Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Interactive Stories from the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum



Volume 2: Bible Truths 5-8 from Big Question 12: How Should God's People Live?

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Deep Down Detectives Curriculum Resources

There are five companion resources for each of the sixteen units of Deep Down Detectives. Use whichever resources are useful to your setting. Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

Make sure to check out the "Bits and Pieces" section of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum online. It has all of the resources separated out making it easy for you simply to pick, choose and print out whatever you want.

Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each of the units.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, easy-to-use, colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene in printed on the bottom of each scene.

Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each volume

This resource includes only 2-page overview for Bible Truth, the story scenes, and take home sheets. This is a great, basic resource for use at home and in many classroom teaching situations.

Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit, PLUS, colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Large Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each volume

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards 36" x 48" in size.

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

About Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Detective Dan's Big Question Box introduces children to the key concepts of the Hide'n' Seek Kids and the Deep Down Detective curriculums in more of an interactive storybook format. It was created to be used with very little prep and is especially good for your youngest kids with the least attention span, and, for teaching situations where there is no time to prepare or your teachers have very little experience teaching. It is similar to Simple Story Scenes, but the concepts have been simplified and the stories shortened. Also, the music is woven into the format, instead of having to access it separately.

Format Overview

Every Detective Dan story follows the same, three-part format.

Part 1: The Kids and Detective Dan's Big Question

The kids receive a Big Question to solve from Detective Dan. They look in their Bibles and find the answer. They ask Detective Dan to tell them a Bible story related to what they are learning. (The QR codes to some of the Hide 'n' Seek Kids songs are also included on these pages, if you want to use them here.)

Part 2: The Bible Story

This is a shorter version (often much, much shorter) of the stories found in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. suitable for your youngest children. (Note: story texts in Deep Down Detectives Simple Story Scenes resource is the same as the currciulum story text, if you want the full version.) There are listening questions that give the children something to listen for as they hear the story. (Note: there are two options of these questions: one for younger kids and one for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. After the story, the questions are answered, then there is a choice of two closing prayers: one for younger kids and another for older kids, such as 5 years old and up. There is also an optional gospel page that ties the gospel directly into the Bible truth/story, best for older kids. You can alternatively use the gospel songs to incorporate the gospel into every session via Wiggle and Worsip Time music instead of this gospel text page. This is usually better for younger kids' attention spans.)

Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

The session ends with Wiggle and Worship Time, in which the kids sing songs related to what they are learning. (The Big Question and Answer song, the Bible verse song, and other songs.) QR codes allow teachers to directly access the songs with a smart device. Or, you can always download the songs onto a device in advance.

Why I Created This New Version

Post-Covid, our volunteer numbers of experienced teachers are still low. We needed a new version of the curriculum, so that even these very inexperienced teachers could easily teach the kids. Detective Dan fits this bill.

How We Use This Detective Dan's at CHBC

Currently, we are using all three parts, plus the briefcase and props, with our 4 and 5 year olds. But, we are only using Parts 2 and 3 with our three year olds; and only Part 3 with our two year olds. This has each group of kids learning what seems best suited for their age in our large, classroom settings. We don't use any of the questions/ prayers for older kids, just the more simpler ones for younger kids.

Available Formats

Print Version

You can also choose to download or to purchase from Amazon, the regular, 8.5" x 11" size of Detective Dan. This will work just fine for smaller teaching situations.

Screen Version

You can also download Detective Dan and show on a screen. This is a very inexpensive way to make a large version of the curriculum with the printing expense. And, without having to decide where to store curriculum when not in use.

Need More?

Add in any of the games, coloring sheets, and other elements of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, as found on the praisefactory.org website. Deep Down Detectives Bits and Pieces section is best for this.

Using Detective Dan's Big Question Box

Prepare Your Materials

1. Choose a Big Question "Case" story to teach the kids.

2. Choose how you want to present the curriculum.

Print out/purchase from Amazon hard copies. Or, if displaying the curriculum on a screen, download the materials to a computer (or teach directly from the Praise Factory website -- Bits and Pieces section.) Connect your computer to the screen.

3. Choose which parts you want to use with your kids.

See previous page for a description of each part and what might be most suitable for your kids. Here's what we do:

2's Introduce the Big Question, then use Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

3's: Part 2: Introduce the Big Question and Answer, then use the Bible Story and Part 3: Wiggle and Worship Time

4's and older: Parts 1,2,3 as written, and we incorporate the props and briefcase, as mentioned below in #5 optional props.

OTHER, OPTIONAL PREPARATIONS

4. Prep for the music.

If using the music, you will need to connect to the internet or download the songs. You will likely want to get a portable bluetooth speaker to connect to your device to better amplify the songs. This is especially important if you are teaching a larger classroom of kids.

5. Prep the optional props.

You can simply read the story from the pages, without any additional props. However, we find our kids (older 3's, 4's, 5's and up) LOVE to be part of the story by use of a "real" briefcase and "real" props, mirroring those used the the stories. We purchase a child's size briefcase, then, cut out and laminate the detective props, found in the back of this book. Put the Big Questions inside the corresponding props. The kids will get to pick out the prop and pull out the Big Question during that part of the story.

6. Other resources we find useful.

A bell: We find a bell is a helpful way to call the kids gather for BIble Time. Egg shakers: kids to enjoy shaking as they sing the songs during Wiggle and Worship Time.

Get Ready to Teach

- 1. Choose which "Case" you are teaching.
- **2. If using the music, connect your device to the internet.** If amplifying the music through a speaker, connect your phone to the speaker via bluetooth or cord.
- 3. Put your resources in place.
 - Story
 - Bell
 - Mp3 player and speaker
 - Big Question Box
 - Music Shakers
- 4. Pray.

Calling the Kids to Bible Time

- 1. Ring the bell.
- 2. Play the Gathering Song.
- 3. Ask kids to "park their toys" and join you in the Bible Time area.
- 4. Use the Criss-Cross Applesauce song to help kids to sit down and settle.
- 5. Pray the Opening Prayer.
- 6. Use the curriculum, whichever parts you are using with your kids. (See above)

Optional Briefcase and Props

Kids, ages 4 and up, love being a part of the story with the use of an actual briefcase and props. Here's how to make these props. Each pair of props form the front and back of a finished prop. There are 16 props, one for each Big Question. The Big Question is slipped inside the opening in each prop.

Assembling the Optional Props for the Big Question Briefcase

1. Go to praisefactory.org and download the Prop Pictures and Big Questions file from the Deep Down Detectives Bits and Pieces section on praisefactory.org.

This file will be located next to the Detective Dan Big Question Box files for each Bible Truth.

2. Pair Up.

Some are already attached and you cut them out as one and fold. Others, are two pieces that you will put together.

3. Cut out each pair of props.

Fold or piece back to back with picture sides outward.

4. Laminate each pair together, leaving one edge of the assembled piece unlaminated, forming a pouch opening.

Do this by placing that edge along the side of the laminating sheet so that it doesn't seal when it goes through the laminator. You can also create the pouch opening by simply snipping one area of lamination. You can also enlarge your pouch opening this way, if you accidentally formed too small of an opening.

5. Cut out the Big Questions and laminate them.

6. Fold and place each Big Question in the props as follows:

Big Question 1 Clue Jar

Big Question 2 Magnifying Glass

Big Question 3 Shoe

Big Question 4 Sunglasses

Big Question 5 Invisible Ink Jar

Big Question 6 Bow Tie

Big Question 7 Badge

Big Question 8 Sock

Big Question 9 Camera

Big Question 10 Detective Hat

Big Question 11 Flashlight

Big Question 12 Watch

Big Question 13 Notepad

Big Question 14 ID Card

Big Question 15 Walkie-Talkie

Big Question 16 Wallet

7. Tip: We used a sharpie to write the number on the prop, too, so we didn't have to remember which Big Question goes into each prop, if one fell out.

8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

Get Ready to Teach

you're teaching. I. Look on the title page for which Big Question

2. Power up the mp3 player & speaker. Open the playlist for your Big Question.

3. Put your resources

in place:

- Bell

Mp3 player and speaker - Story

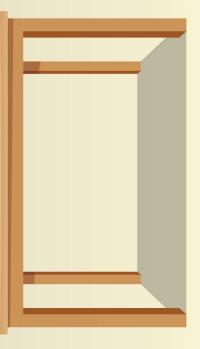
Big Question Box (optional)







BQ Box



4. Pray!

Transition to Bible Time

I. Ring and Sing

Sing "The Gathering Song" **Ring Bell**

2. Park and Come

Park your toys, and join me on the mat." "It's Bible Time, kids.

3. Settle with Criss Cross

Applesauce Song" to help kids settle. Sing "Criss Cross





The Gathering Song

"Let's gather together Let's gather together to worship God, to worship God. Come gather here with me."





(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star) Criss cross applesauce, Criss Cross Applesauce Hands in your lap. Shhh... Look at me. Sit down, please,



Let's Pray Song 1,2,3

Close your eyes, Bow your head, Fold your hands, Let's pray!

Opening Prayer

Lord,
Work in our hearts.
Help us to listen and learn about You.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.





"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!"



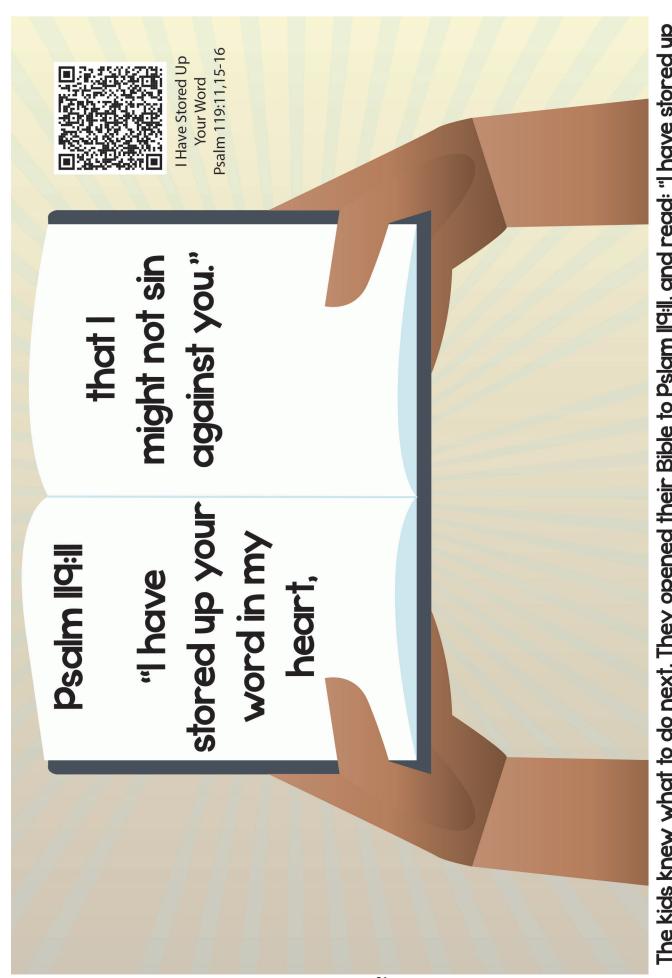
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. The Big Question is 'How Should God's People Live?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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



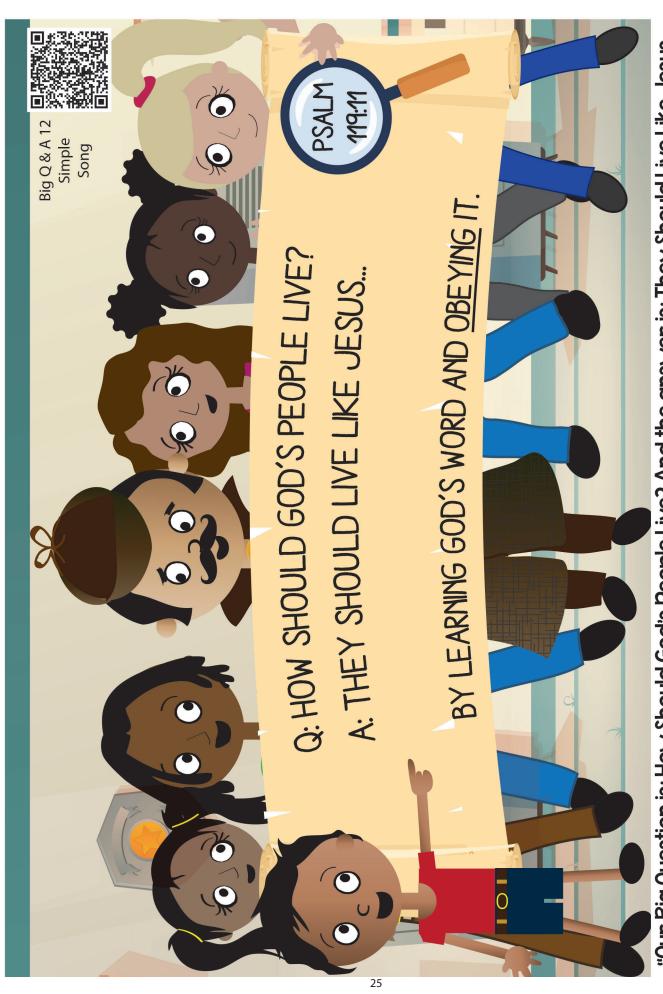
Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and ???? It. Psalm II9:II" Hint: "Doing what someone tells you The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should to do. Starts with an "O" and rhymes with "okaying."



