



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #12, Bible Truth 8:  
The Case of the Boastful Man**



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

Big Q & A 12  
Simple  
Song



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Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?

A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...

BY MAKING MUCH OF \_\_\_\_.

PSALM  
66:1,16

Hint: "Who made all things and is our great, good heavenly King? Starts with a "G" and rhymes with "odd."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Making Much of \_\_\_\_." Psalm 66:1,16. Hint: "Who made all things and is our great, good heavenly King? Starts with a "G" and rhymes with "odd."

**Psalms 66:1,16**

**“Shout with joy  
to God,  
all the earth!**

**Let me tell you  
what he has  
done for me.”**



Shout with Joy  
Psalms 66:1-3,5,9,16

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Psalms 66:1,16, and read: “Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Let me tell you what he has done for me.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this last truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God's people love to tell everyone how wonderful God is because of everything He's done for them."

Big Q & A 12  
Simple  
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Q: HOW SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE?  
A: THEY SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...  
  
BY MAKING MUCH OF GOD.

PSALM  
66:1,16

"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus...  
By Making Much of GOD." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"The Bible word for making much of God is "glorify." Jesus glorified God with His whole life --in everything He thought, said, and did. God's people ask God to help them glorify Him, too. It pleases God when they make much of Him. Telling others what God has done through Jesus is the best news they can share. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live for Him. This is how we become God's people. Let's make much of God!"



Bible Chant  
Song

## ***"The Case of the Boastful Man"***

Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians



"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 Boastful Man.' Listen for who Paul chose to boast in, instead of himself."

# "The Case of the Boastful Man" Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians

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## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about?
2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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### Psalms 66:1-3,5,16, NIV

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me.'"

1. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?
2. What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Paul was a man who was always boasting. At first, he was a bad boaster, who boasted in himself and his good gifts. But then, Paul became a good boaster. Can you guess who Paul learned to boast in? It was the LORD! Yes, Paul loved to make much of the one, true God!

