

Detective Dan's Big Question Box

**Interactive Stories from
the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum**



**4 Bible Truths from Big Question 14:
How Does God Want Us to Pray?
by Constance Dever**



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training tools, music and other resources
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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 is 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 curriculum 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 Worship 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 in 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 un laminated, 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.

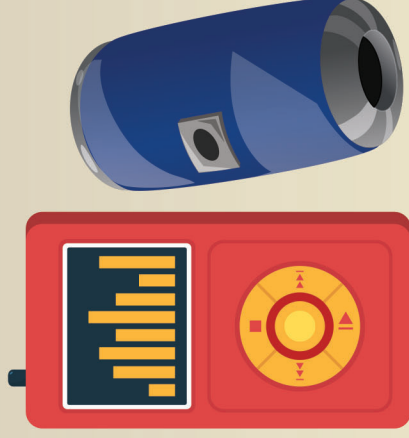
8. Purchase a kids' briefcase and put your props in it. You are ready to go!

Get Ready to Teach

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



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



3. Put your resources in place:

- Bell
- Story
- Mp3 player and speaker
- Big Question Box (optional)
- Music Shakers (optional)



4. Pray!



Transition to Bible Time

1. Ring and Sing

Ring Bell

Sing "The Gathering Song"



The Gathering Song

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



2. Park and Come

"It's Bible Time, kids.

Park your toys, and
join me on the mat."



3. Settle with Criss Cross

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



Criss Cross Applesauce

(tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Criss cross applesauce,
Sit down, please,
Hands in your lap.
Shhh... Look at me.





Let's Pray
Song

Let's Pray Song

1,2,3

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

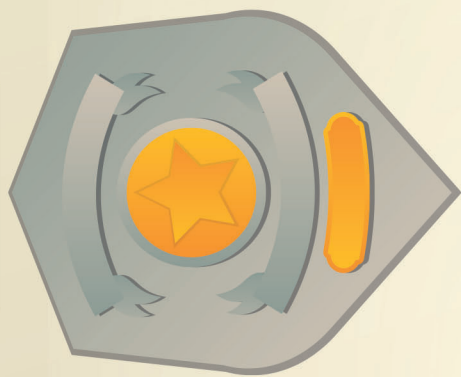
Opening Prayer

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

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #14, Bible Truth 1
The Case of the Middle of the Mess



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a **new** Big Question for us. It says, 'How Does God Want Us to Pray?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



“Deep Down Detectives! This is your first of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my watch. See if you can find the answer in God’s Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!”



Big Q & A 14
Simple Song

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Q: HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO PRAY?

A: EVERY NIGHT AND DAY...

HE WANTS US TO ??? HIM.



Hint: "Telling someone how wonderful they are. Starts with a "P" and rhymes with "raise."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to ??? Him. Psalm 40:16." Hint: "Telling someone how wonderful they are. Starts with a "p" and rhymes with "raise."



May All Who Seek You
Psalm 40:16

Psalm 40:16

**“Rejoice
and
be glad,**

**say,
“Great is
the LORD!”**

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 40:16, and read: “Rejoice and be glad, say, “Great is the LORD!”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! When we rejoice and say, "How great is the Lord" we are praising Him. God gives us reasons to praise Him every day."



"Our Big Question is: How Does God Want Us to Pray? And the answer is: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to PRAISE Him." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 14
Tell Me More
Song



God's people praise God when they pray. They think about what He's like and tell Him how wonderful He is. They praise Him for being holy, all-powerful, and all-loving. For knowing everything and using all their sadnesses for good. Most of all, they praise Him for being their Savior. In heaven, God's people will praise God forever. They will never run out of praise for Him. We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God wants us to praise Him, too!



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Middle of the Mess"

2 Chronicles 19-20



"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 Middle of the Mess.' Listen for what the LORD did when the teachers of God's Word praised Him in front of their enemies."

"The Case of the Middle of the Mess" 2 Chronicles 19-20 1-2

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was stuck in the middle between strong enemies? What (trouble) mess were they in?
2. Who got them out of the mess and how did He do it?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 40:16, ESV

"May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the LORD!'"