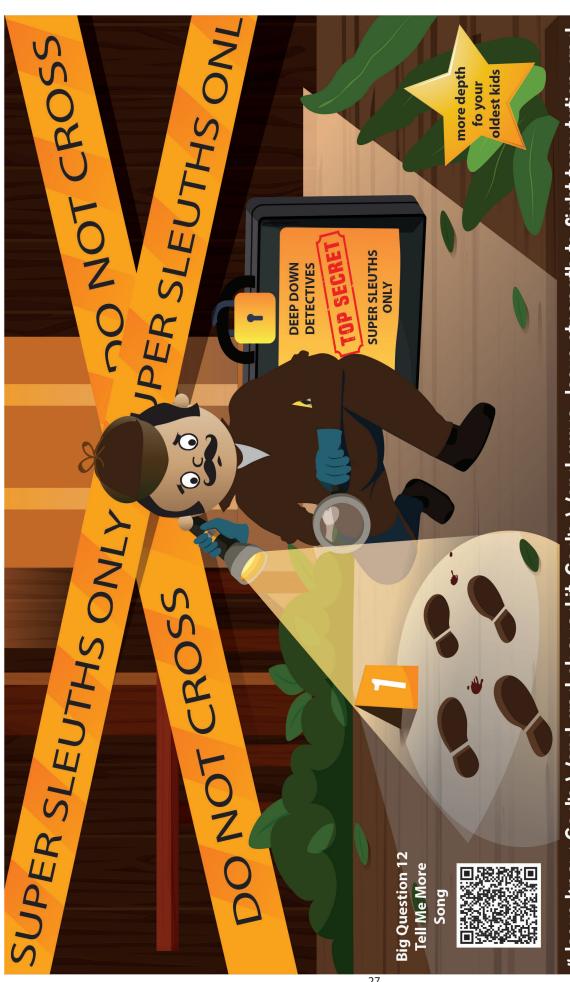
The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Pslam II9:II, and read: "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."



people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God's people learn God's Word so that can know God and how to obey Him."



"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Learning God's Word and OBEYING It." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



people as they hear His Word, helping them understand and giving them strength to obey. We "Jesus knew God's Word and obeyed it. God's Word gave Jesus strength to fight temptation and to keep on obeying God, His Father, no matter what. God's people need to know God's Word, too. It tells them about God and how He wants them to live. God's Holy Spirit works in the hearts of His can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Lost Treasure.' Listen for what lost book was found and why Josiah thought it was such a treasure."

"The Case of the Lost Treasure" 2 Kings 22; 23:1-20; 24; 2 Chronicles 34:8-33



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I





Psalm ||9:||,15,16, ESV

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word."

I. Who was supposed to hide God's Word in their hearts by writing down their very own copy of it? Why?

2. What happened when they did this? What happened when they didn't do this?

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

Something to Grow Into

I. What was the treasure? And why was it hidden?

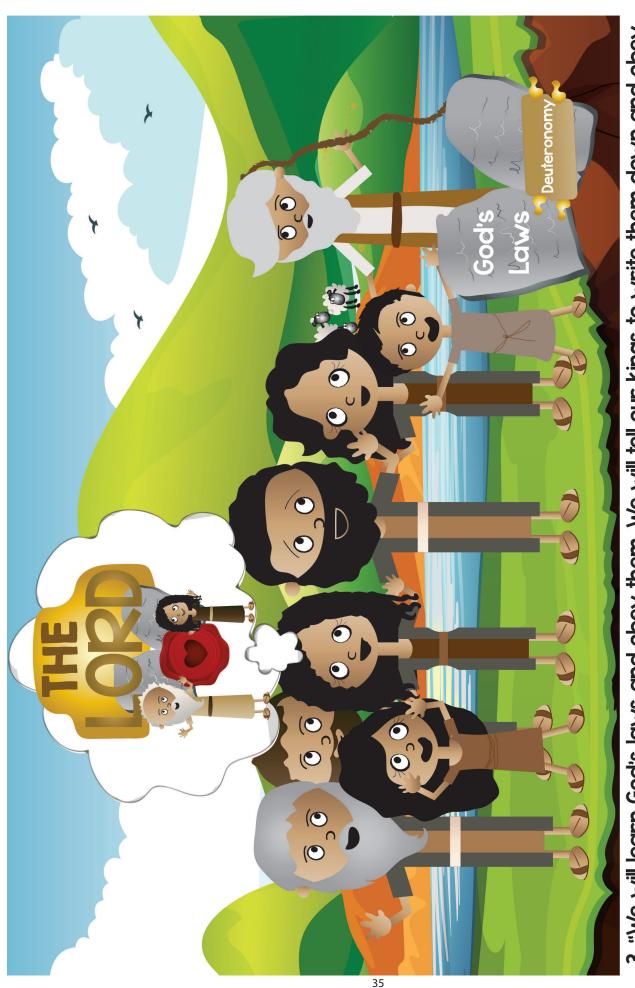
2. Who found it and what did they do with it?



I. Moses was a very old man. He wrote down God's Word and taught God's laws. He had led the people of Israel through the wilderness to the Promised Land. And now, he would soon go to be with the LORD forever. So, he gathered the people together to teach them one last time.



king write down his own copy of God's Word, so they won't forget it," Moses urged the people of 2. "Love the LORD with all your heart, mind, and strength. Keep remembering His laws. Have each Israel. "If you keep obeying the LORD, you will enjoy Him and His blessings your whole lives."



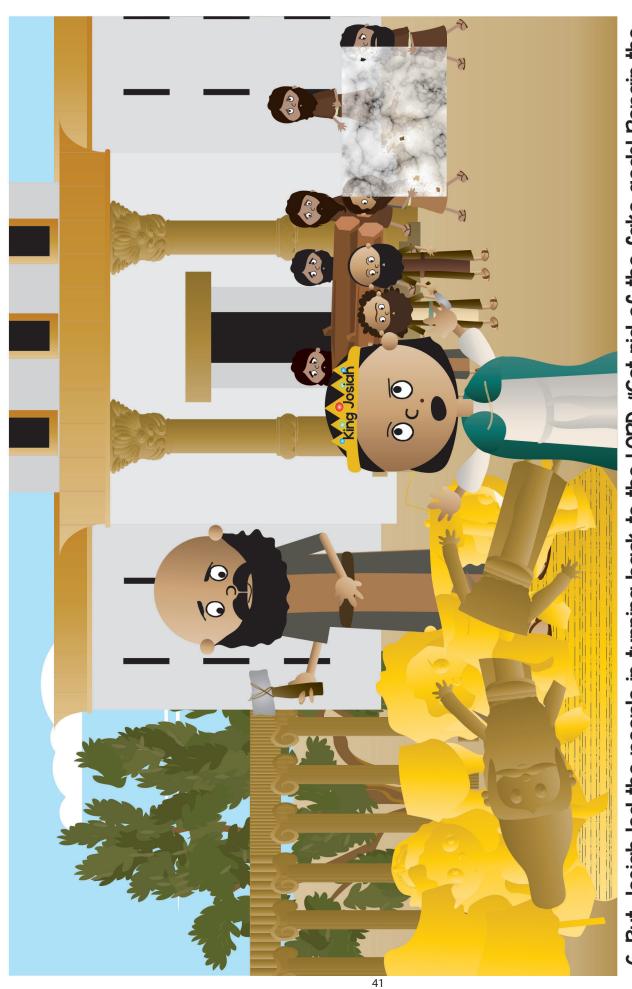
3. "We will learn God's laws and obey them. We will tell our kings to write them down and obey them, too," the people promised Moses and the LORD that day. Did the people keep their promises? Sometimes. And oh, how God blessed them with many good things when they did!



4. But many times, the people and their kings forgot the LORD and broke their promises. They stopped learning and obeying God's Word. They let the Temple, the LORD's special worship place, fall apart, and worshipped fake gods instead. And oh, what sad times came when they did!



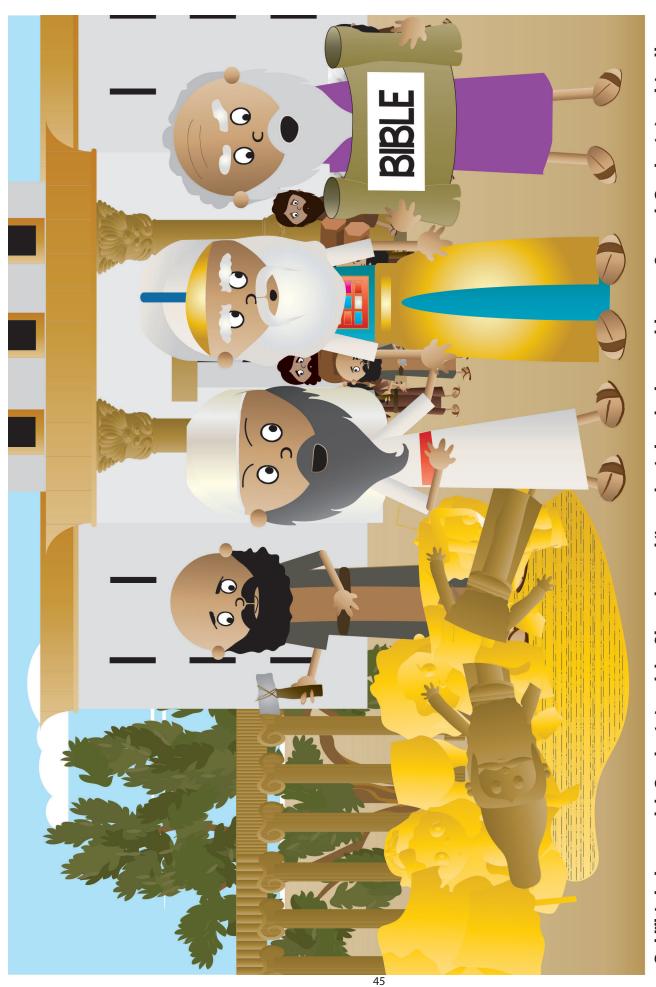
5. This is how things were when young Josiah became king. Josiah's father, Amon, had been one of the bad kings. He worshipped fake gods and ordered the people to worship them, too. He forgot about God's Word and let it be lost. What a terrible king he was!



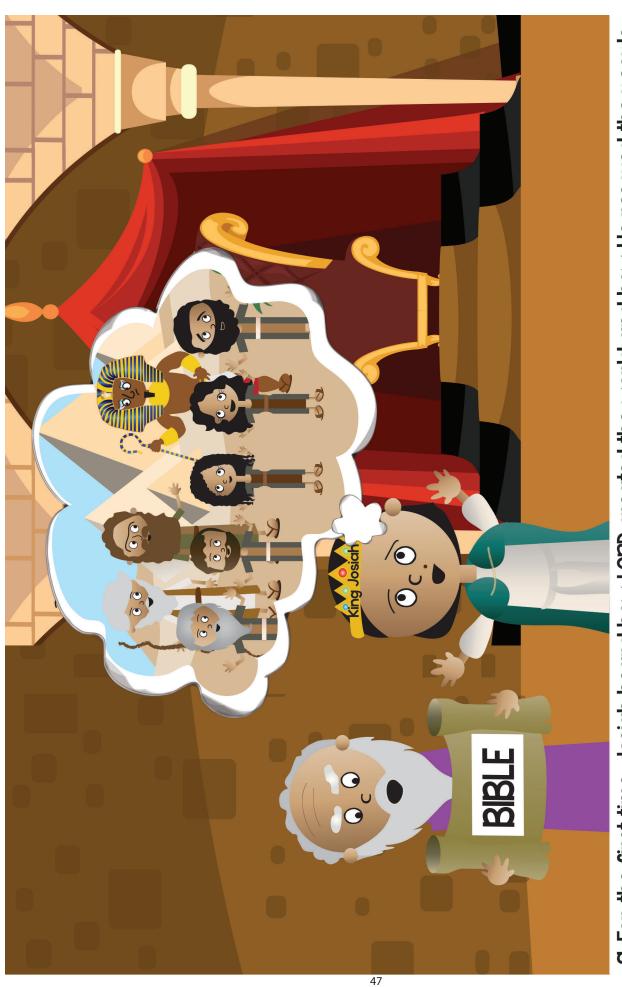
6. But Josiah led the people in turning back to the LORD. "Get rid of the fake gods! Repair the Temple!" Josiah told his workers. "Smash, crash," the workers broke the fake gods. Then, "Whack, thump," up went new wood and stone as they fixed broken places in the Temple.



7. All that work cost a lot of money, but it was worth it. Soon, they could worship the LORD in the Temple again. But when Hilkiah went to get the money, he found something worth more than all the riches in the world: God's Word, the Bible. It had been long forgotten and thrown away!



8. Hilkiah brought God's Word to Shaphan, King Josiah's helper. "I have found God's Word in the Temple. Take it." Shaphan took it and read it. Then, HE took it to King Josiah to read to him.



