, loving, and enjoying Him forever.



7. And what happened to Jesus' disciples? Would God forgive them for leaving Jesus? Yes, He would! Jesus paid for ALL their sins when He died on the cross. And even though the disciples had slept, instead of asking God for help, Jesus had prayed that night for God to help them.



8. Jesus appeared to His disciples on the evening of that wonderful Day Three. "I'm alive and I've beaten sin and death for you and all of God's people!" He exclaimed.



9. Over the next 40 days, Jesus shared God's plans for them to tell whole world the gospel. They could never do this on their own, so Who did Jesus promise to send? The Holy Spirit! He would live in God's people, giving them all the help they needed. Then, Jesus went home to heaven.

Holy Spirit



10. Jesus was in heaven, but He never forgot God's people on earth. He is always praying for them. Jesus asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, and He did. He filled them with power and wisdom to carry out God's great plans to tell everyone about Jesus.



II. And, oh, how those first believers had learned their lesson to ask God for His help! There were many times when they were scared, weak, and in trouble. But now, they knew what to do. They prayed to God and He was good to give them the help they needed.



12. God's people today need God's help just as much as those believers did, long ago. And God is just as faithful to give them the help they need. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us live for Him, too.

"The Case of the Hardest Thing"

Q: "What was the hardest thing Jesus had to do
and Who helped Him do it?"

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GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

By Asking God for His Help.

A: "Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross for God's people. God, His Father, helped Him."

"The Case of the Hardest Thing" Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who did the hardest thing? What was it?
Jesus did. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He suffered and died for them. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory.

2. Who helped Him do it?
God, His Father, helped Jesus do it.

For You and Me:

Did you know that God calls all His people to do hard things they can never do on their own? And who will help them do these hard things? The very same One who helped Jesus --God! God will always help His people do whatever He calls them to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we can know God will help us to do whatever He calls us to do, too.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1. What was the very hard thing Jesus was called to do? Who did Jesus cry out to for help?

To live a perfect life and offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. To suffer and die for them. He asked God, His Father, to help Him do it all.

2. Did Jesus get the help He needed?
Yes, God helped Him do it perfectly!

For You and Me:

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Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...
By Asking God for His Help!

The Gospel

We need God's help if we are to be His people and live for Him. Why? Because we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment, and only with His help can we ever be forgiven and become His people.

But God, in His mercy, sent that help: His Son, Jesus! Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them! They are forgiven!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. They will know Him in their hearts now. He will help them with everything He wants them to do. And when they die, they will go to live in His glorious presence forever. This will be best of all. God can help you become one of His people. Ask Him! He loves to do this!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



"The LORD made us to know Him and live for Him. Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are strong and always able to help.

Thank You for promising to help Your people live for You.

Work in our hearts. Help us to love and obey You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior that we might be Your people.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

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A Prayer

- A God, we praise You for giving us Jesus so we can know how You want us to live.
- C God, we need Your help to live for You, but many times we don't ask for it. We love to do things by ourselves, in our own way. We need a Savior!
- T Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people live like Jesus. They could never do this without Your help.
- S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people. Help us to love You. Help us to live like You want us to.

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!)

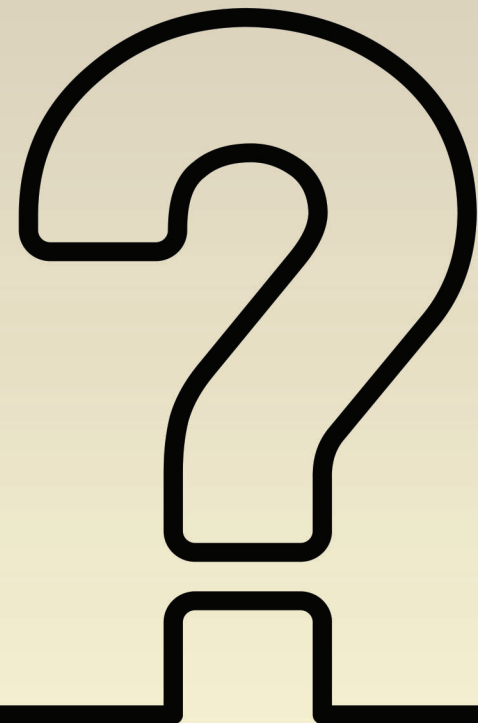


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #12

Simple Song

How should God's people live each day?
They should live like Jesus!
How should God's people live each day?
How should God's people live each day?
How should God's people live each day?
They should live like Jesus!



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

Big Question #12 Tell Me More Song How Should God's People Live?

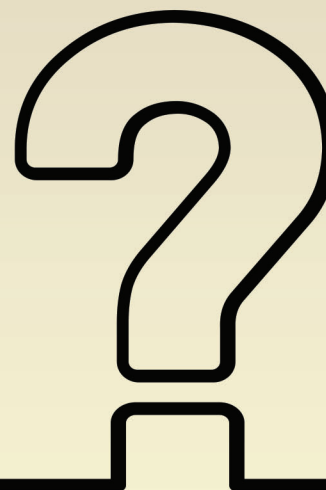
Refrain: How should God's people live?
How should God's people live?
How should God's people live?
They should live like Jesus!

Verse 1

Jesus loved God most of all,
He loved all people, too,
In all that He did and said and thought,
He loved them thru and thru.
Refrain

Verse 2

God's people should love God most of all,
They should love others, too,
And God the Holy Spirit,
Will help them in all they do.
Refrain



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

Big Question #12, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song:

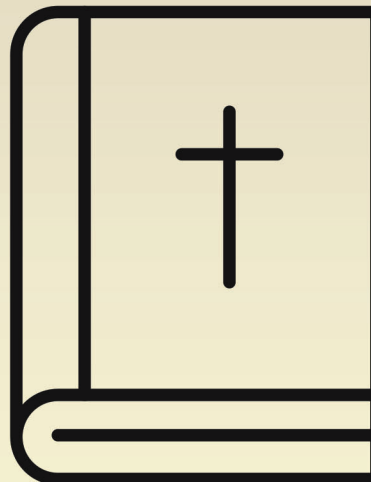
Let Us Then Draw Near: Hebrews 4:16

Let us then draw near,
draw near the throne of grace,
Draw near with confidence,
the throne with confidence,
That we may receive mercy
and find grace to help,
Help us in time of need,
in time of need,
Hebrews four, verse sixteen.

Big Question #12, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song:

Let Us Then with Confidence: Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near,
With confidence draw near
the throne of grace,
So that we may receive mercy
and find grace,
In our time of need,
Hebrews Four, sixteen.



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

Big Question #12 Hymn
Trust and Obey, Refrain

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Big Question #12 Praise Song
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back,

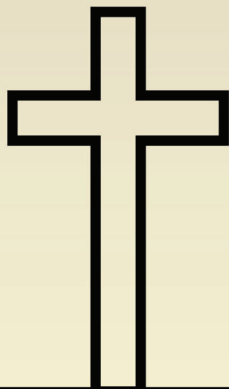


"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"

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.