**Good, Good, Good**



**Proud, Proud, Proud**

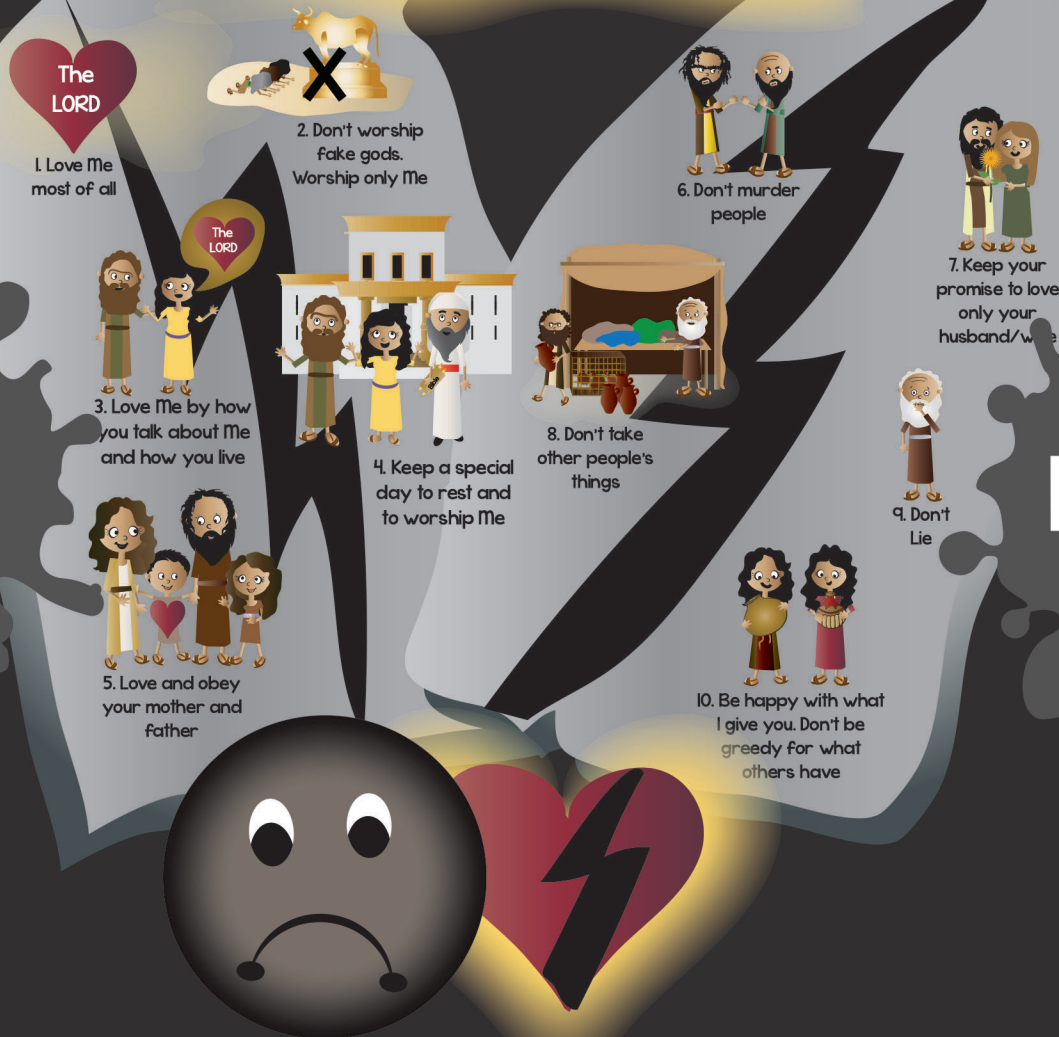


2. "I used to boast in myself," Paul told people. "I was born a Roman and treated special. I grew up a Jew and learned God's Word. I obeyed the teachers' extra, little rules and thought I pleased God by being a good law-keeper. I thought I was better than everyone else," Paul admitted.

# God's Laws

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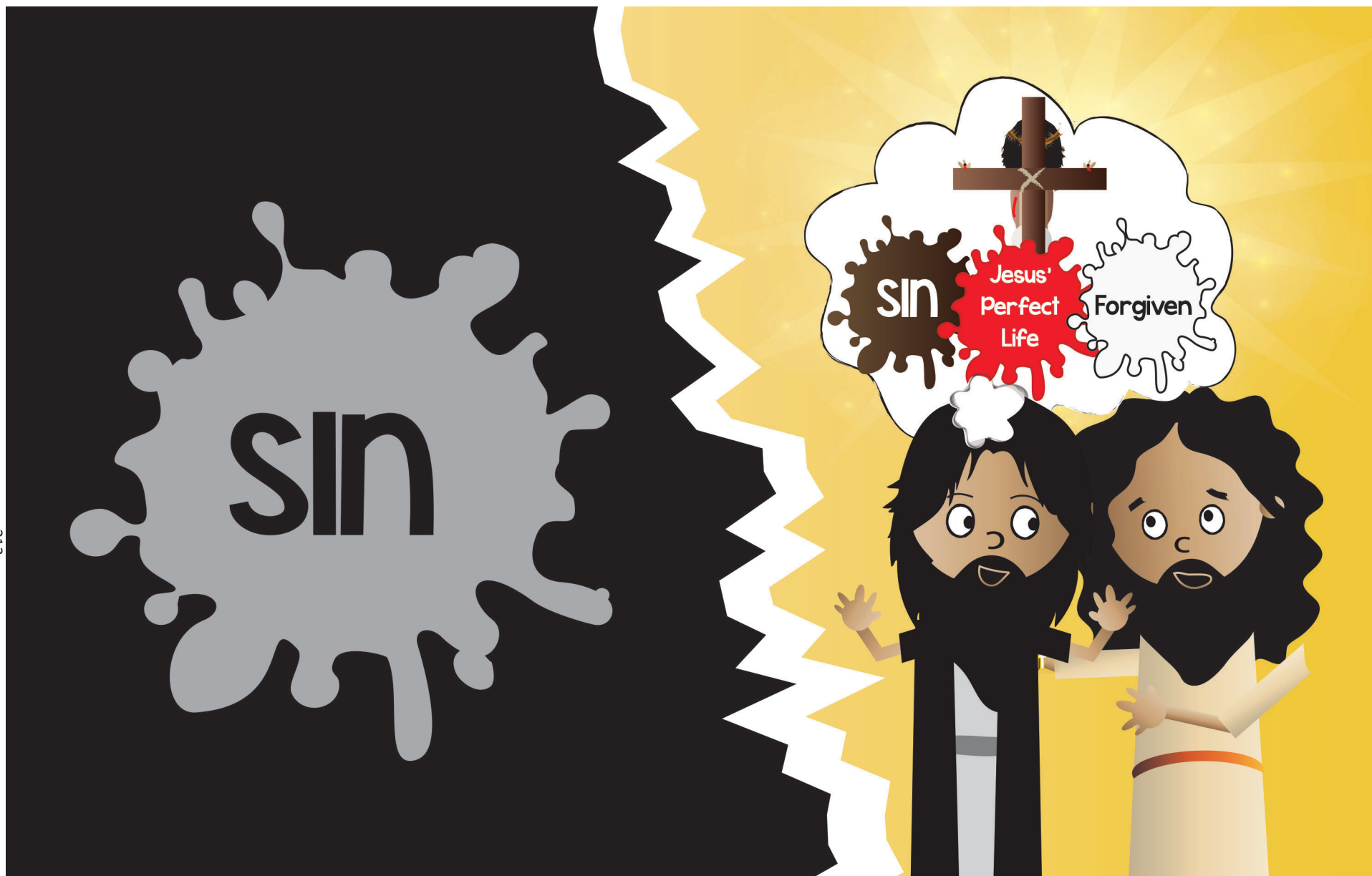
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3. "But I was wrong," Paul sadly said. "My heart was full of sin. I could never please God by obeying laws and rules. Just like everyone else, I was a lawbreaker, not a law-keeper," he confessed.