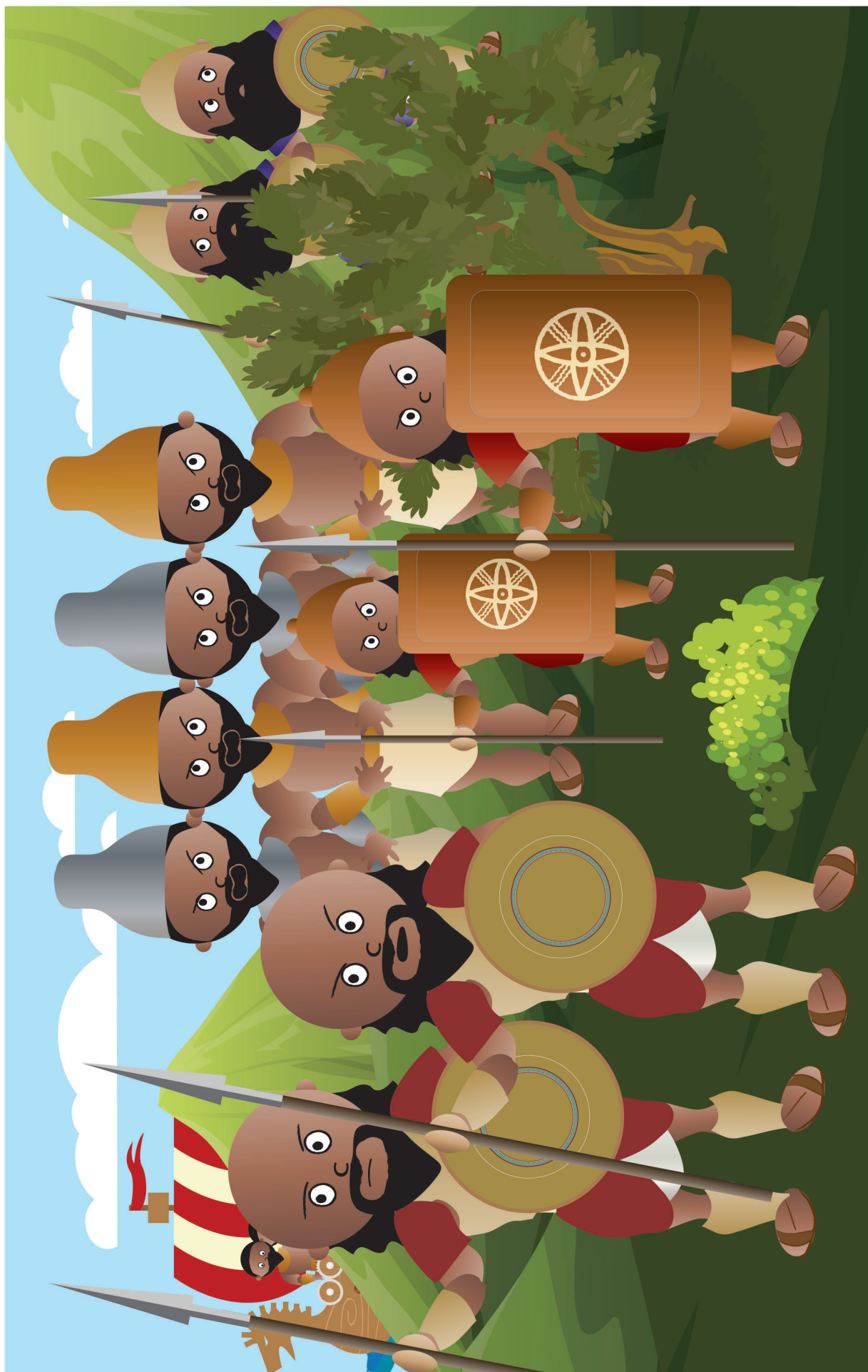
1. Who praised the LORD for being so great?
2. What did He do that was so great?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. This story is about king with a funny-sounding name: Jehoshaphat. This king's name may sound funny, but his country of Israel was in the middle of a mess that wasn't funny at all. Lots of powerful enemies surrounded Israel on every side, and they all wanted it for their own.



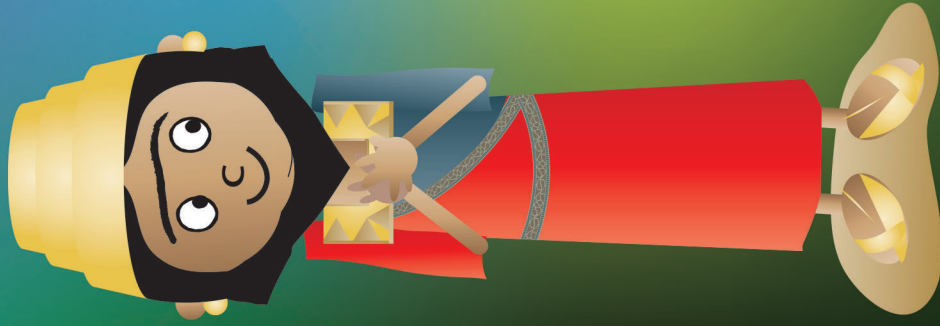
2. Who were these enemies? There were Philistines next to the sea in the west. And, the Syrians up in the mountains to the north. And, in the mountains to the east, there were **THREE MORE** powerful enemies: the Ammonites, Moabites, and the Meunites. Now that's a lot of enemies!



3. It would be terrible if these enemies took Israel! This was where people came to worship the LORD, learn His Word, and live by His good laws. It was where the Temple was – the LORD's special worship place. These enemies would make everyone worship their fake gods, instead.



4. One day, King Jehoshaphat received some awful news: "The powerful enemies in the east are coming to take our land. They're so sure they will win that they're coming with their bags packed to move in right away," the messengers told the king.



