



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 3:**  
**The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving**



**"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. The Big Question is 'How Should God's People Live?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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



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Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?

A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

BY LOVING OTHER ???? AS GOD HAS LOVED THEM.

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13:4,7,8

INK

Hint: "A group of men and women,  
boys and girls. It starts with a "P"  
and rhymes with "steeple."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other ???? As God Has Loved Them. I Corinthians 13:4,7,8." Hint: "A group of men and women, boys and girls. It starts with a "P" and rhymes with "steeple."



**1 Corinthians  
13:4,7,8**

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**Love  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

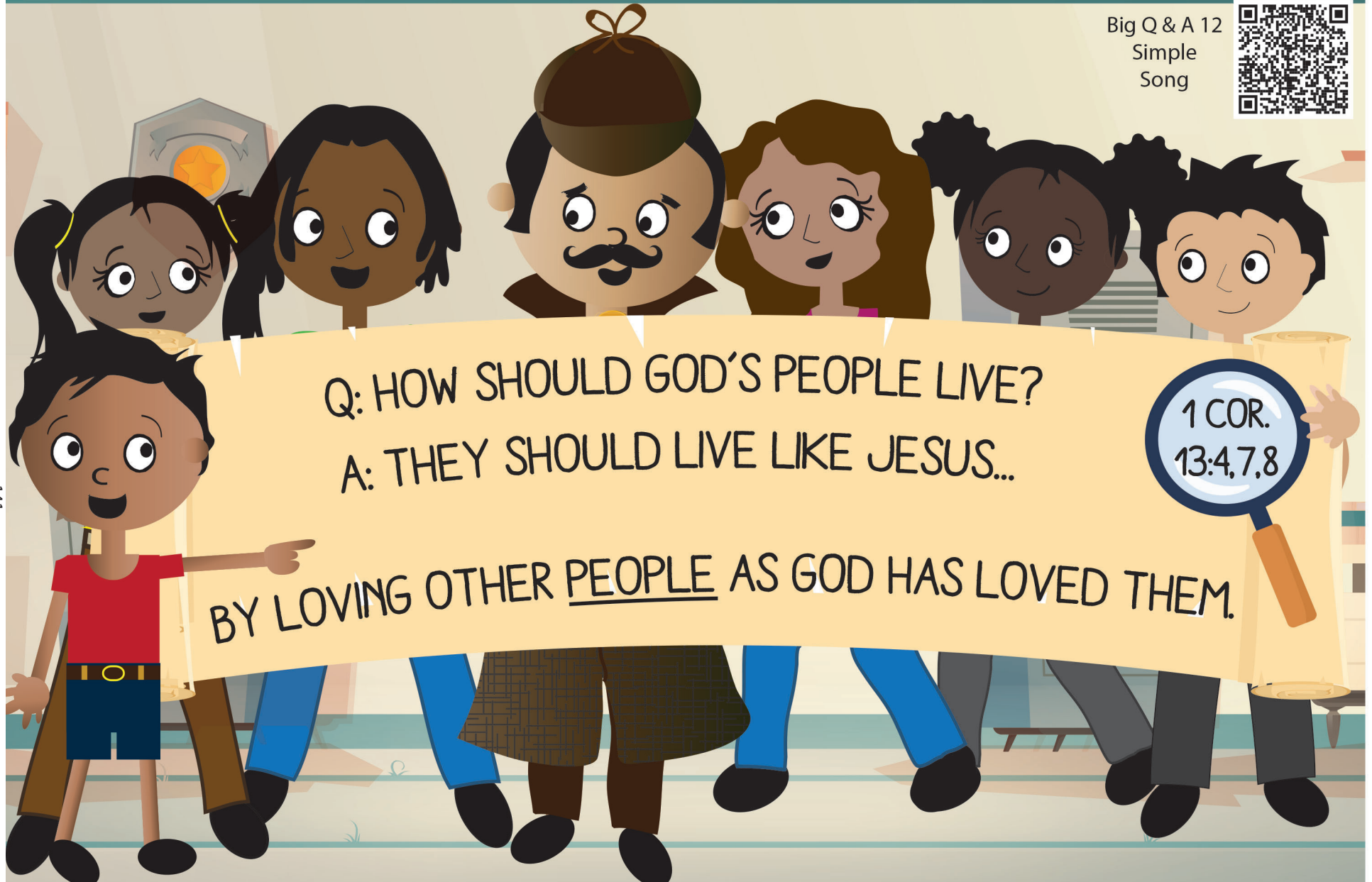
The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:4,7,8, and read: “Love is patient and kind. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”





Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God wants His people to love others with the same kind of love He has shown them."