4. "I did some terrible things. I hated Jesus and told everyone that He was a fake Savior. I hunted down His followers. I had them hurt and put in jail. I thought these things pleased God. But I was wrong. So terribly wrong!" Paul exclaimed. "And I deserved God's punishment for my sins."



5. "But God saved me through His Son, Jesus. He forgave me," Paul shared. "That's why now I love to boast in God. That's why I want to do anything for Him. I want to make much of Him because of what He's done for sinners like me!"



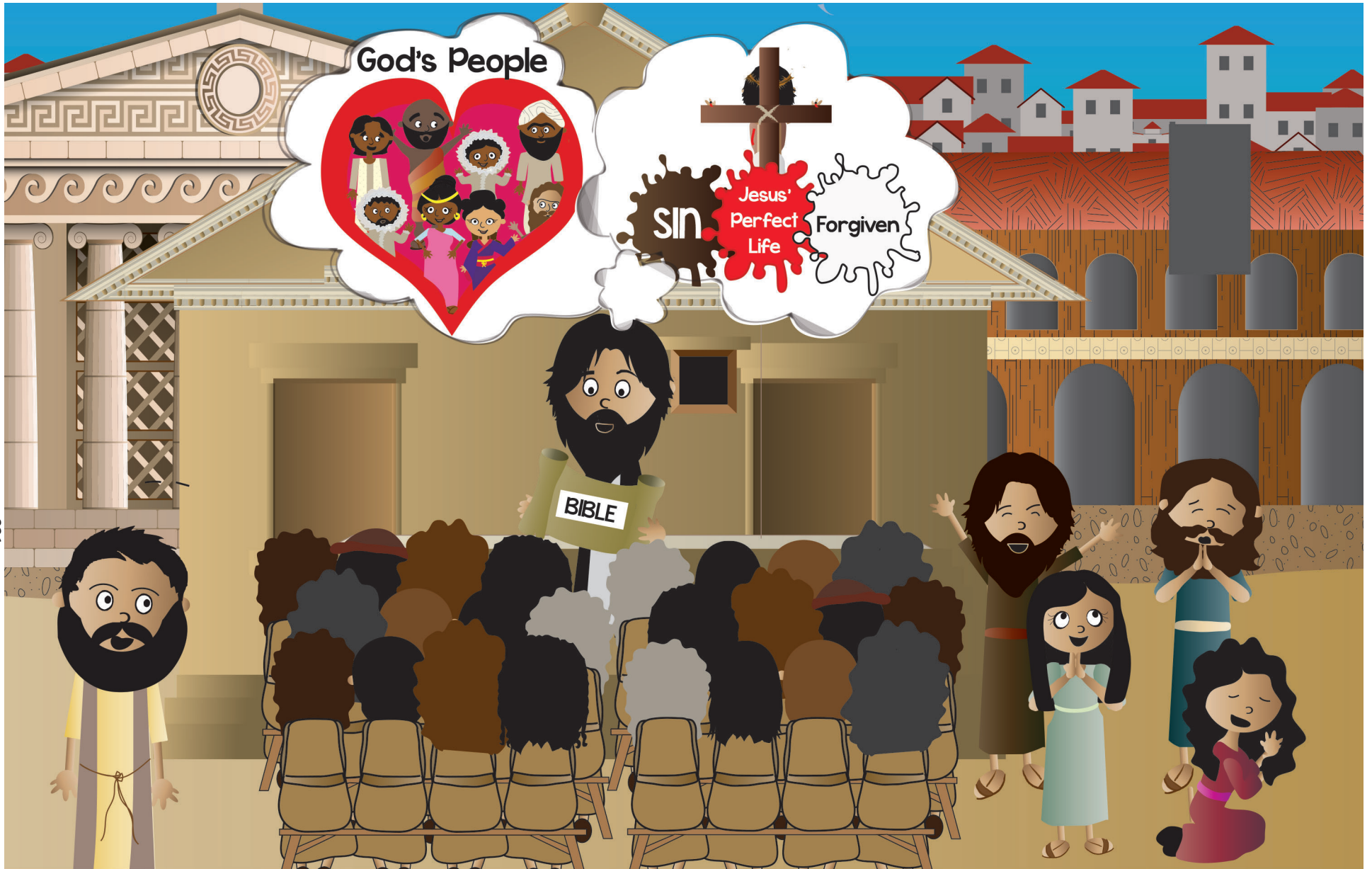
6. So, for the rest of his life, Paul boasted in the LORD --in everything he did, everything he said, and to EVERYONE he met. There was never a time when Paul could not think of a way to make much of God!