9. For the first time, Josiah heard how LORD created the world and how He rescued the people of Israel from Egypt. He heard about God's good laws and the covenant promises the LORD and the people made to each other. Josiah loved God's Word. It was a treasure, better than gold.



10. But Josiah's happiness turned to fear. The people and their kings had broken their promises to the LORD. They had not learned or obeyed His Word. "Oh, no! What should we do?' exclaimed King Josiah. "We deserve God's terrible punishment for breaking our promises to Him!"



II. "Since you want to learn my Word and obey it, I won't punish the people as they deserve," the LORD told Josiah. Amazing! The LORD was merciful and would keep them as His people. And Josiah promised to be a good king who would teach God's Word to the people and help them obey it.



12. So, Josiah gathered the people together and read God's Word to them. As they listened, God worked in their hearts, helping them turn back to Him. All together they prayed, "LORD, we will worship You. We will learn Your Word and obey it." And they did, all the days Josiah was king.



A: "The Bible was found. Josiah treasured it because it was God's Word."

"The Case of the Lost Treasure" 2 Kings 22, 23:1-20, 24, 2 Chronicles 34:8-33



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I





Psalm IIq:II,15,16, ESV

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word."

I. Who was supposed to hide God's Word in their hearts by writing down their very own copy of it? Why?

The kings so they would know God's Word and lead the people in loving and obeying God.

2. What happened when they did this? What happened when they didn't do this? God helped them to love Him. He helped them obey it. He blessed the people. But, when they didn't, they turned away from loving God and obeying His Word. The people suffered.

For You and Me:

God didn't just want people long ago to know His Word and obey it from their hearts. He wants us to, also. God loves to work in our hearts as we learn His Word. He loves to use it to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to use it to help us know Him and to live for Him. Ask Him to use His Word to work in your heart! He loves to answer this prayer.

I. What was the treasure? And why was it hidden? It was a book: the Bible, God's Word. It was hidden the was a book: the Bible, God's Word. It was hidden because King Amon and the people didn't care about it. They put it in a room and forgot about it until it was lost.

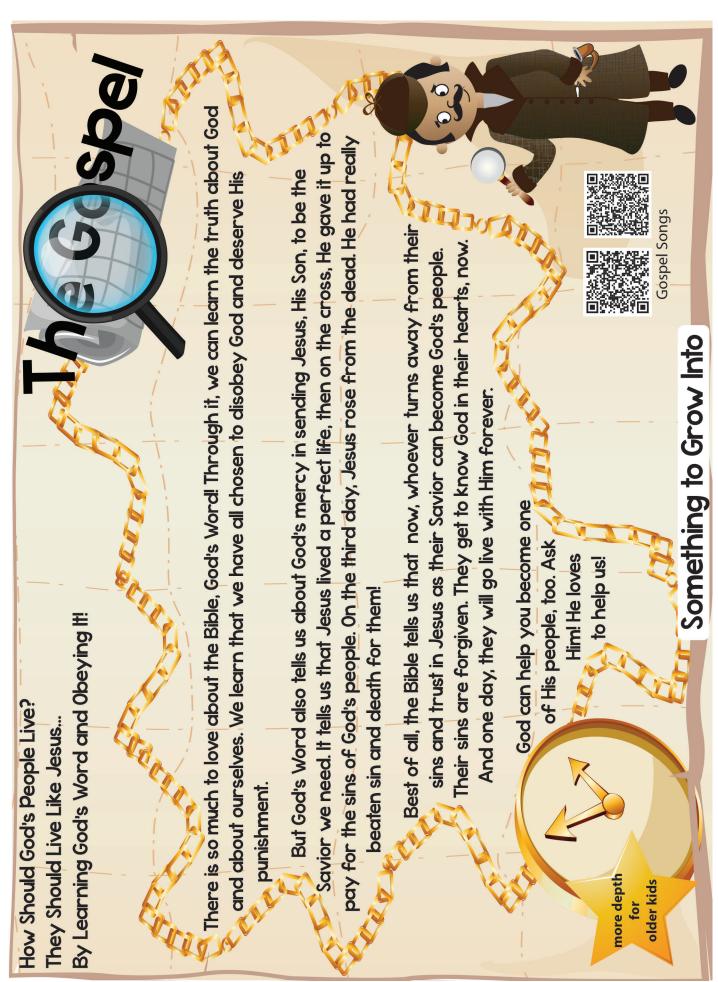
2. Who found it and what did they do with it? King Josiah's workers found it. They gave it to the king to read. He asked God for forgiveness and helped the

people obey it again.

For You and IIIe:
God's Word is filled with good things for God's people,
God's Word ago. But it is filled with good things for us,
who lived long ago. But it is filled with good things for us,
too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about
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too. God's Word can teach us. From it, we can learn about
god and how He wants us to live. He can use it to help us
turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our
turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus as our
turn away from our lives.

every day of our lives.

Something to Grow Into



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

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You gave us Your Perfect Word, the Bible.



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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.









Something to Grow Into A Prayer

more depth

older kids

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible. Through it, we can see how amazing You are! C God, please forgive us for not loving Your Word as we should. Too many times times, even when we do read Your Word, we forget it and do not obey it. We we choose to not read Your Word but do other things instead. Too many need a Savior!

through the Bible. Thank You for telling us about Jesus and how we can be Thank You, God, for telling us so much about Yourself and Your great plans saved. Thank You for showing us how to live and promising to help us through Your powerful Word. S God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word, the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us understand it and obey it. Help us to live like You want us to live. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)

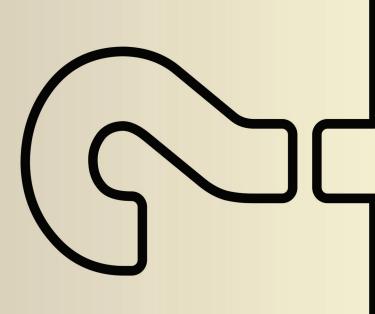


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #12 Simple Song How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

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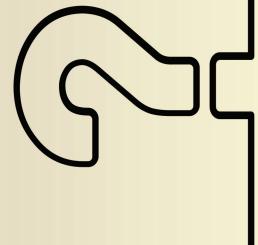
Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught us today.

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 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

Verse I
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.





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

Refrain

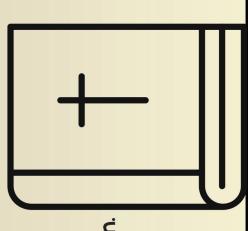


Big Question #12, Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: I Have Stored Up Your Word: Psalm 119:11,15,16

I have stored up your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you, I have hidden your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you.

I'll meditate on your precepts,
And fix my eyes on your ways.
I'll delight in your statutes,
I will not forget your word,

I have stored up your word in my heart,
That I might not sin against you,
I have hidden your word in my heart,
That I might not sin against you.
Psalm One-nineteen, eleven through 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, All who turn back to Him, and pray: But God sent His Son to save, Take all my sins away." "Jesus, be my Savior,

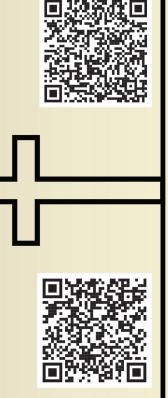
Ask Him to be your Savior, too. Ask Him to be your Savior, too! Jesus died on the cross, This is God's good news: He rose from the dead. Then on the 3rd day... This is the gospel,

The Gospel Song (Full)

Refrain:

What is the gospel? Can anybody tell me? What is the gospel? Yes, I know what it is! What is the gospel? G-0-S-P-E-L? Salvation through faith in Christ, That's what the gospel is.

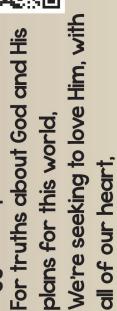
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice, And now "E" everyone who repents & believes in Him, That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment. So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins, He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him. "G" is for God, our good King and Creator,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

For truths about God and His We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, plans for this world,





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,

Obey your teachers, sitting beside you,

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

Let's get out the Bible. The Bible, the Bible,

Let's hear what God has to say.

The Bible, the Bible,

It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay! God's given us the Bible.



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.





Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 5

The Case of the Lost Treasure Deuteronomy; 2 Kings 22; 23:1-20; 24; 2 Chronicles 34:8-33

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan"s Big Question Box)

- 1. Moses was a very old man. He wrote down God's Word and taught God's laws. He had led the people of Israel through the wilderness to the Promised Land. And now, he would soon go to be with the LORD forever. So, he gathered the people together to teach them one last time.
- 2. "Love the LORD with all your heart, mind, and strength. Keep remembering His laws. Have each king write down his own copy of God's Word, so they won't forget it," Moses urged the people of Israel. "If you keep obeying the LORD, you will enjoy Him and His blessings your whole lives."
- 3. "We will learn God's laws and obey them. We will tell our kings to write them down and obey them, too," the people promised Moses and the LORD that day. Did the people keep their promises? Sometimes. And oh, how God blessed them with many good things when they did!
- 4. But many times, the people and their kings forgot the LORD and broke their promises. They stopped learning and obeying God's Word. They let the Temple, the LORD's special worship place, fall apart, and worshipped fake gods instead. And oh, what sad times came when they did!
- 5. This is how things were when young Josiah became king. Josiah's father, Amon, had been one of the bad kings. He worshipped fake gods and ordered the people to worship them, too. He forgot about God's Word and let it be lost. What a terrible king he was!
- 6. But Josiah led the people in turning back to the LORD. "Get rid of the fake gods! Repair the Temple" he told the workers. "Smash, crash," the workers broke up the fake gods and threw them away. "Whack, thump," up went new wood and stone as they fixed broken places in the Temple.
- 7. All that work cost a lot of money, but it was worth it. Soon, they could worship the LORD in the Temple again. But when Hilkiah went to get the money, he found something worth more than all the riches in the world: God's Word, the Bible. It had been long forgotten and thrown away!
- 8. Hilkiah brought God's Word to Shaphan, King Josiah's helper. "I have found God's Word in the Temple. Take it." Shaphan took it and read it. Then, HE took it to King Josiah to read to him.
- 9. For the first time, Josiah heard how LORD created the world and how He rescued the people of Israel from Egypt. He heard about God's good laws and the covenant promises the LORD and the people made to each other. Josiah loved God's Word. It was a treasure, better than gold.
- 10. But Josiah's happiness turned to fear. The people and their kings had broken their promises to the LORD. They had not learned or obeyed His Word. "Oh, no! What should we do?" exclaimed King Josiah. "We deserve God's terrible punishment for breaking our promises to Him!"
- 11. "Since you want to learn my Word and obey it, I won't punish the people as they deserve," the LORD told Josiah. Amazing! The LORD was merciful and would keep them as His people. And Josiah promised to be a good king who would teach God's Word to the people and help them obey it.
- 12. So, Josiah gathered the people together and read God's Word to them. As they listened, God worked in their hearts, helping them turn back to Him. All together they prayed, "LORD, we will worship You. We will learn Your Word and obey it." And they did, all the days Josiah was king.





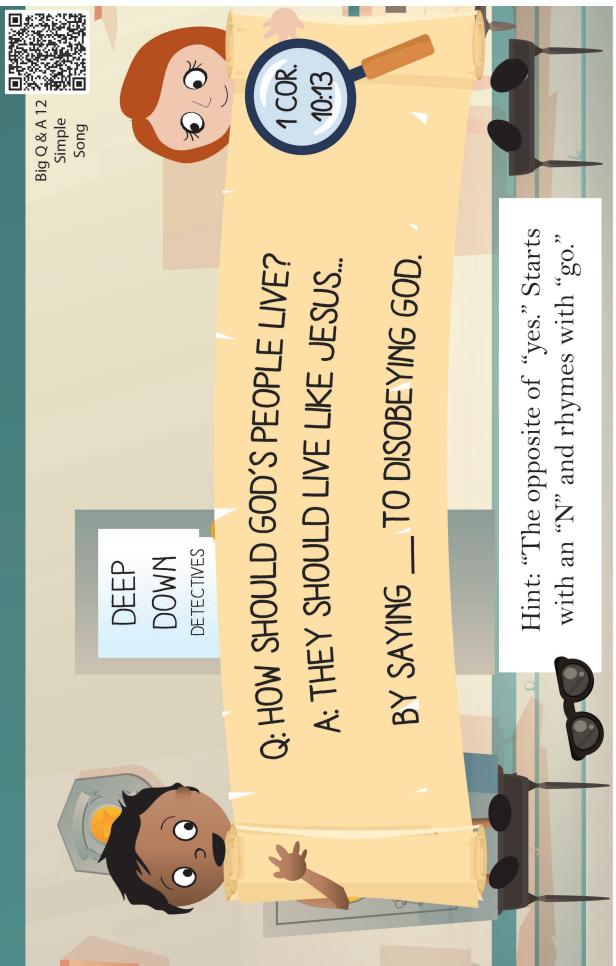
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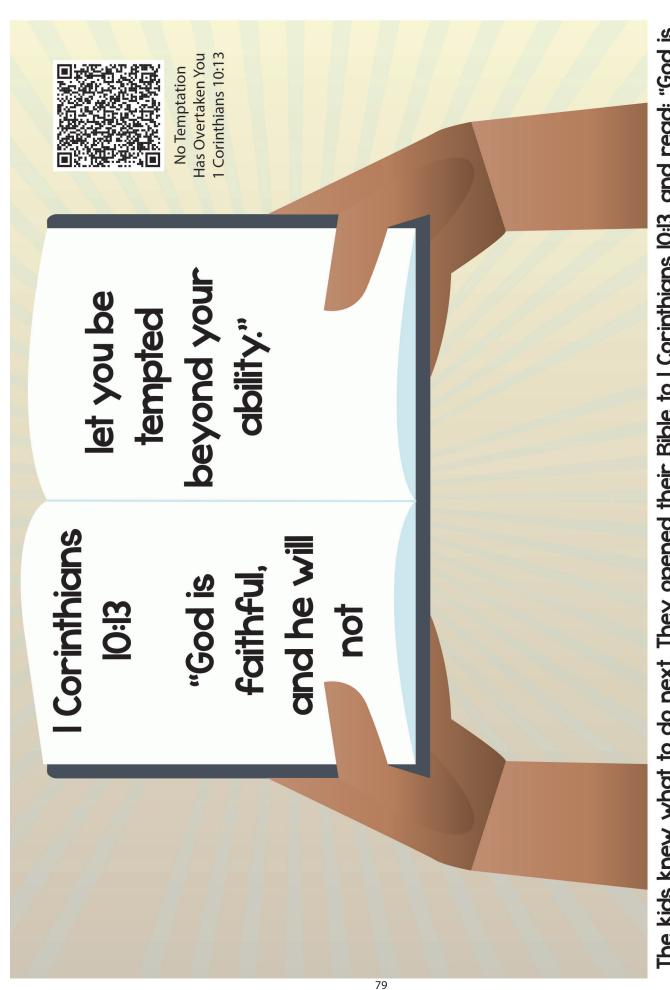
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. The Big Question is 'How Should God's People Live?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