THE LORD

5. This was bad, bad news! King Jehoshaphat was afraid, but he knew what to do. THEY weren't strong enough to fight off these strong enemies, but the LORD, their God, was. HE was strong enough to fight off even the strongest enemies! Jehoshaphat would cry out to the LORD for help.



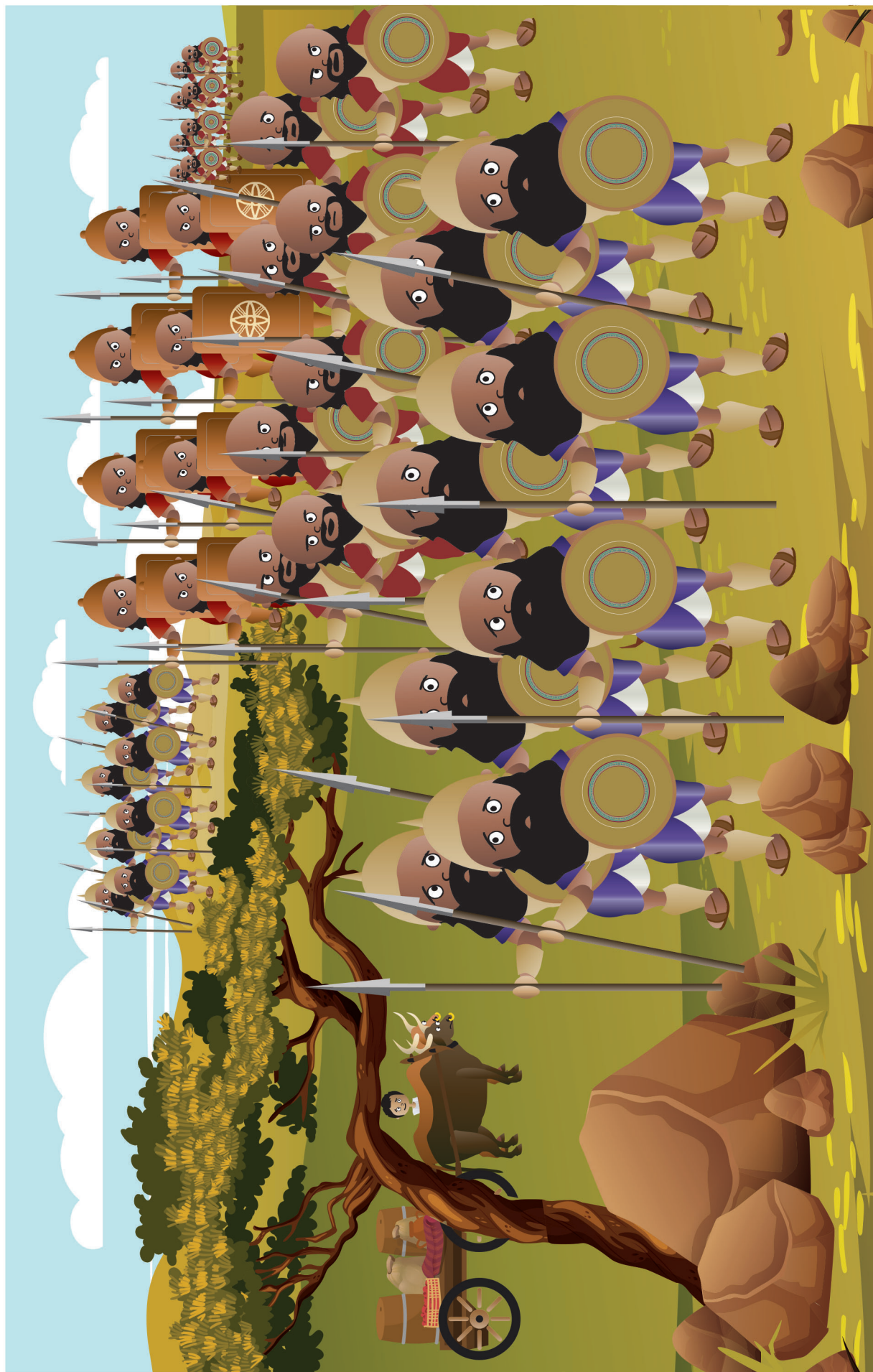
6. King Jehoshaphat gathered the people together at the Temple to pray. "LORD, You are God in heaven. You rule over everyone," he exclaimed. "You gave us this land, and our enemies are coming to take it. We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on You. Please help us!" he pleaded.



7. The LORD heard their prayers and answered them through Jahaziel, a teacher of God's Word. "The LORD says to you: "Don't be afraid. The battle is Mine, not yours. I will fight it for you. Face your enemies tomorrow. Have faith in Me and watch Me save you," the LORD promised.



8. How happy were King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel! They bowed down before the LORD. As they worshiped Him with their faces to the ground, the teachers of God's Word stood up, raised their hands, and praised the LORD with a very LOUD VOICE.



9. The people of Israel went out early the next morning to face their enemies. There were so many, fierce and ready to fight. And nearby were wagons of their packed things. They were sure they would win and make Israel their new home that very day! How scary!