7. Sometimes, Paul traveled to big cities and talked to smart people who thought believing in Jesus was silly. Paul boasted in God to them: "You may think believing in Jesus is silly, but God's silliness is smarter than your smartness! Turn from your sins. Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" he urged them.



8. Sometimes, Paul talked to people who hurt him and threw him in jail. Paul boasted in God to them: "My suffering is nothing compared to what Jesus did on the cross to save me. Turn from your sins. Trust in Jesus as your Savior. He can save you, too!" he urged them.



9. Sometimes, Paul preached God's Word to little churches. Paul boasted in God to them: "How amazing is God's love! He loved His people while they were still sinners. He always planned to send Jesus to be the Savior," Paul said. He loved to tell how deep and wide is God's love for His people.



10. Sometimes, Paul was weak and sick. His eyes hurt and he could hardly write. But still, Paul boasted in God. "God always makes me strong to do whatever He wants me to do. When I am weak, He can show everyone how strong He is!" Paul exclaimed.



II. Paul faced death many times. Once, at the teeth of wild animals. Another time, out on a sinking boat on stormy seas. Paul boasted in God in these times, too. "There is nothing God cannot do. He is always able to rescue His people," Paul said. And sure enough, God DID save him!



12. "And when I DO die," Paul told people, "God will take me to live with Him forever in heaven. Through Jesus, God has already beat sin and death for me! Going to live with Him will be best of all!" Paul exclaimed. In life, in death, Paul boasted in the LORD. He loved to make much of Him!

## **"The Case of the Boastful Man"**

Q: "Who did Paul choose to boast in, instead of himself?"

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The illustration shows a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, standing next to a young boy with dark skin and hair, wearing a red shirt and blue pants. The boy has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a bright yellow with several colorful stars (orange, green, blue, pink) and a large, stylized orange flame or ribbon shape.

# **THE LORD**

**God is the greatest!**

**GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE LIKE JESUS...**

**By Making Much of God.**

**THE  
BIBLE**

A: "Paul chose to boast in God instead of himself."

# "The Case of the Boastful Man" Acts 7-9,22; Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Ephesians; Philippians

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about?  
Paul. He boasted in himself and all the good things he did.

2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead?  
He changed his boast when God showed him that he was a sinner who didn't deserve to be one of God's people. He changed his boast to God and how He had forgiven his sins through Jesus.

For You and Me:  
God has been kind to give each of us many good gifts. He has made us able to do many good things. Sometimes, we might want to boast about the good things we can do. But like Paul, God wants us to boast only in Him. He is the giver of all those good gifts; and, He is the only one who can forgive our sins through Jesus. We need Him to do that most of all! That's why Paul made much of God. And, that's what God wants us to do, too. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He wants us to praise Him for being our God and for being so good to us. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me."

1. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?  
Paul did.

2. What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about?  
For forgiving his sins through Jesus.

What about you and me?