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



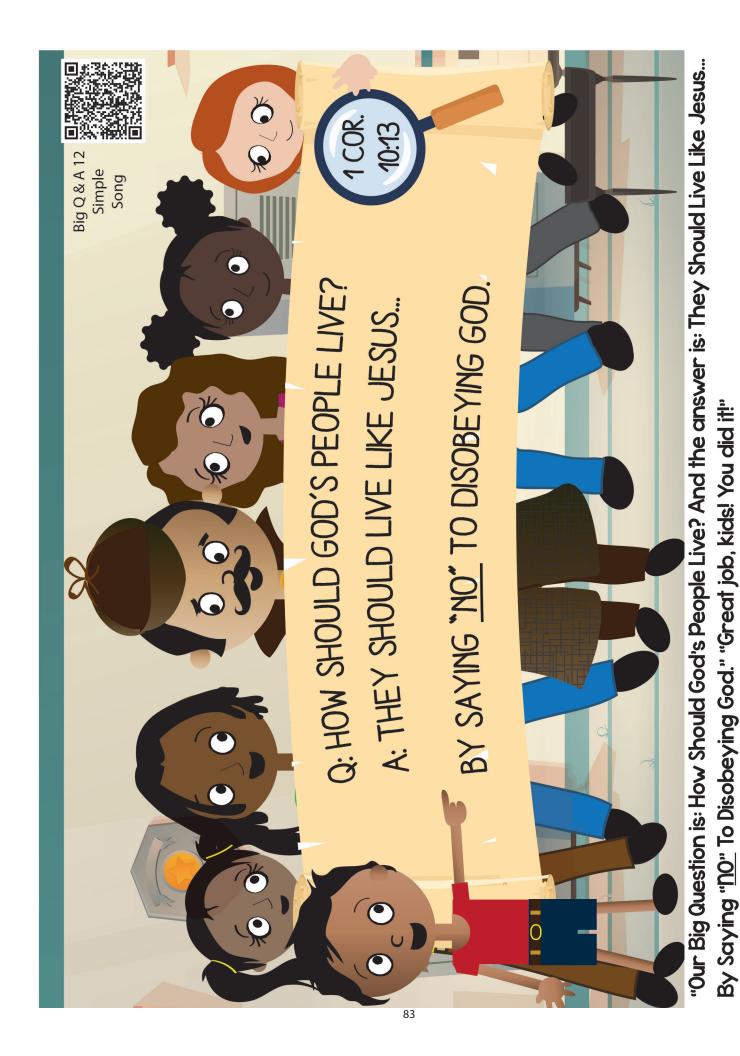
Live Like Jesus... By Saying --- to Disobeying God." | Corinthians 10:13. Hint: "The opposite of "yes." The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Starts with an "N" and rhymes with "go."



The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to I Corinthians 10:13, and read: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this sixth truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! God's ways are best. God wants His people to say "no" to disobeying Him and His good laws, even when it is hard. He promises to help them do this."





"Jesus is the perfect Son of God. Yet when He lived on earth, He was tempted to disobey God. But no matter the temptation, Jesus never disobeyed God. God's people are often tempted to disobey God, too. But unlike Jesus, sin is very strong in their hearts. God wants His people to ask for His help. His Holy Spirit, living in their hearts, can help them say "no" to sin. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God promises to help us obey Him."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Escape that Waited.' Listen for who David was tempted to get rid of and Who helped him say "no" to temptation."

"The Case of the Escape that Waited" | Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



Detective Dan's

Listening

I Corinthians 10:13, ESV

Assignment #2

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

- I. Who was tempted to disobey God? How?
- 2. How did God help him and provide him a way out?

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

Something to Grow Into

from and why?

I. Who needed to escape? Who did he need to escape

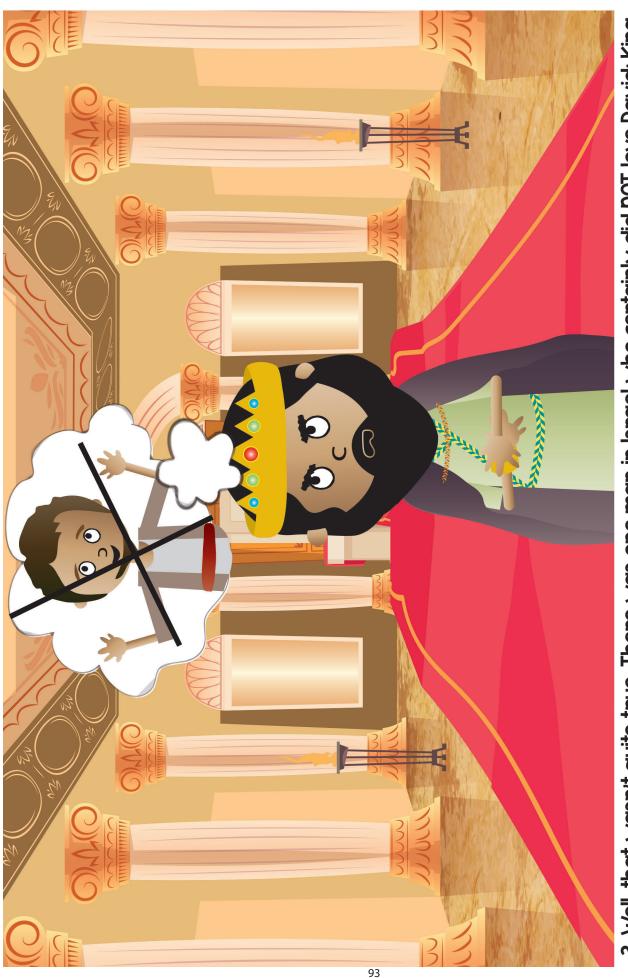
2. How could he have escaped? Why did he wait?



I. Everyone in Israel loved David. He sang and played the harp, making up beautiful songs for God. He was a brave fighter who fought off Israel's enemies. But most of all, David was a man after God's own heart: He loved the LORD and wanted to obey Him, no matter what.



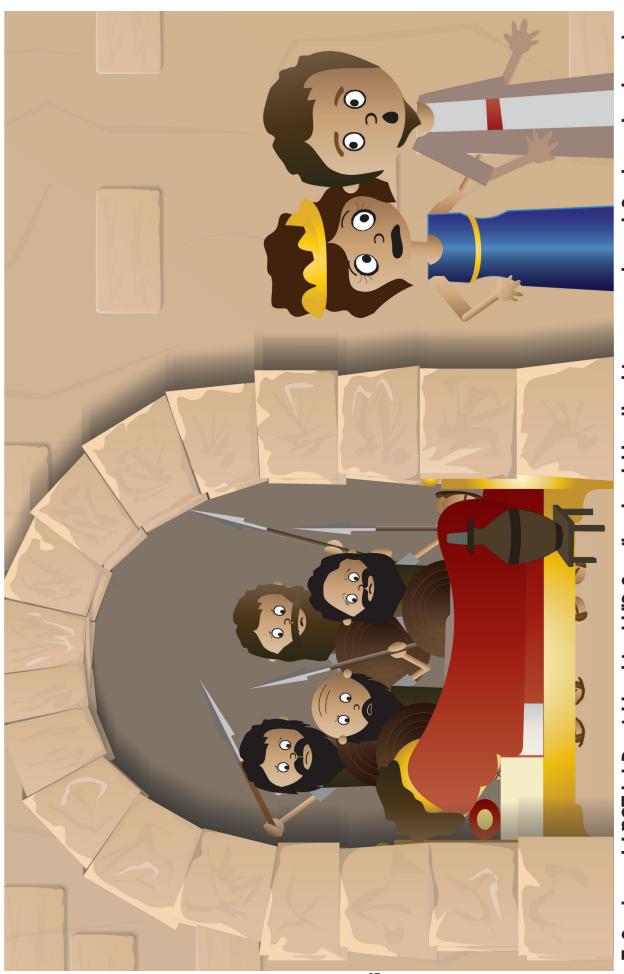
2. The people could see that God was pleased with David, too. God helped David in many special ways. No wonder everyone in Israel loved David!



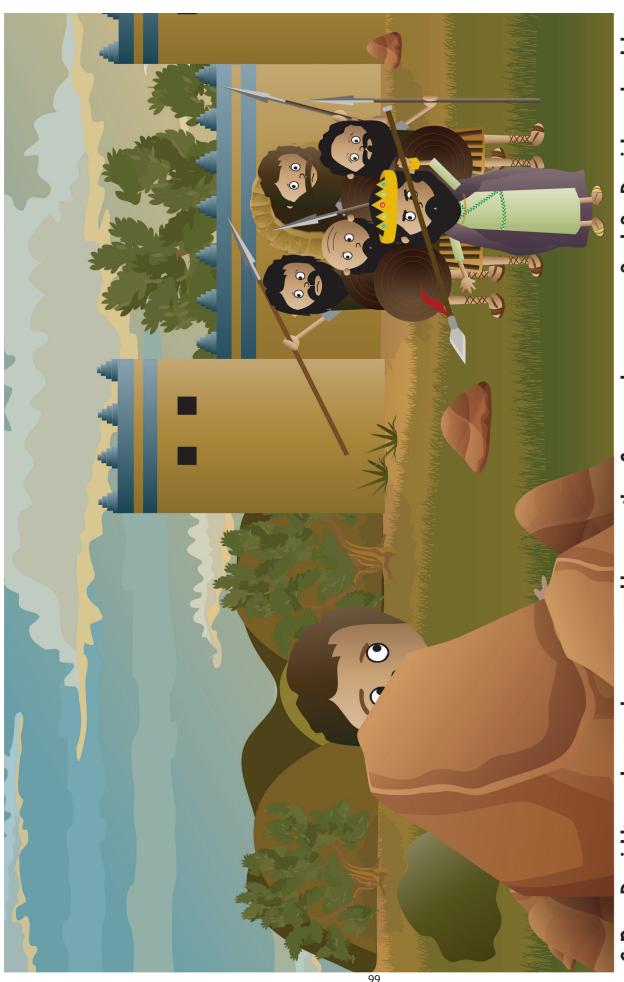
Saul. Saul was jealous of David. Before David, the people had praised HIM, King Saul! HE had been 3. Well, that wasn't quite true. There was one man in Israel who certainly did NOT love David: King the special one sent by God, their bravest leader. But now, all that had changed.