10. "Don't worry. Trust the LORD," King Jehoshaphat told the people. "Teachers of God's Word, walk in front of our soldiers. Sing and praise the LORD," he ordered. The teachers obeyed, and facing all those fierce enemies, sang, "Give thanks to the LORD for He is faithful. His love never ends."



II. And as they sang, the LORD kept His promise. He caused the enemies to turn and fight each other until they were all gone. The LORD had fought the battle and WON! King Jehoshaphat and the people praised the LORD. Their enemies were gone. They and their land were safe.



12. Then, King Jehoshaphat, the people, and the teachers of God's Word went back to the Temple to praise the LORD. With harps, trumpets, and lyres they sang their joyful praises. He was the great, one true God. He had rescued them from their enemies!

"The Case of the Middle of the Mess"

Q: "What did the LORD do when the teachers of
God's Word praised Him in front of their enemies?"



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younger
kids

GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Praise Him.

A: "He fought for them and beat their enemies for them."

"The Case of the Middle of the Mess" 2 Chronicles 19-20 1-2

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older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was stuck in the middle between strong enemies? What (trouble) mess were they in?
King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel. Their strong enemies were planning to take their land and live in it, themselves.
2. Who got them out of the mess and how did He do it?
The LORD got them out of the mess. He fought for them. He got rid of their enemies and rescued them.

For You and Me:
King Jehoshaphat and the people praised the Lord for rescuing them! He is the great God who does even impossible things to rescue His people. Even greater than the rescue in our story today, is how God rescues us through His Son, Jesus. He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. God can rescue us from our sins, too. Ask Him to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us do this!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 40:16, ESV

"May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the LORD!'"

1. Who praised the LORD for being so great?
King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel.
2. What did He do that was so great?
He fought against their enemies, Himself, and got rid of them.

For You and Me:

King Jehoshaphat and the people praised the Lord for rescuing them! He is the great God who does even impossible things to rescue His people. Even greater than the rescue in our story today, is how God rescues us through His Son, Jesus. He sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. God can rescue us from our sins, too. Ask Him to help you become one of His people. He loves to help us do this!

Something to Grow Into

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...
He Wants Us to Praise Him!

The Gospel

God's people praise God for being many wonderful things. But perhaps they love to praise Him most of all for being their Savior.

God's people know that they, like all people, are sinners who have chosen to disobey God. They know that they deserve God's punishment. Yet God in His mercy chose to send His Son, Jesus, to save them.

Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory over sin and death for them. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven and become God's people.

If we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive us and make us His people, too. Then, we will be able to join all of God's people in praising God as our great Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!

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Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“God delights in our prayers. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, God, for being the one, true God.

Thank You for making the way for us to be Your people.

Work in our hearts. Help us to remember how great You are. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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older kids

A We praise You, God. You are the one, true God, yet You invite us to talk to You.
How amazing!

C God, You alone are God, and how very good You are! Yet, we so often do
not praise You as You deserve. We forget who You are and what You have
done. Too often, we think more about ourselves than You. We need a
Savior.

T Thank You, God, for always deserving our praise! You never change. You
treat us so much better than we could ever deserve. You are so patient
with us. You give us so many reasons to praise You every day.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in
Jesus as our Savior. Help us to praise You throughout the day. Fill our hearts
with love for You. Help us live our lives for You so that others can see how
good You are and will want to praise You, too.

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 #14

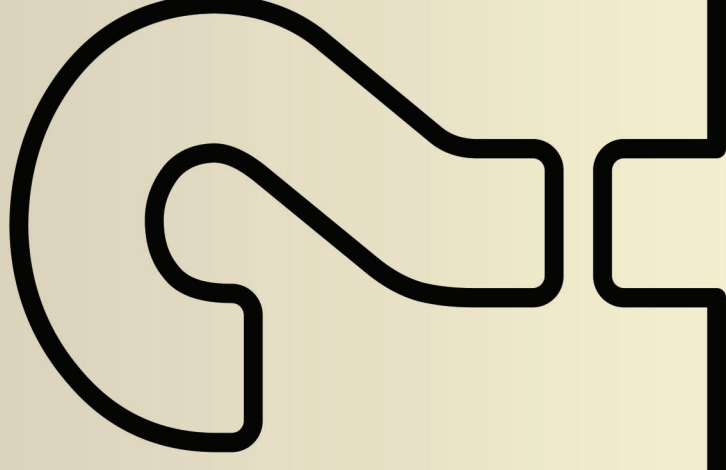
Simple Song



How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!



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

Big Question #14 Tell Me More Song How Does God Want Us to Pray?

How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
The ACTS way, what's it all about?
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

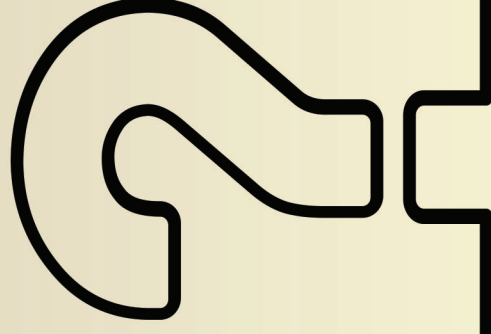
Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout,
ACTS! I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.