Big Q & A 12  
Simple  
Song



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BY LOVING OTHER PEOPLE AS GOD HAS LOVED THEM.

"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus...  
By Loving Other PEOPLE As God Has Loved Them." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



“Jesus always loved people with God’s love, even His enemies. God wants His people to love other people like Jesus did, even their enemies. God’s people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God’s love, too.”





Bible Chant  
Song

# **"The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving"**

Acts 6-7



"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 Man Who Kept on Loving.' Listen for who kept on loving his enemies, even when they were hurting him."



# "The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving" Acts 6-7

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who kept on loving?
2. Who did he keep on loving?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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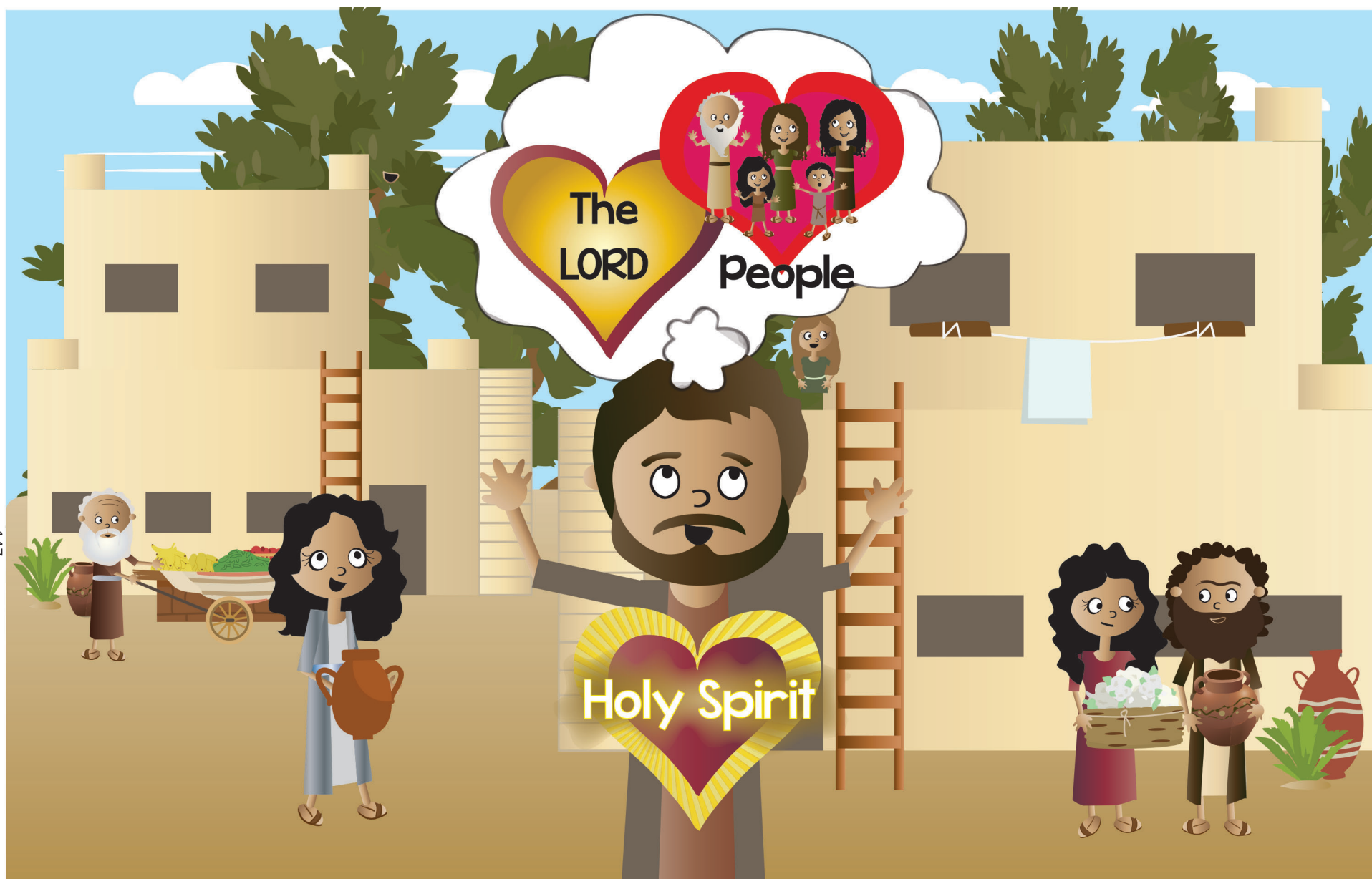
### 1 Corinthians 13:4,8, ESV