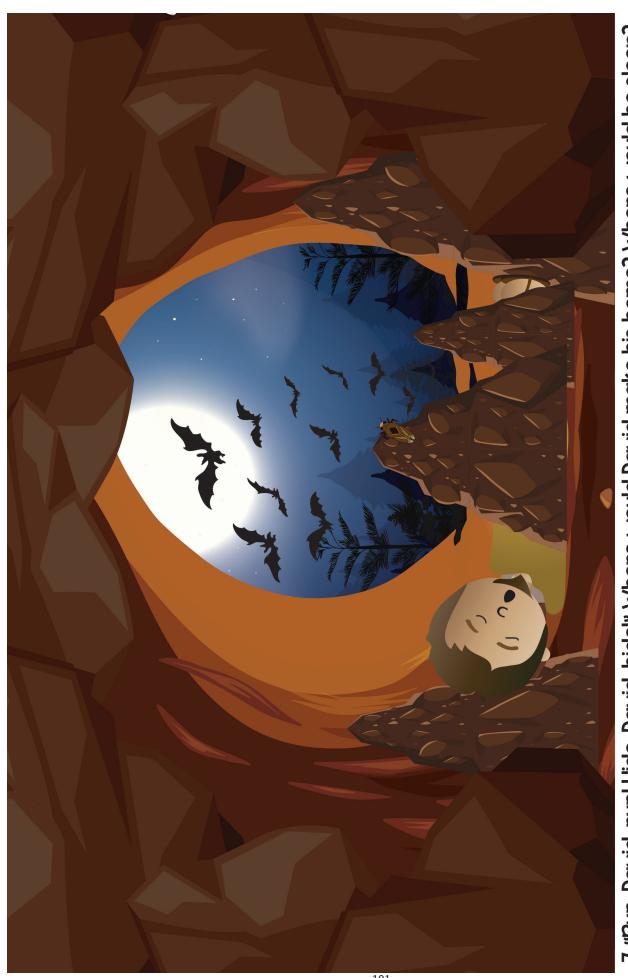
4. Saul's jealousy turned to hate when the prophet Samuel brought him even worse news. "The LORD says, 'Because you have chosen to keep on disobeying Me, I'm going to make David and his sons the kings over Israel, instead of your family," Samuel told Saul.



5. Saul would NOT let David be king! HIS family should be the kings over Israel. Saul made plans to get rid of David. First, Saul threw a long spear at David, but God protected him. Then, Saul sent men to get rid of David one night as he slept, but David's wife, Michal, helped him escape.



6. Now David knew he must run away. He wasn't safe anywhere near Saul. So, David went out to the lonely wilderness where no one lived. Surely, Saul would give up and leave him alone out there. But the king didn't! He took his soldiers out into the wilderness and hunted for David.



7. "Run, David, run! Hide, David, hide!" Where would David make his home? Where would he sleep? David had no home. He slept on the ground, or sometimes in a cave. David couldn't stay anywhere long. Saul and his soldiers were never far behind. What a hard life David lived!



8. God once called David a man after His own heart, who loved Him and wanted to obey Him, no matter what. Was David STILL this kind of man? David knew God didn't want him to hate or hurt Saul. But if he DID get a chance to kill Saul, would it be too tempting? David would soon find out.



9. One night, David and his soldier friend, Abishai, found the place where Saul and his soldiers were sleeping. They snuck up to Saul. Next to Saul's head were a water jar and a big spear. David picked them up. "Let's kill King Saul with these," Abishai urged him. David would agree?



10. No, he would not. The LORD helped David say "no" to temptation. With jar and spear in hand, David and Abishai went away, then woke the king: "I could have killed you with your spear and jar, but I didn't. I've done nothing to you. Please stop trying to kill me." David pleaded.



II. At last, Saul died, and David's days of running were over. Would he celebrate that Saul was dead? It would be tempting to be happy about that. But David said "no" to that temptation, too. David was sad for Saul. He even taught the people a special song to honor him at his funeral.



12. The people of Israel made David their king after Saul died, just as the LORD promised. Everyone gathered for a big celebration, and King David led the people in praising the LORD. He was so thankful! The LORD had helped him love and obey Him, even when it was very hard.



A: "David was tempted to get rid of King Saul. God helped him say "no" to temptation."

"The Case of the Escape that Waited" I Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6



Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening



have killed Saul, but he knew that was wrong. He chose to wait 2. How could he have escaped? Why did he wait? David could for the LORD to rescue him, in His perfect timing.

And, He can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and own set of temptations to disobey God and His good ways. God helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. of other temptations that come our way. Every day brings its for His perfect timing! Maybe we will never have someone chasing us and trying to kill us, like David did. Maybe we will never be tempted to kill anybody, like he was. But we have plenty Saul his own way. And how God blessed David when he waited wait. He helped him say 'no' to the temptation to get rid of King King Saul. How hard it must have been to wait! God helped David David waited a long time for God to provide his escape from to keep on living His good way, instead of giving in to sin.

Listening





Corinthians 10:13, ESV

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

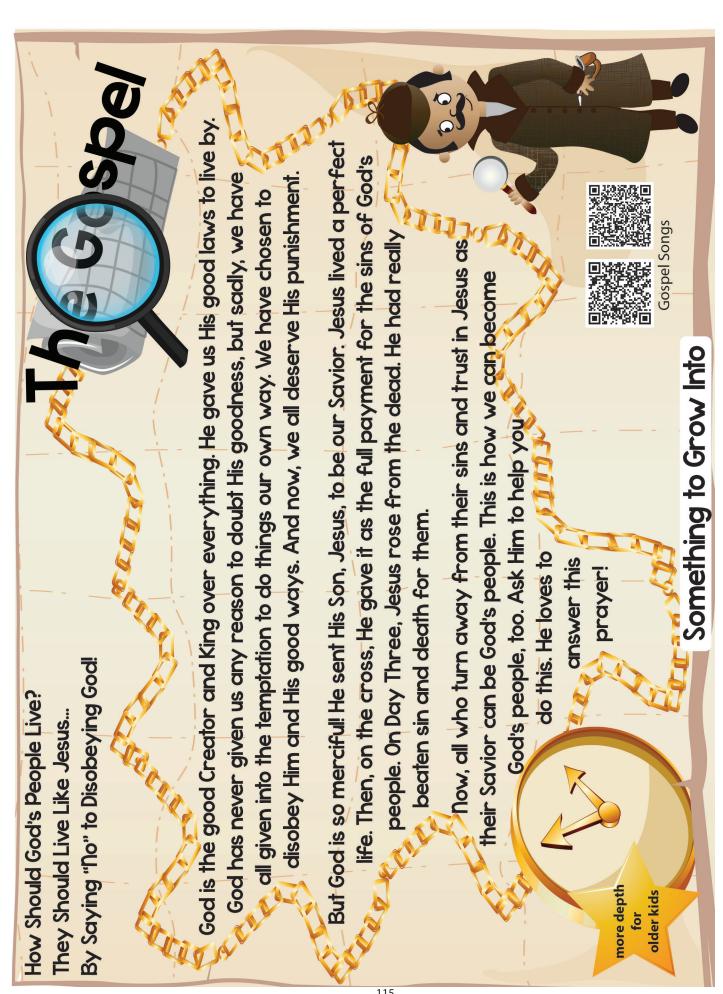
l. Who was tempted to disobey God? How? David was. He was tempted to get rid of King Saul his own way.

2. How did God help him and provide him a way out? God helped him say 'no' to temptation. He helped David wait and trust. And in His perfect timing, God, Himself, provided the way out from King Saul.

For You and Me:

How hard it must have been to wait! God helped David wait. He helped how God blessed David when he waited for His perfect timing! Maybe him say 'no' to the temptation to get rid of King Saul his own way. And we will never have someone chasing us and trying to kill us, like David David waited a long time for God to provide his escape from King Saul. did. Maybe we will never be tempted to kill anybody, like he was. But brings its own set of temptations to disobey God and His good ways. we have plenty of other temptations that come our way. Every day God helped David and He can help us. He can help us turn away and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. And, He can help us to keep on saying 'no' to disobeying Him and to keep on living His good way, instead of giving in to sin.

Something to Grow Into



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

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are good. You always deserve for us to obey You.



Work in our hearts. Help us to say "no" to sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior that we disobeying You. Help us to turn away from our might be Your people.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

more depth

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A God, we praise You for Jesus, Your Perfect Son, who never, ever disobeyed You, no matter how tempting it was.

when we are tempted, we choose to forget Your good ways and go ahead C God, please forgive us for not saying "no" to disobeying You. Many times, and do what we want to do. We need a Savior! Thank You, God, for promising to help Your people when they are tempted to do wrong. You promise to always provide them with a way out of sin. Thank You, that we can become Your people through Jesus, too, and You will help us.

God, please work in our hearts. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say "no" to disobeying You when we are tempted. Help us to choose to live for You, instead, like Jesus did.

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!)

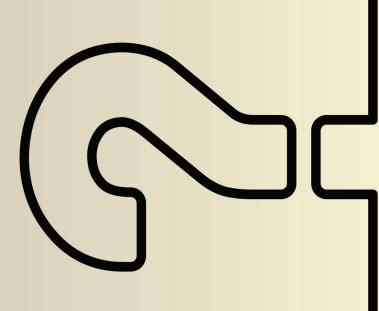


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #12 Simple Song How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

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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!

God's people should love God most of all, They should love others, too, Will help them in all they do. And God the Holy Spirit, Verse 2 Refrain





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

Refrain

In all that He did and said and thought,

Jesus loved God most of all,

Verse |

He loved all people, too,

He loved them thru and thru.

Big Question #12, Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song: No Temptation Has Overtaken You: | Corinthains 10:13

Big Question #12, Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song:

No Temptation: | Corinthains 10:13

God is faithful He'll not let you be tempted, God is faithful He'll not let you be tempted, Let you be tempted beyond your ability. No temptation has overtaken you, No temptation has overtaken you, Tempted beyond your ability. That is not, common to man. That is not, common to man.

No temptation has overtaken you, No temptation has overtaken you, God will also provide the escape, God will also provide the escape, The way of escape to endure it. The way of escape to endure it. First Corinthians Ten, thirteen. That is not, common to man. That is not, common to man.

No temptation has overtaken you, That is not,

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Tempted beyond,

Your ability,

But with the temptation

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The way of escape,

So that you might be able to endure it.

First Corinthians Chapter Ten, verse thirteen.





"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,

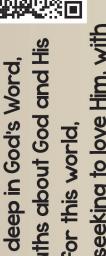
He gives "E-L" eternal life: forever life with Him.



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

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The Case of the Escape that Waited 1 Samuel 17:19,23-24,27,31; 2 Samuel 5-6