A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
We praise You, God of all creation,
C, C, C, stands for Confession,
We're sorry, God, to You our sins confessin,'
Refrain

T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God, for the good things
You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

A-C-T-S, Say it with a shout, ACTS!
Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

**Big Question #14, Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song:
May All Who Seek You Rejoice: Psalm 40:16**

Refrain:

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you,
May those who love your salvation say,
May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you,
May those who love your salvation say:

“Great is the LORD, great is the LORD!
Great is the LORD, great is the LORD!
Great is the LORD, great is the LORD!
Great is the LORD, great is the LORD!”

Verse 1

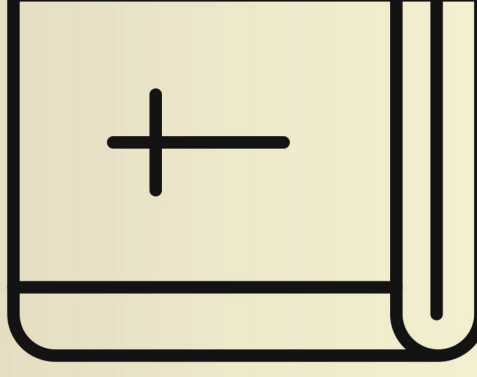
He drew me out from the pit of destruction,
Out of the miry bog,
And set my feet upon a rock,
Making my steps secure. Refrain



Verse 2

He put a new song in my mouth,
A song of praise to our God,
Many will see, see and fear,
And put their trust in the LORD. Refrain

Psalm Forty, verse two, three and sixteen



“Let’s hide God’s Word in our hearts! Let’s sing our Bible verse!”

Big Question #14 Hymn

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our
sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!



"Let's praise the Lord for wanting to hear our prayers!"

Big Question #14 Praise Song

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Verse 1

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In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving
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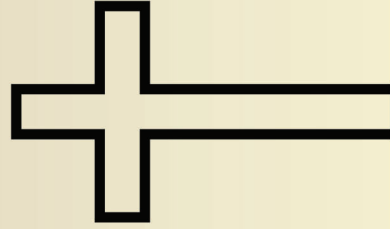
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Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 14, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Middle of the Mess 2 Chronicles 19-20

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

1. This story is about king with a funny-sounding name: Jehoshaphat. This king's name may sound funny, but his country of Israel was in the middle of a mess that wasn't funny at all. Lots of powerful enemies surrounded Israel on every side, and they all wanted it for their own.

2. Who were these enemies? There were Philistines next to the sea in the west. And, the Syrians up in the mountains to the north. And, in the mountains to the east, there were THREE MORE powerful enemies: the Ammonites, Moabites, and the Meunites. Now that's a lot of enemies!

3. It would be terrible if these enemies took Israel! This was where people came to worship the LORD, learn His Word, and live by His good laws. It was where the Temple was – the LORD's special worship place. These enemies would make everyone worship their fake gods, instead.

4. One day, King Jehoshaphat received some awful news: "The powerful enemies in the east are coming to take our land. They're so sure they will win that they're coming with their bags packed to move in right away," the messengers told the king.

5. This was bad, bad news! King Jehoshaphat was afraid, but he knew what to do. THEY weren't strong enough to fight off these strong enemies, but the LORD, their God, was. HE was strong enough to fight off even the strongest enemies! Jehoshaphat would cry out to the LORD for help.

6. King Jehoshaphat gathered the people together at the Temple to pray. "LORD, You are God in heaven. You rule over everyone," he exclaimed. "You gave us this land, and our enemies are coming to take it. We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on You. Please help us!" he pleaded.

7. The LORD heard their prayers and answered them through Jahaziel, a teacher of God's Word. "The LORD says to you: 'Don't be afraid. The battle is Mine, not yours. I will fight it for you. Face your enemies tomorrow. Have faith in Me and watch Me save you,'" the LORD promised.

8. How happy were King Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel! They bowed down before the LORD. As they worshiped Him with their faces to the ground, the teachers of God's Word stood up, raised their hands, and praised the LORD with a very LOUD VOICE.

9. The people of Israel went out early the next morning to face their enemies. There were so many, fierce and ready to fight. And nearby were wagons of their packed things. They were sure they would win and make Israel their new home that very day! How scary!

10. "Don't worry. Trust the LORD," King Jehoshaphat told the people. "Teachers of God's Word, walk in front of our soldiers. Sing and praise the LORD," he ordered. The teachers obeyed, and facing all those fierce enemies, sang, "Give thanks to the LORD for He is faithful. His love never ends."

11. And as they sang, the LORD kept His promise. He caused the enemies to turn and fight each other until they were all gone. The LORD had fought the battle and WON! King Jehoshaphat and the people praised the LORD. Their enemies were gone. They and their land were safe.