"Love is patient and kind... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

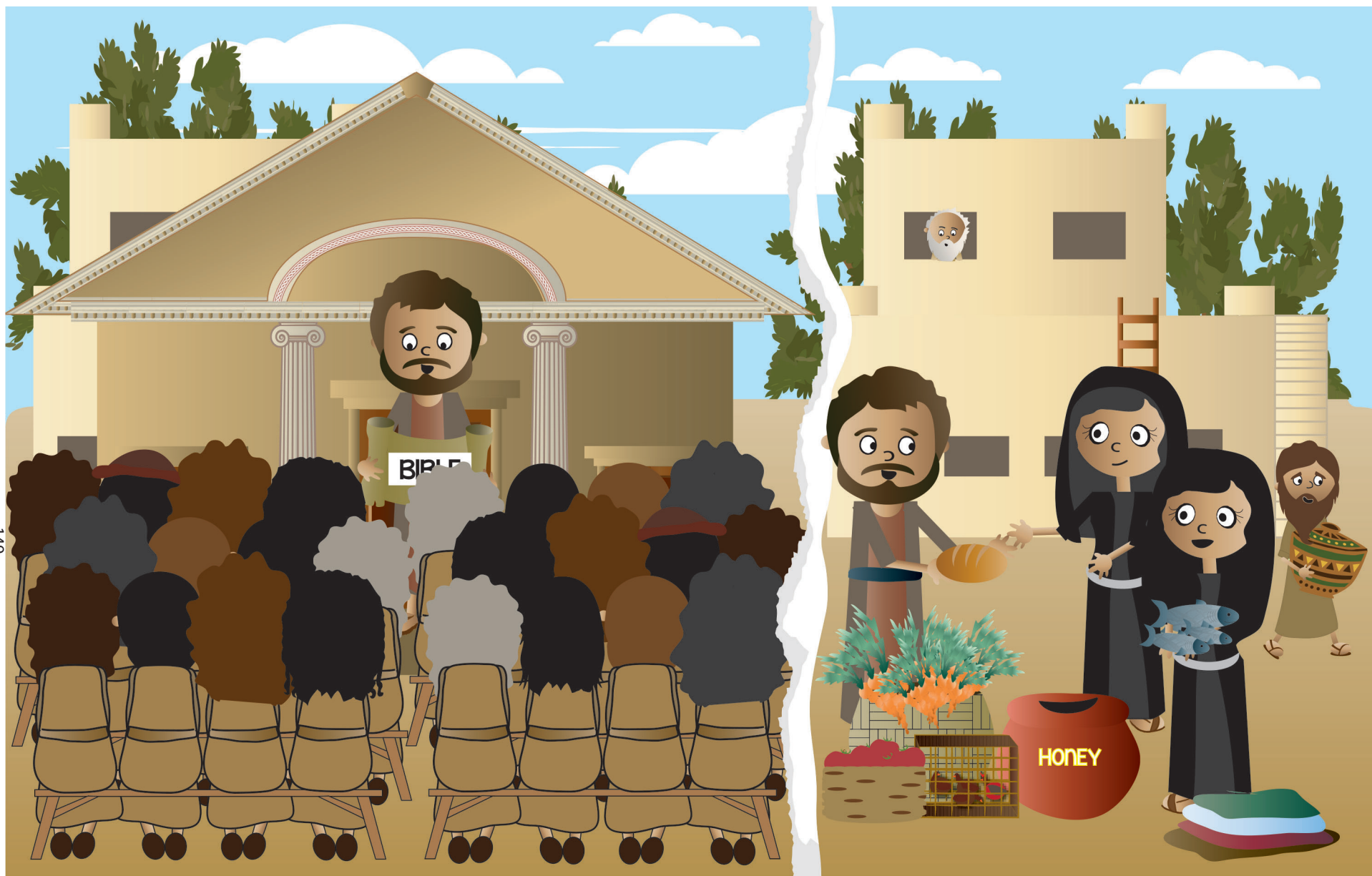
1. Who lived for God by loving others like this?
2. How did his life show this kind of love?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Stephen was a follower of Jesus. He heard the good news of Jesus and trusted in Him as his Savior. Stephen turned away from living life his own way to live God's good way. The Holy Spirit helped Stephen. He lived in Stephen's heart, filling him with love for God and for people.