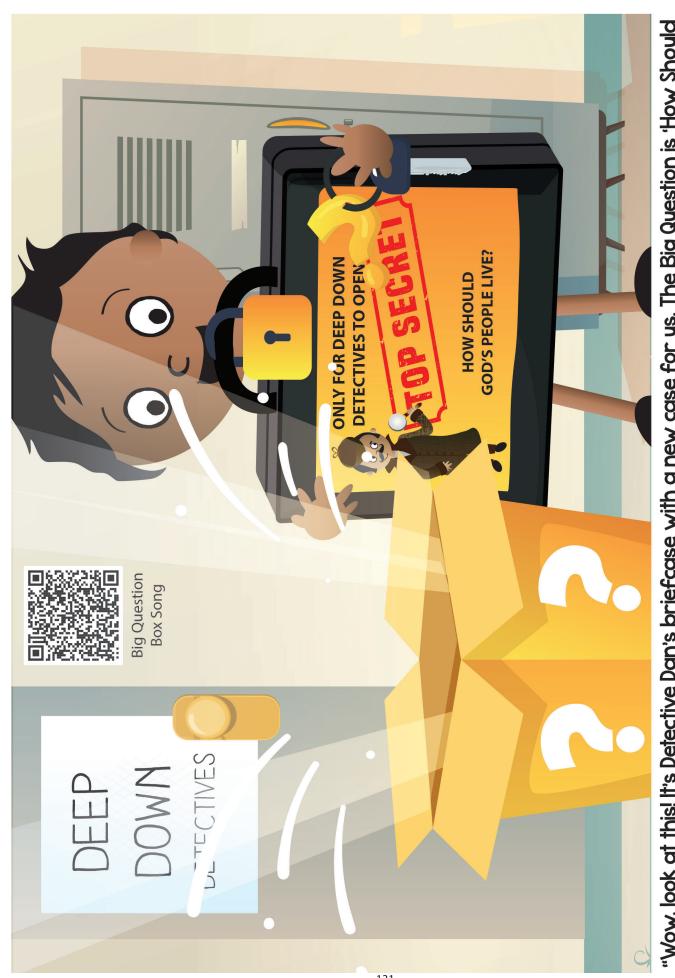
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- 3. Well, that wasn't quite true. There was one man in Israel who certainly did NOT love David: King Saul. Saul was jealous of David. Before David, the people had praised HIM, King Saul! HE had been the special one sent by God, their bravest leader. But now, all that had changed.
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- 7. "Run, David, run! Hide, David, hide!" Where would David make his home? Where would he sleep? David had no home. He slept on the ground, or sometimes in a cave. David couldn't stay anywhere long. Saul and his soldiers were never far behind. What a hard life David lived!
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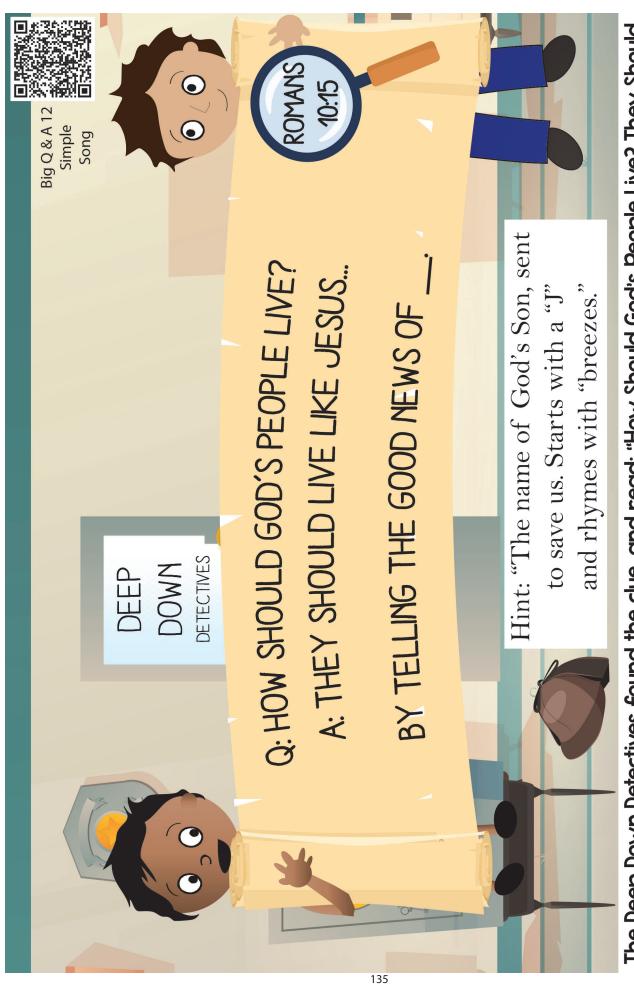
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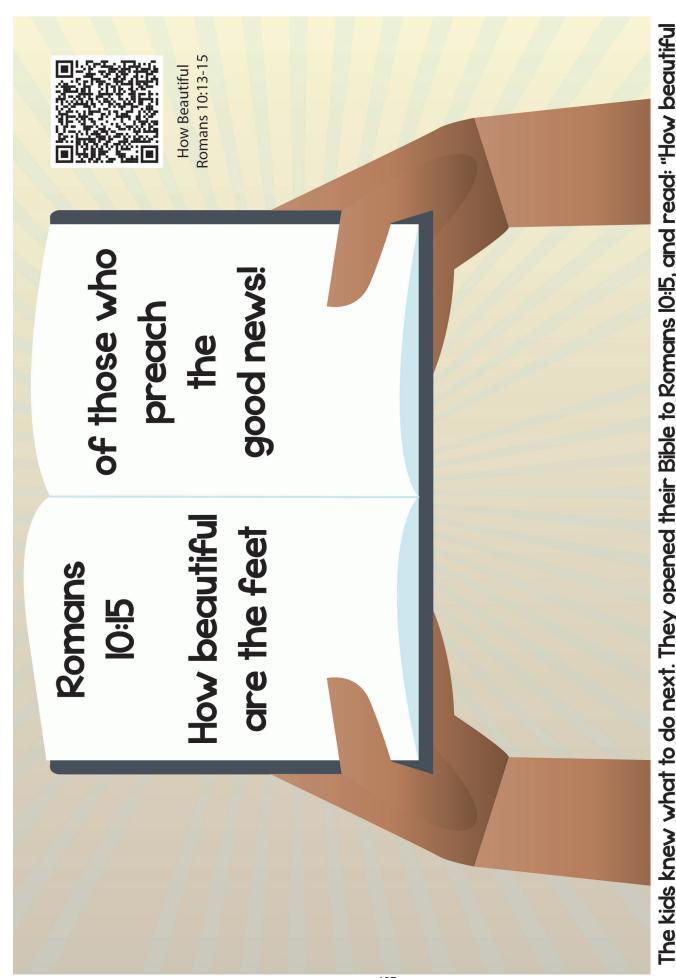
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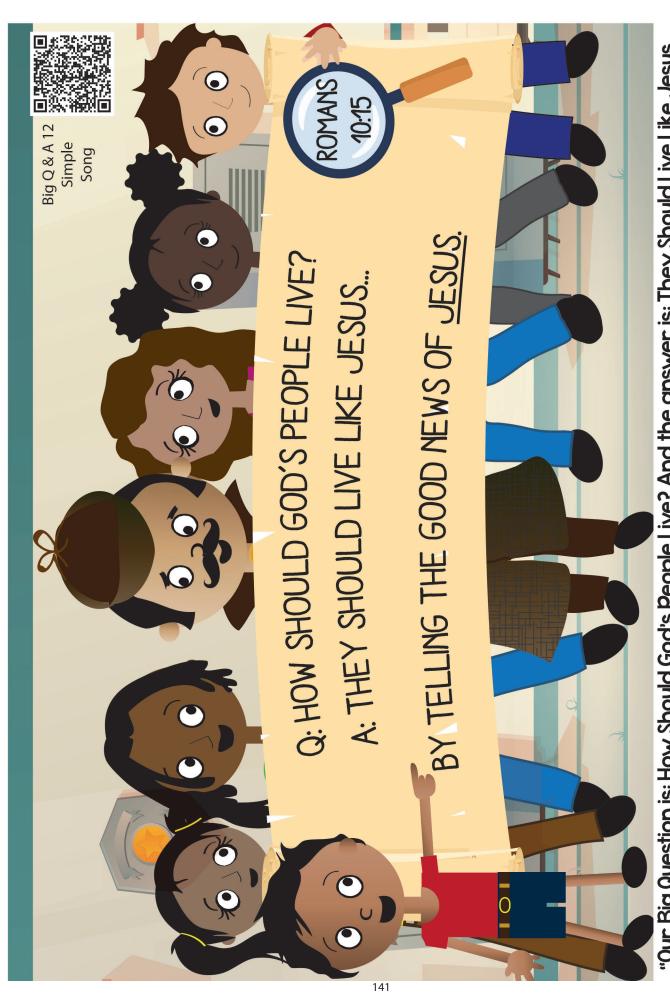
The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus... By Telling the Good News of ___." Romans 10:15. Hint: "The name of God's Son, sent to save us. Starts with a "J" and rhymes with "breezes."



The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Romans 10:15, and read: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this seventh truth about how God's people should live?" he asked. "We think so! When God's people go tell others the good news of Jesus, God calls their feet "beautiful" because they are blessing others with the best news of all."



"Our Big Question is: How Should God's People Live? And the answer is: They Should Live Like Jesus... By Tellling the Good News of <u>JESUS</u>." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



"After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He told His disciples to go tell the good after they die, they could go and live with God forever. Even today, God wants His people to keep news of salvation to the whole world. Jesus wanted people everywhere to know how they could become God's people. He wanted them to know that they could know God in their hearts now. And on sharing this good news until the whole world has heard the good news."



"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet.' Listen for who "Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word." went to places near and far to tell everyone the good news of Jesus."

Acts "The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet"



Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening

Detective Dan's Assignment #2 Listening



Romans 10:13, 15, ESV

saved." ... As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be those who preach the good news!"

- I. What message about Jesus did Jesus' followers tell everyone?
- 2. Why were their feet so busy traveling to faraway places to tell everyone this message?

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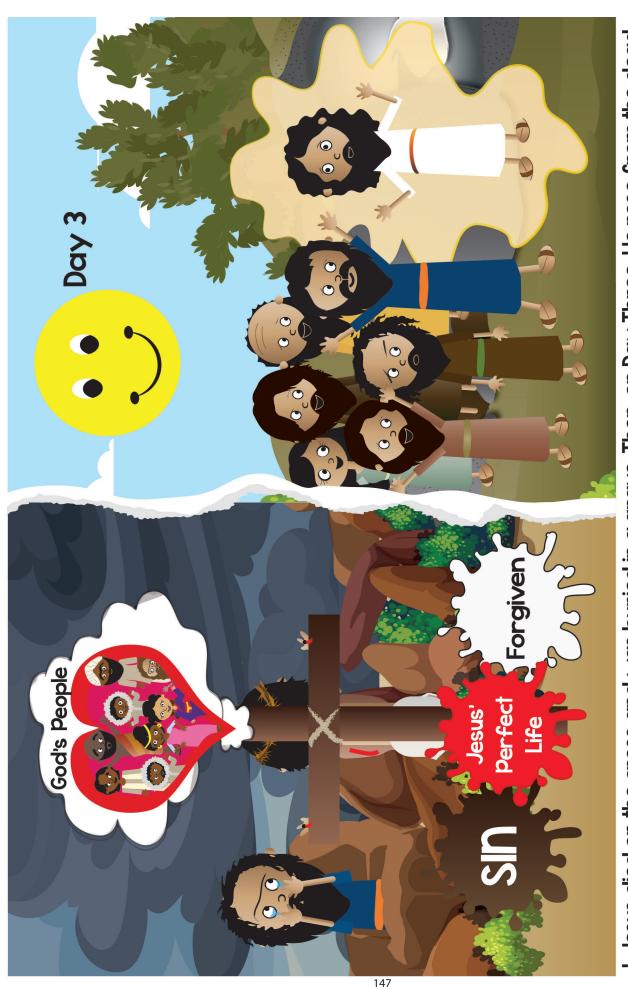
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2. What made the feet beautiful? What were they busy

I. Who had beautiful, busy feet?



l. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples. For the next forty days, Jesus taught them about God's good plans from the Bible. How wonderful it had been to have Jesus with them again!



2. But now, it was time for Jesus to go home to heaven. Before He went, Jesus told his disciples God's plan for them. "Be My witnesses," Jesus said. "Tell everyone what I've done. Teach them what I've taught you. Keep going until the whole world has heard the good news."



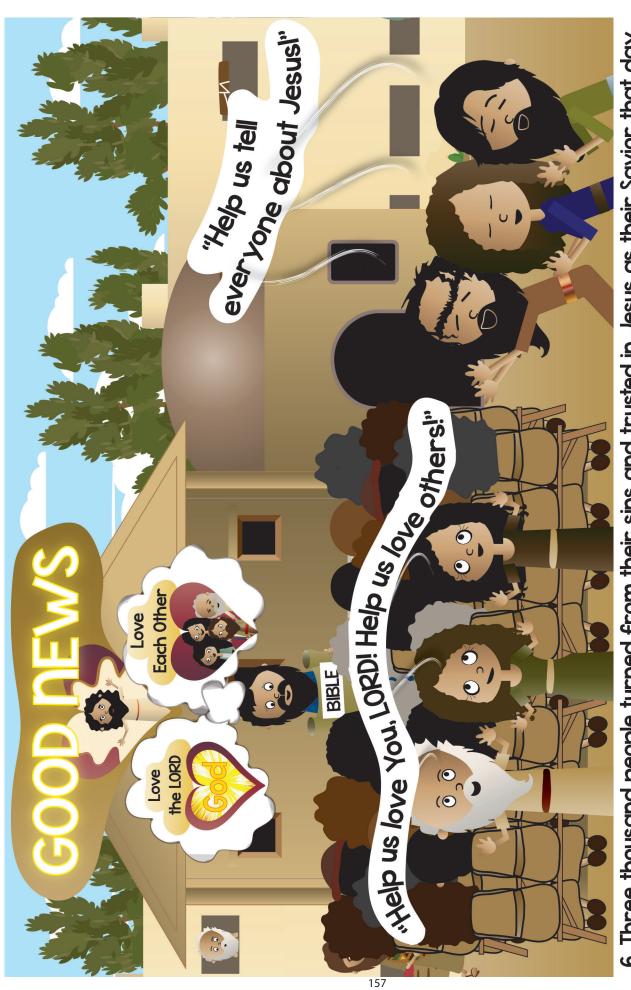
the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts. He'll give you the power you need to do God's plan," Jesus 3. "But before you go, wait in Jerusalem for the special gift;" Jesus told them. "The Father will send promised. Then, Jesus went up through the clouds to heaven.



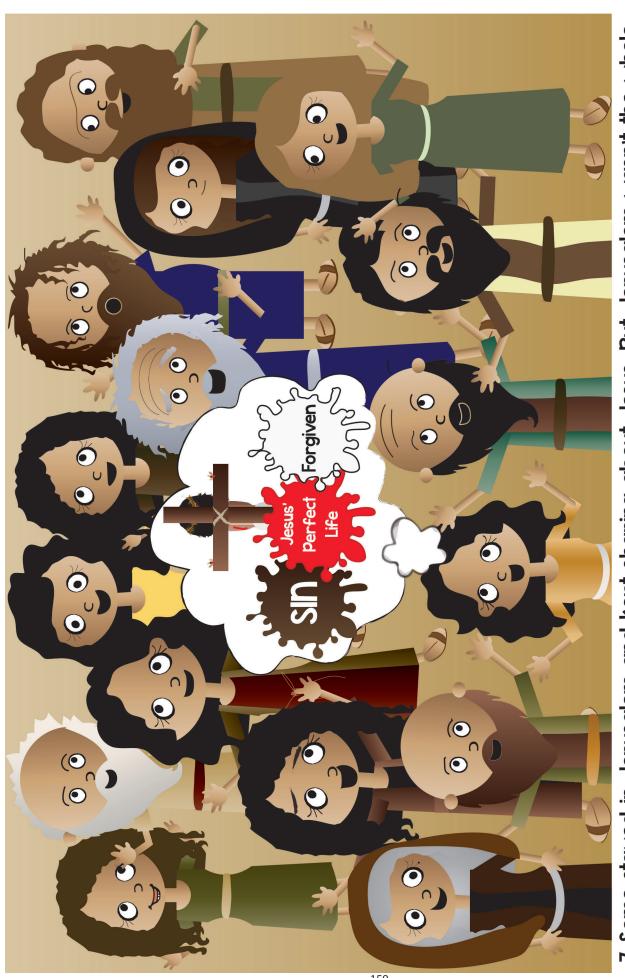
4. The disciples went back to Jerusalem and waited for the Holy Spirit to come. And on Day Ten, He did! He filled their hearts with wisdom, power and joy to carry out God's plan.