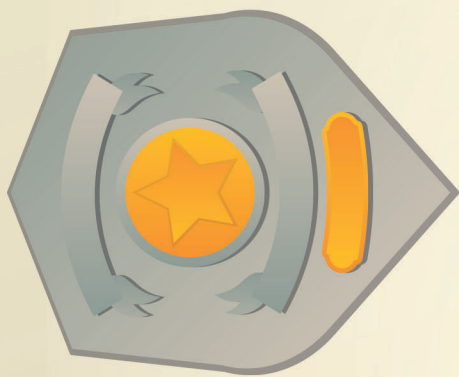
12. Then, King Jehoshaphat, the people, and the teachers of God's Word went back to the Temple to praise the LORD. With harps, trumpets, and lyres they sang their joyful praises. He was the great, one true God. He had rescued them from their enemies!

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Deliver to:
The Deep
Down
Detectives**

**Big Question #14, Bible Truth 2
The Case of the Slow Sorry**



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'How Does God Want Us to Pray?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



Big Q & A 14
Simple Song

DEEP
DOWN
DETECTIVES

Q: HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO PRAY?

A: EVERY NIGHT AND DAY...

HE WANTS US TO CONFESS OUR ??? TO HIM.



Hint: "Bible word for disobeying
God and His good laws. Starts with
an "S" and rhymes with "wins."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our ??? to Him. Psalm 32:5." Hint: "Bible word for disobeying God and His good laws. Starts with an "S" and rhymes with "wins."



I Acknowledged

My Sin

Psalms 32:5

Psalms 32:5

**“I
acknowledged
my sin to you...
and you
forgave
my sin.”**

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalms 32:5, and read: “I acknowledged my sin to you... and you forgave my sin.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! We are all sinners who need God's forgiveness every day of our lives. He loves to hear us confess our sins and desires to forgive us."



“Our Big Question is: How Does God Want Us to Pray? And the answer is: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our SINS to Him.” “Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 14
Tell Me More
Song



We all disobey God and deserve His punishment. That's why we like to cover up the bad things we do from God and others. We don't want anyone to know about them, and we don't want to be punished for them. But God's people confess their sins to God, instead of covering them up. And what does God do then? He forgives them! God can forgive our sins, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. That's how we become God's people and live as God's people.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Slow Sorry"

2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21



"Tell us a Bible story, Detective Dan. We want to dig deeper into God's Word."

"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Slow Sorry.' Listen for who the LORD forgave when he confessed his sins."

"The Case of the Slow Sorry" 2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21

more depth
for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God and ask for forgiveness? What did he need to confess to doing?
2. What did God do when he finally did confess his sins and ask for forgiveness?

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for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 32:5, ESV

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God?
2. What did God do for him when he did confess his sins?