2. But it wasn't just Stephen's heart that was full of love for God and for people. Stephen's life was, too. Stephen cared for the needy widows in the church. He taught God's Word, and he prayed. In everything Stephen did, he wanted to live out his love for God and people.





3. But there was something **ELSE** Stephen did that showed his love for God and others. He shared the good news of Jesus with all who would listen. "Turn away from disobeying God. Trust in Jesus as your Savior," Stephen urged all. "God will forgive your sins and make you His people."





4. Sometimes, God did amazing miracles as Stephen shared about Jesus. God did this so everyone would know that Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior. But the best miracle of all was when God's Holy Spirit helped people trust in Jesus. Stephen rejoiced to see God save so many people.



5. But while Stephen rejoiced, others were angry. "We must stop Stephen from talking about Jesus, but how?" these enemies wondered. "The people see God's amazing power in the miracles Stephen does. They see God's love in how he loves others. How can we stop him!" they exclaimed.



6. But Stephen's enemies DID think of a way. They spread lies about Stephen among the people. "Stephen is saying bad things about God's laws. He's saying bad things about God and the Temple, God's special worship place," they lied.





7. The lies worked. Even people who used to love Stephen became angry. "Stephen must be punished," they exclaimed. "Let's take him to the leaders of the Temple. Let them decide what to do with him," the people said. So, they grabbed Stephen and took him away.





8. The leaders of the Temple listened to Stephen's enemies, then questioned Stephen, "What do you say about this?" What **WOULD** Stephen say? Would he hate these enemies the way they had hated him? They had lied about Jesus and him, yet he had done nothing wrong to them!

# Holy Spirit



9. But Stephen's heart was NOT filled with hate. It was filled with love. God's Holy Spirit was at work in Stephen, giving him wisdom to speak God's truth to help these enemies. Everyone could see it in Stephen's face which shone like an angel's, bright with God's goodness and glory.





10. "Jesus IS the Savior God promised to send, but you refused to believe in Him," Stephen told them. "YOU put Him on the cross to die," The leaders were furious! They grabbed Stephen and dragged him down the street and outside the city. Some picked up stones and threw them at him. Oh, no!





II. But even as the stones hit him, God kept helping Stephen. His heart was still filled with love for these enemies. He looked up and saw Jesus in heaven. Soon, he would be home with Him forever. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," Stephen pleaded, as he died.



12. God's Holy Spirit had helped Stephen live and die with a heart full of love for God and for people, even his enemies. And now in heaven, Stephen would go on living and loving, even better than he had on earth. Now, he would love God and His people perfectly, forever!



# "The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving"

Q: "Who kept on loving his enemies even when they were hurting him?"

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kids



GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

By Loving Others As God Has Loved Them.

A: "Stephen did."



# "The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving" Acts 6-7

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who kept on loving?  
Stephen.
2. Who did he keep on loving?  
He kept on loving everyone. He even kept on loving his enemies, even as they were hurting him.

**For You and Me:**  
Stephen loved God and others his whole life. He even loved his enemies who were so mean to him! God wants all His people to love others as Stephen did AND as Jesus did! God knows no one can love others like this on their own, especially enemies. But He promises to give His Holy Spirit to help His people love others, even when it is very hard! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His Holy Spirit can come live in us and help us love others like this, too.

### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Corinthians 13:4,8, ESV

"Love is patient and kind... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

1. Who lived for God by loving others like this? Stephen.
2. How did his life show this love?  
He tried to always love others. He even kept on loving his enemies as they were hurting him. He always tried to love God most of all, too. He kept on living for God, even when his enemies told him to stop talking about Jesus. He even chose to die, rather than stop living the way God wanted him to live.

**For You and Me:**

God wants His people to love Him most of all. He wants them to love others and live like Jesus. But God knows how weak His people are. He knows they can't love Him or others the way He wants them to by themselves. That's why He forgives their sins through Jesus. And that's why He sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them. He helps them love God and others in ways they could never love on their own. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer.

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## Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?  
They Should Live Like Jesus!  
By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!

# The Gospel

We need God's help if we are to be His people and love others like He does. Why? Because our hearts have turned away from God and we do not love Him or others as we should. We all deserve His punishment, and only with His help can we ever be forgiven and become His people. Only with His help, can we love the way He wants us to.

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!

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. His Holy Spirit will help them love others and Him. And one day, they will go live with Him forever. This will be best of all. God can help you become one of His people, too. Ask Him!  
He loves to help us!

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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. Your love for people is more than they could ever deserve.

Thank You for promising to help Your people love other people.

Work in our hearts. Help us to love others like You do. 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





## Something to Grow Into

# A Prayer

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**A** God, we praise You for being the God who loves and is able to help us love.

**C** God, please forgive us for not loving others as You want us to. Many times, we choose to love ourselves more than others. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to be our Savior. He loved us in everything He said and did. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can help us love others the way You want us to.

**S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Help us to love You and others as Jesus did. Help us to even love our enemies.

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!)

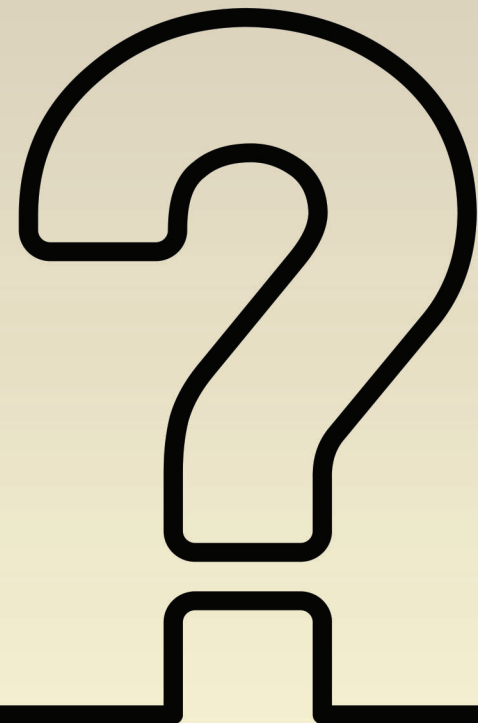


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

## Big Q & A #12

### Simple Song

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



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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?

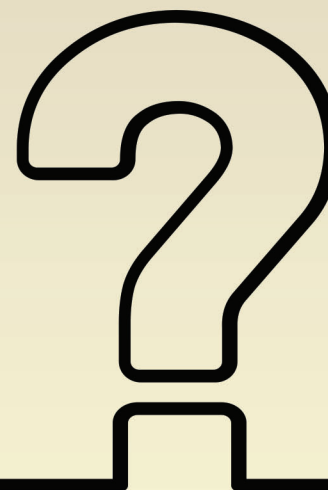
Refrain: How should God's people live?  
How should God's people live?  
How should God's people live?  
They should live like Jesus!

### 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 3 Bible Verse Song:  
Love: I Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind,  
love does not envy or boast,  
It is not arrogant or rude,  
Does not insist on its own way,  
It is not irritable, or resentful,  
Does not rejoice in wrong-doing,  
but with the truth.



Love bears all things, believes all things,  
Hopes and endures all things,  
Faith, hope and love abide these three,  
but the greatest is love.  
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First Corinthians Thirteen,  
four through eight, and thirteen.

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"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,



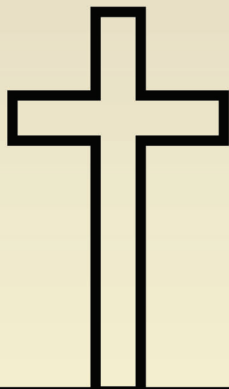
"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"



## 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!



### 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.



### 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!



### 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.