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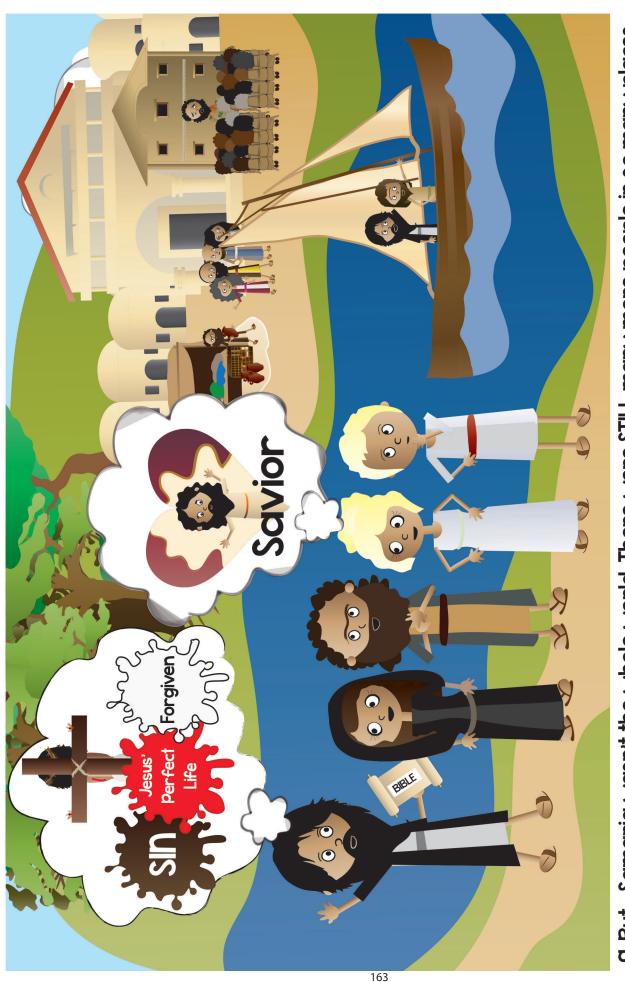
6. Three thousand people turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that day. They gathered together as a church to pray and learn from God's Word. They encouraged each other to worship God and love one another... and to go tell the world about Jesus.



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10. But... that STILL wasn't the whole world! And that's why, the job Jesus gave His disciples still isn't finished. There are STILL so many people who need to hear the good news of Jesus --BILLIONS of them! Who will tell THEM about Jesus? God's people, living today! What a big job!



II. God's people can't do this alone, but they don't have to. God still sends His Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, giving them what they need to do God's good plans. And as they tell about Jesus, He'll also work in the hearts of those who listen, helping them trust in Jesus as their Savior.



12. So, out to the whole world, God's people still need to go with the good news of Jesus. And when at last, all have heard, Jesus will return to take His people to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever. What a great day that will be! It will be Perfect Wonderfulness!



A: "God's people did, (and still do!)"

"The Case of the Beautiful, Busy Feet" Acts



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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #l

I. Who had beautiful, busy feet? God's people.

2. What made the feet beautiful? What were they busy doing?
They were using their feet to travel to faraway places to tell others about Jesus. People turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. They became God's people, too. They were so grateful that someone would walk so far just so they could hear about Jesus. That's why they called the feet of these messengers beautiful!

For You and Me:

Jesus' first followers were busy going into the world, telling Jesus' first followers were busy going into the world, telling everyone about Jesus. They wanted everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus at their Savior. They wanted forever. Jesus still sends out His them all to be God's people forever. Jesus still sends out His followers so that many more people might trust in Him as their followers so that many more people might trust in savior. Why, your teachers, even today, are telling you this good Savior. Why, your teachers, even today, are telling you this good savior. They want you to be God's people too. I Jesus as your Savior. They want you to be God's people too. I guess that means they have beautiful feet!

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2



Romans 10:13,15, ESV

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ... As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

I. What message about Jesus did Jesus' followers tell everyone? That they could become God's people when they turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. 2. Why were their feet so busy traveling to faraway places to tell everyone this message?

Only by going to these faraway places would the people who lived there hear about Jesus, turn away from their sins, and be saved. This was the only way they could get to become God's people.

For You and Me:

Jesus' first followers were busy going into the world, telling everyone about Jesus. They wanted everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. They wanted them to be God's people forever. Jesus still sends out his followers today. He still wants people to trust in Him as their Savior. Why, your teachers, even today, are telling you this good news so that YOU might turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. They want you to be God's people too. I guess that means they have beautiful feet, too!

Something to Grow Into



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

A Prayer

We praise You, LORD. You are our Savior.

Thank You that for giving us the good news of Jesus.

our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior that we Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from might be Your people. Help us tell others about Jesus.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.









Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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sinful people like us to become Your people. How loving and merciful You are! A God, we praise You for being the God who saves. You made the way for

C God, please forgive us for not telling others about You as You want us to. or make fun of us. Forgive for not trusting You to be at work as we share Forgive us for being scared that others might not want to hear about Jesus the good news about salvation through Him. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for offering to make us Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the wonderful, good news of salvation through 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 tell others how they can receive the free gift of salvation through Him, too. Work inside others as they hear about Jesus and help them believe in Him, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



A= Adoration (God, we praise You!) C=Confession (God, forgive us!) T= Thanksgiving (Thank You, God!) S=Supplication (Make us like Jesus!)

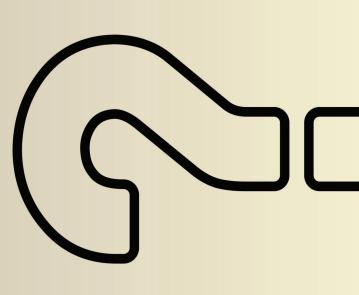


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #12 Simple Song How should God's people live each day?

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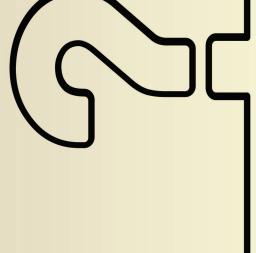


Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught us today.

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 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.

Refrain

In all that He did and said and thought,

Jesus loved God most of all,

Verse |

He loved all people, too,

He loved them thru and thru.



Big Question #12, Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse Song:

How Beautiful: Romans 10:13-15

Refrain

How beautiful! How beautiful!

How beautiful are the feet.

How beautiful! How beautiful!

Are the feet of those who preach the good news.

Ev'ryone who calls on the name of the Lord,

Will be saved.

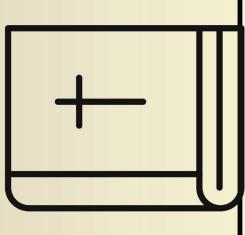
Ev'ryone who calls on the name of the Lord,

Will be saved.

Yes, but I have some questions....

How then will they call on Him they've not believed in?
How are they to believe in Him they never heard?
How are they to hear without someone preaching?
How are they to preach unless they are sent?

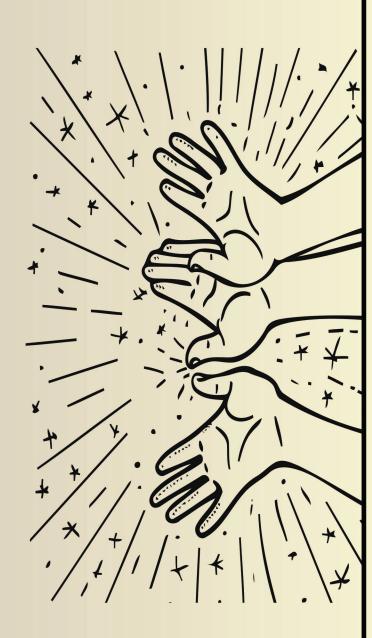
Well, it all goes back to those feet! Refrain Romans Ten, thirteen through fifteen.



"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,





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."

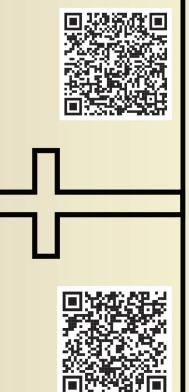
This is the gospel,
This is God's good news:
Jesus died on the cross,
Then on the 3rd day...
He rose from the dead.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too.
Ask Him to be your Savior, too!

The Gospel Song (Full)
Refrain:
What is the gospel? G-0-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.

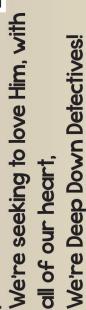
"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd 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,





Classroom Rules Song

Come on! Let's start!

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

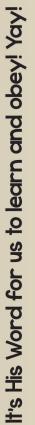
The Bible, the Bible,

Let's get out the Bible.

Let's hear what God has to say.

The Bible, the Bible,

God's given us the Bible.



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.





Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 7

The Case of the Beautiful Feet Acts

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples. For the next forty days, Jesus taught them about God's good plans from the Bible. How wonderful it had been to have Jesus with them again!
- 2. But now, it was time for Jesus to go home to heaven. Before He went, Jesus told his disciples God's plan for them. "Be My witnesses," Jesus said. "Tell everyone what I've done. Teach them what I've taught you. Keep going until the whole world has heard the good news."
- 3. "But before you go, wait in Jerusalem for the special gift," Jesus told them. "The Father will send the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts. He'll give you the power you need to do God's plan," Jesus promised. Then, Jesus went up through the clouds to heaven.
- 4. The disciples went back to Jerusalem and waited for the Holy Spirit to come. And on Day Ten, He did! He filled their hearts with wisdom, power and joy to carry out God's plan.
- 5. The disciples burst out into the streets of Jerusalem that day and began to spread the good news of Jesus. "Turn away from disobeying God. Trust in Jesus as your Savior. Believe this wonderful, good news today!" they urged everyone.
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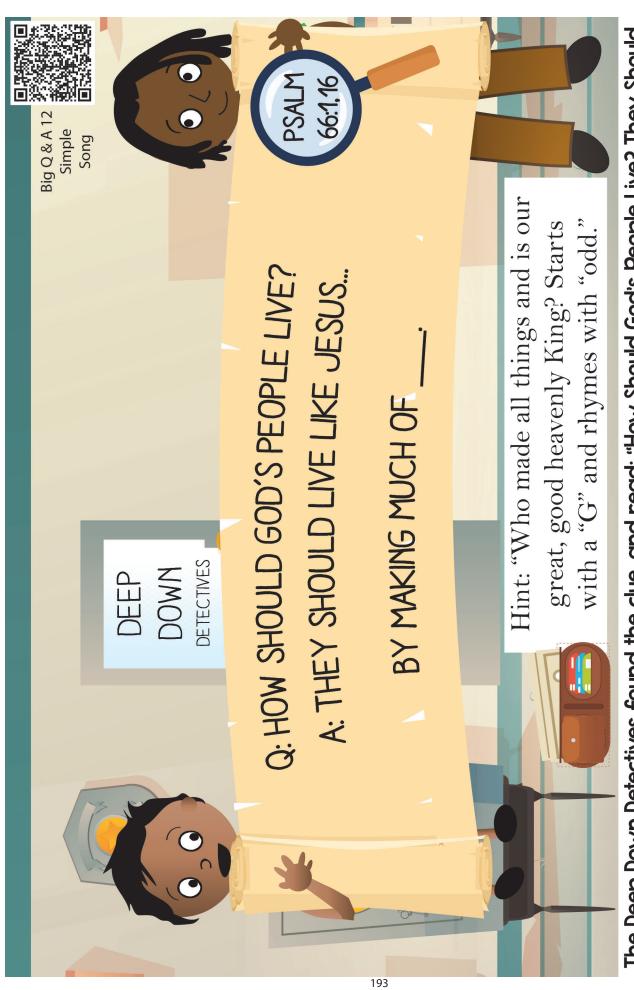
"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



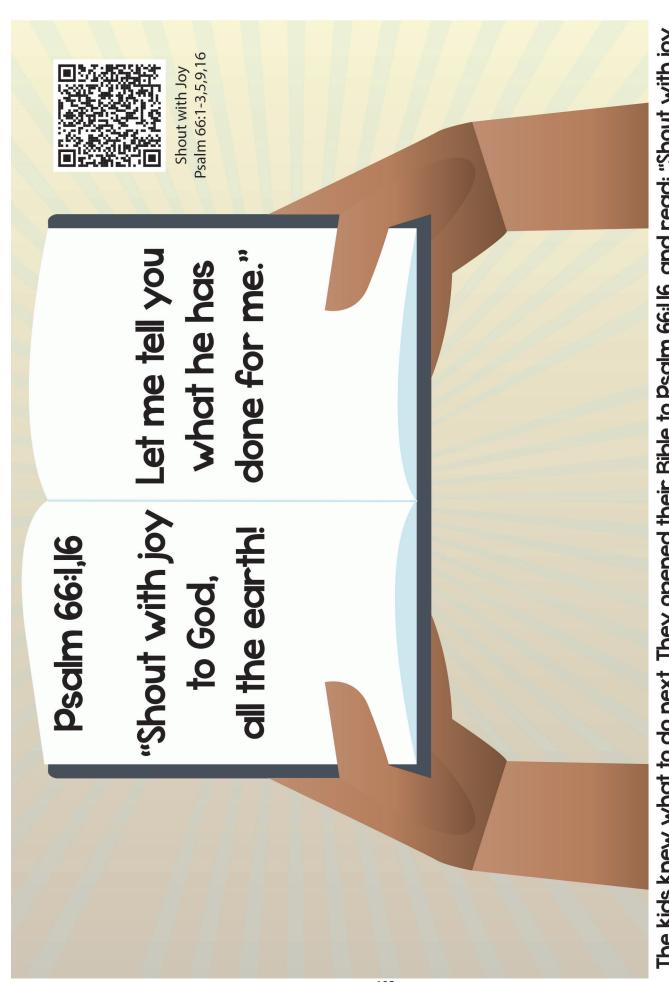
"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. The Big Question is 'How Should God's People Live?' Come on! Let's unlock it and see what clue he gives us."