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

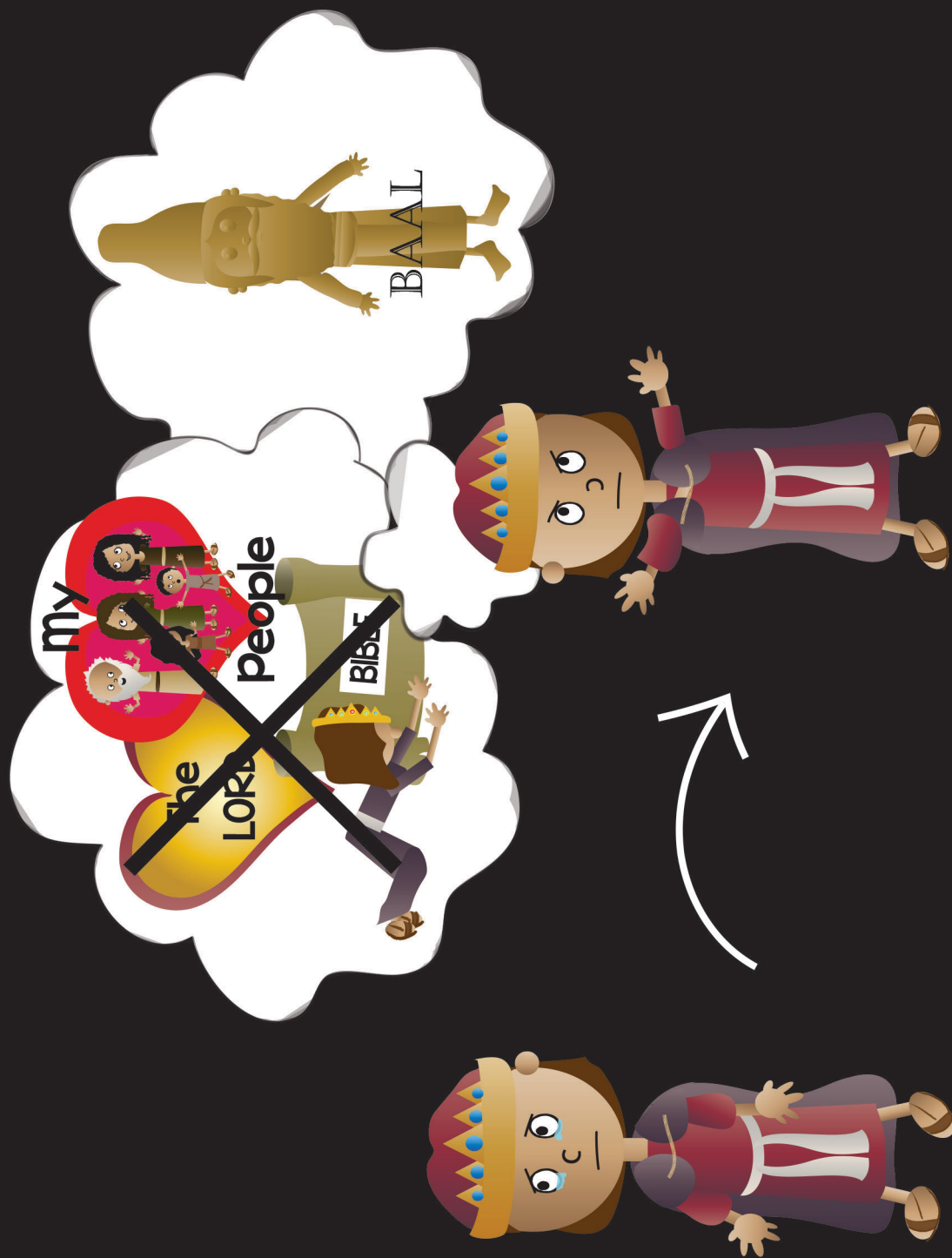
Something to Grow Into



1. Prince Manasseh was King Hezekiah's son. He grew up hearing about the LORD and knowing the right way to live. He learned God's Word and went to the Temple with his father to offer worship gifts to the LORD. Prince Manasseh did all of this because his father loved the LORD.



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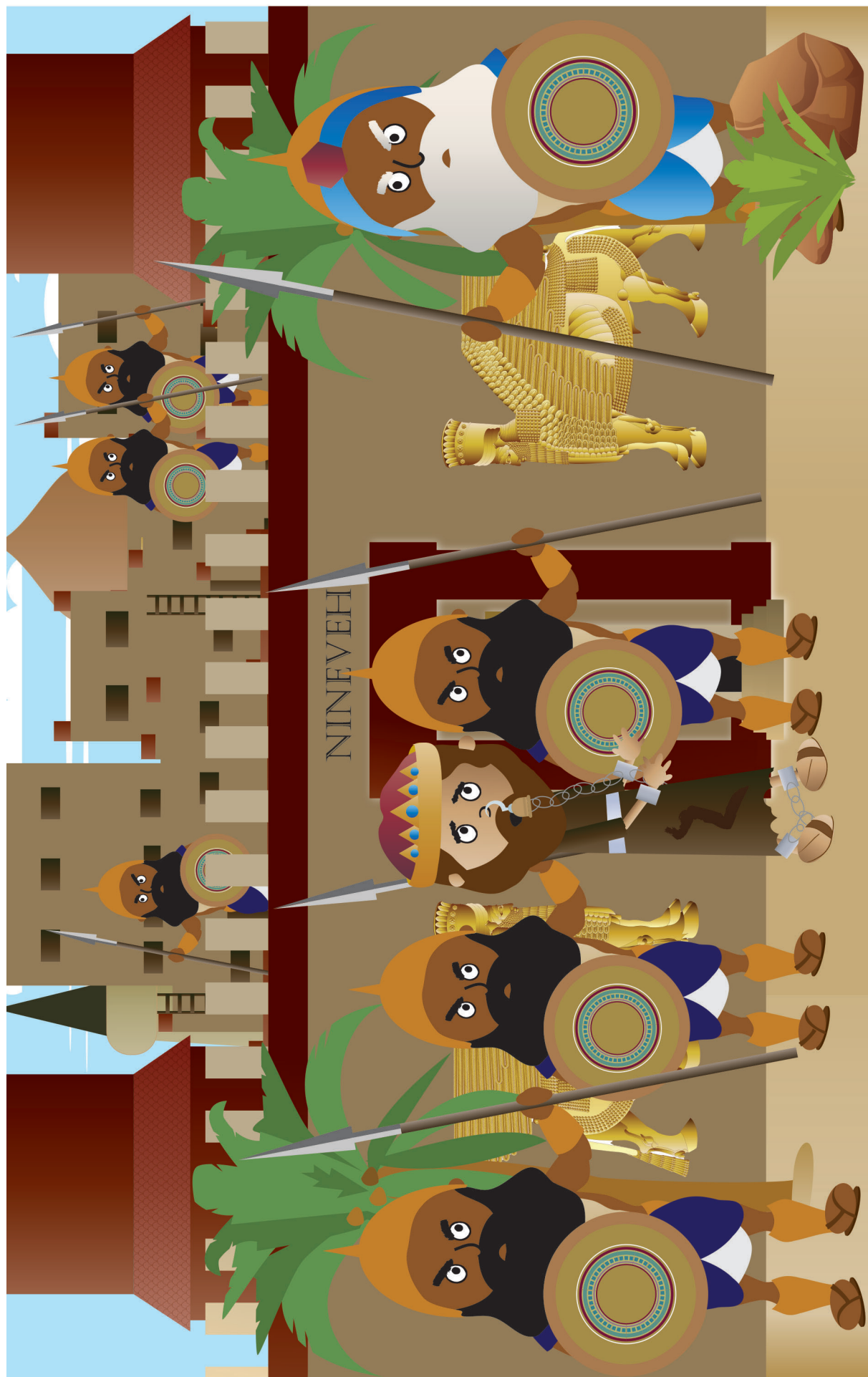