God gives the whole earth reason to shout for joy. He gives the whole earth reason to glory in his name. Everywhere are God's awesome deeds in the earth. More than anyone else, God's people love to make much of God and all of the good things He has done. After all, He has saved from their sins and made them His dearly-loved people forever. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then like the rest of God's people, we will have so very much to boast in God about!

## Something to Grow Into

How Should God's People Live?  
They Should Live Like Jesus...  
By Making Much of God!

# The Gospel

God's people make much of God because of all He's done for them. He's treated them so much better than they could ever deserve.

God's people, like all people, had chosen to disobey God. They deserved His punishment. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up as He died on the cross as the full payment for their sins. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had 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 can know God in their hearts. And one day, they will go to live with God forever. This is how we can become God's people, too. And if we do, we will want to make a big deal about God's wonderful love for us!

Ask Him to help  
you!

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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. There is no one like You!

Thank You for all the good things You have done for us. They are more than we can tell.

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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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# A Prayer

**A** God, we praise You. You are perfectly good, loving, and wise. You deserve all our praise.

**C** God, please forgive us for choosing to not praise You or delight in You, as You deserve. Many times, we choose to make much of ourselves or others, instead. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. He alone is Savior. He deserves for us to make much of Him.

**S** God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to make much of You. Help us to delight in You and how wonderful You are.

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?

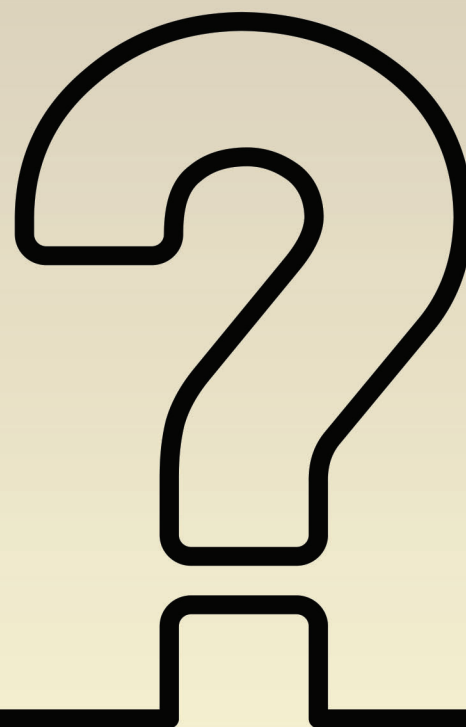
They should live like Jesus!

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!



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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?

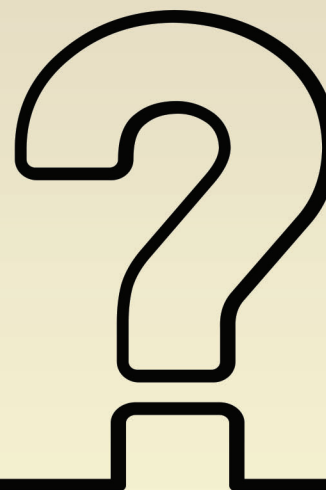
Refrain: How should God's people live?  
How should God's people live?  
How should God's people live?  
They should live like Jesus!

### 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 8 Bible Verse Song:

Shout with Joy: Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16

Shout! Shout! Shout with joy!

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Sing! Sing! Sing the glory!

Sing the glory of His name!

Say! Say! Say to God!

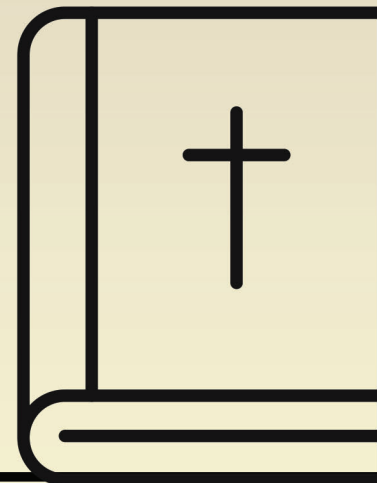
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds."

Come, Come, Come and see,

Come and see what God has done!

I will tell you what He has done for me!

Psalm Sixty-six, one through three, five, nine, 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,

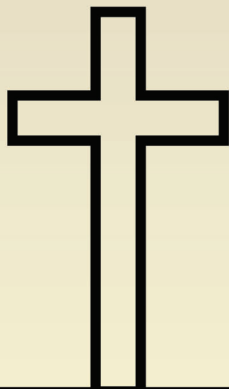


"Let's praise the Lord for being so good! Let's tell Him we want to live for Him!"

## 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.