"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!"



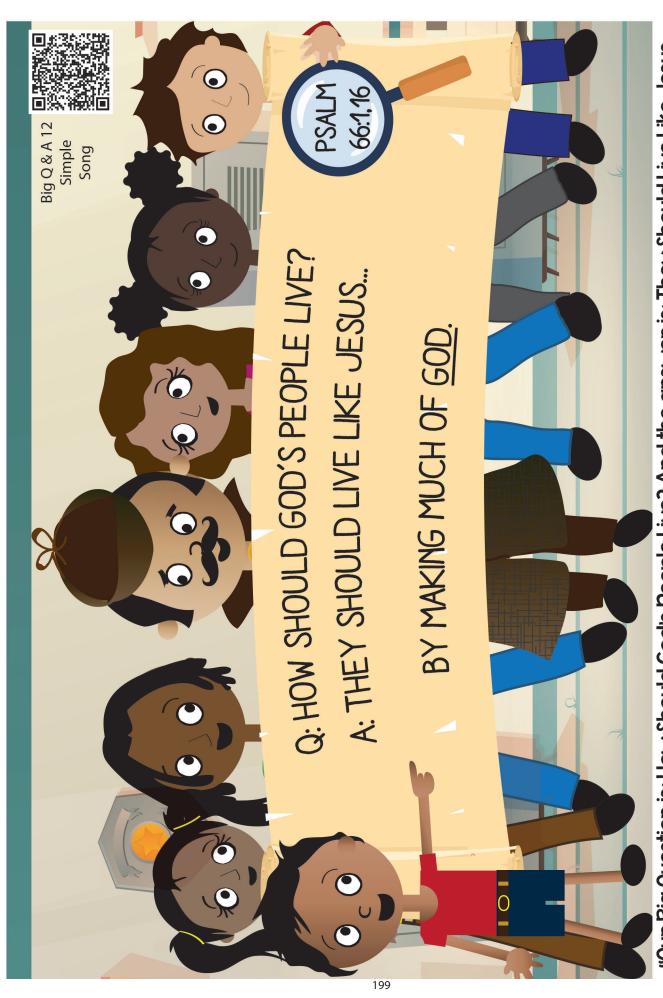
Live Like Jesus... By Making Much of ___." Psalm 66:1,16. Hint: "Who made all things and is our great, The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Should God's People Live? They Should good heavenly King? Starts with a "G" and rhymes with "odd."



The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Psalm 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."



"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 news they can share. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus God when they make much of Him. Telling others what God has done through Jesus is the best as our Savior, and live for Him. This is how we become God's people. Let's make much of God!"



"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



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #I



Assignment #2

Detective Dan's

Listening

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."

- I. 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)

I. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about?

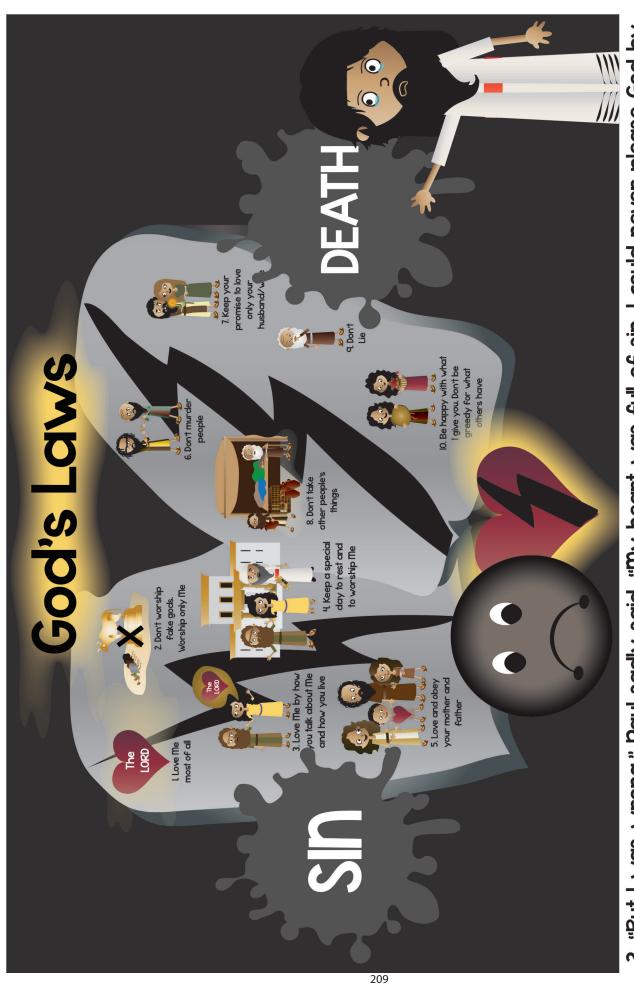
2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead?



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



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.



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."



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



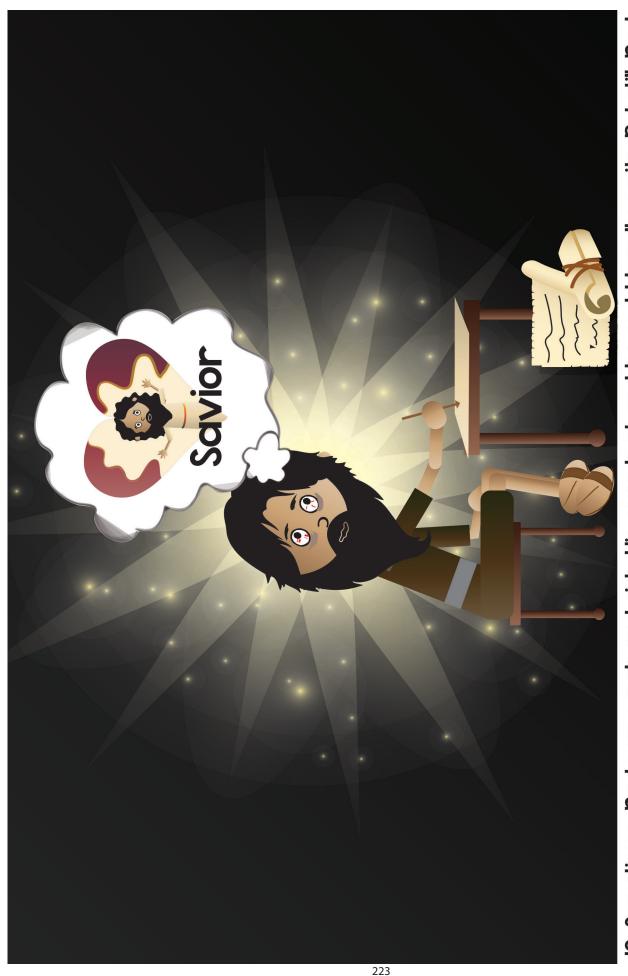
smarter than your smartness! Turn from your sins. Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" he urged them. was silly. Paul boasted in God to them: "You may think believing in Jesus is silly, but God's silliness is 7. Sometimes, Paul traveled to big cities and talked to smart people who thought believing in Jesus



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!



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



Detective Dan's Assignment #1 Listening



Listening

l. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast

paul. He boasted in himself and all the good things he did.

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 2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead?

through Jesus.

good to us. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this He wants us to praise Him for being our God and for being so 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. Jesus. We need Him to do that most of all! That's why Paul made 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 to boast about the good things we can do. But like Paul, God made us able to do many good things. Sometimes, we might want God has been kind to give each of us many good gifts. He has For You and Me:

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

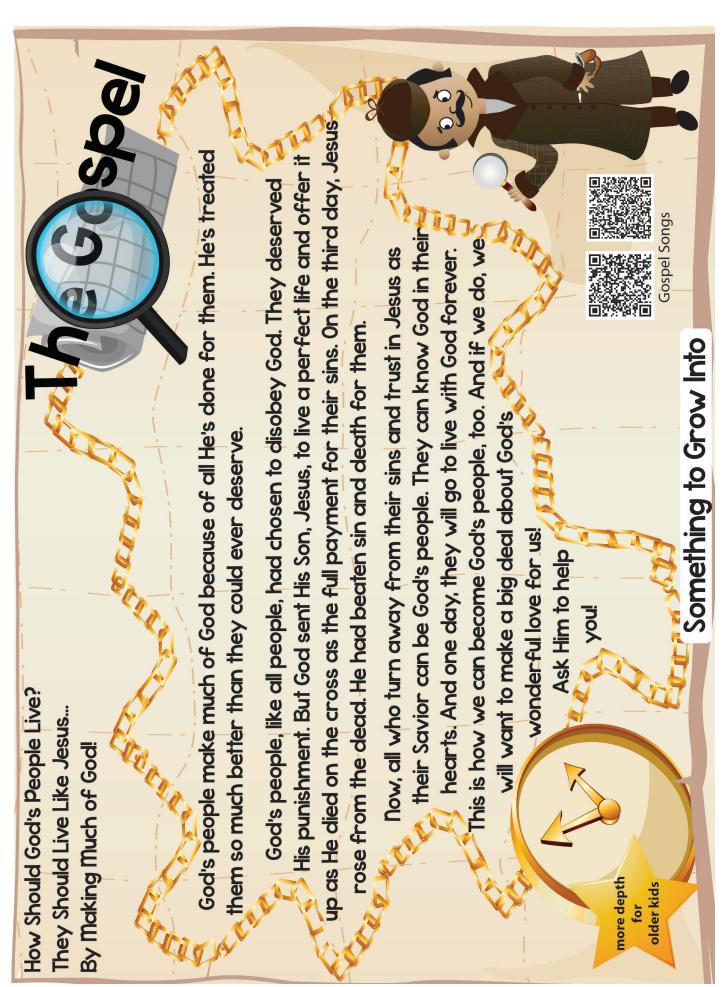
"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me." I. Who changed from being a man who boasted about himself to a man who boasted about God?

2. What awesome deed of God did he especially love to boast about? 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



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

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.

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

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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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! 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.

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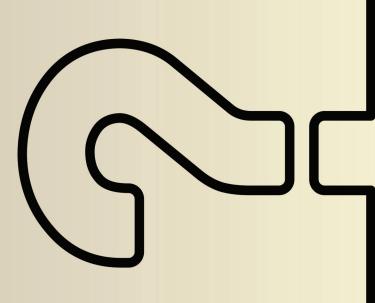


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Kids! Let's sing the Big Question and Answer Detective Dan taught us today.

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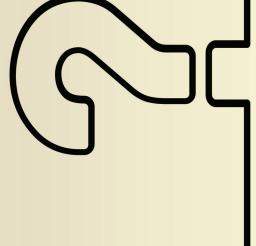
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Verse |

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He loved all people, too,
In all that He did and said and thought,
He loved them thru and thru.
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!

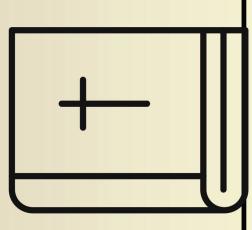
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds."

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.



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

The Gospel Song (Short)

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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.

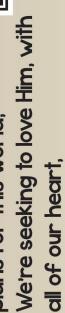
"G" is for God, our good King and Creator,
"O", we should obey Him,
but instead we're disobeyers,
So "S", we need a Savior to save us from our sins,
That Savior is Jesus, who "P" took the punishment.
Yes, Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice,
Then on Day Three, He rose again
To prove He'd 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.

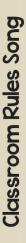
Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

For truths about God and His We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word, plans for this world,



We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!



Shh, be quiet while someone is talking, Raise your hand,

if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend,

Obey your teachers, sitting beside you,

These are our classroom rules, Be kind as you play.

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!



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.





Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 8

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

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- 11. 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!