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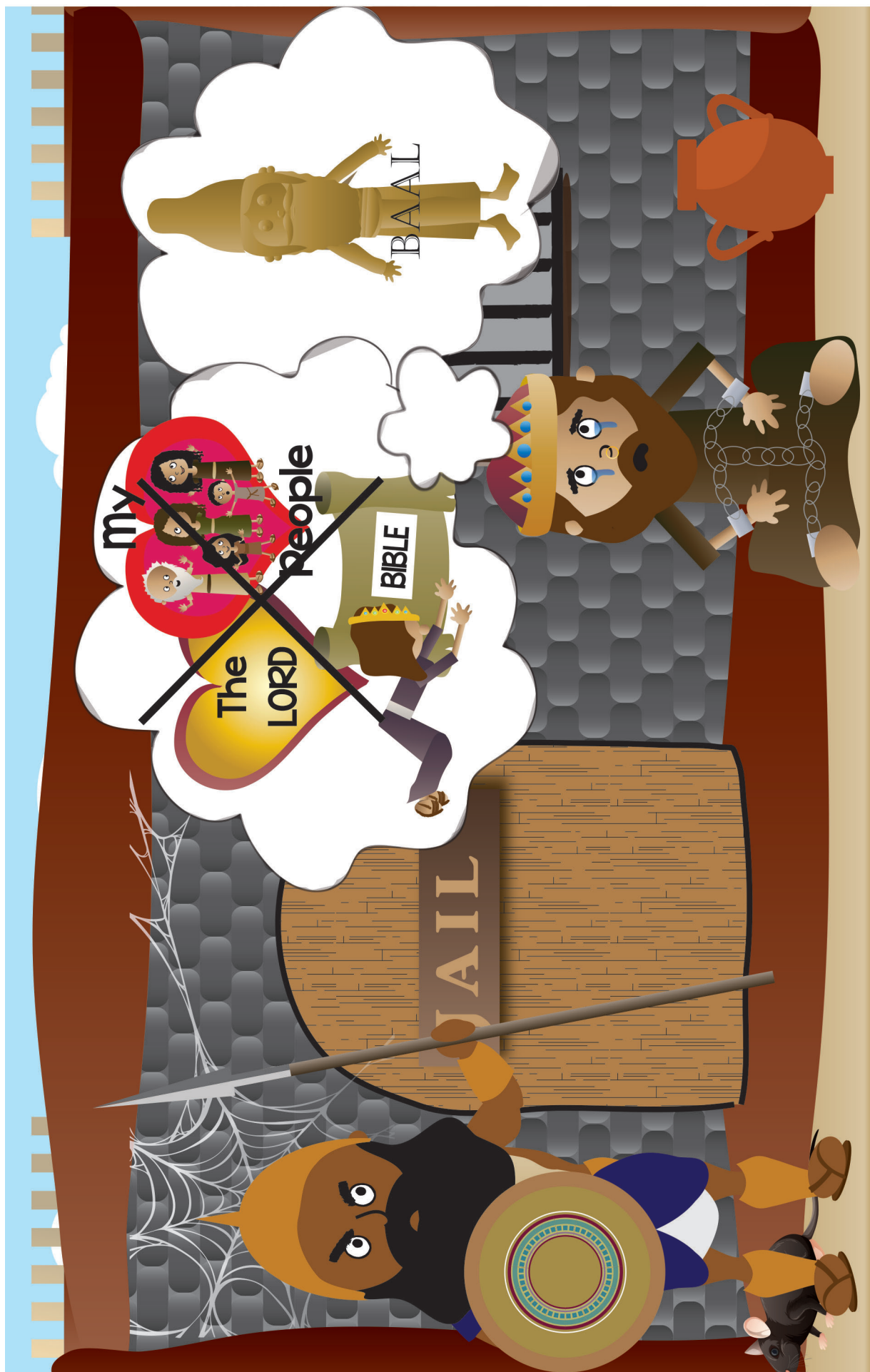
4. King Manasseh and the people of Israel deserved the LORD's punishment for the terrible things they did. But the LORD is a God, so merciful and gracious that He gave King Manasseh and the people of Israel a chance to turn away from their sins and be forgiven.



5. "Turn away from the fake gods! Turn back to Me!" the LORD urged them through His messengers, the prophets. "If you don't, I will discipline you to help you turn back to Me," the LORD warned. But neither Manasseh nor the people listened. So at last, the LORD disciplined them.



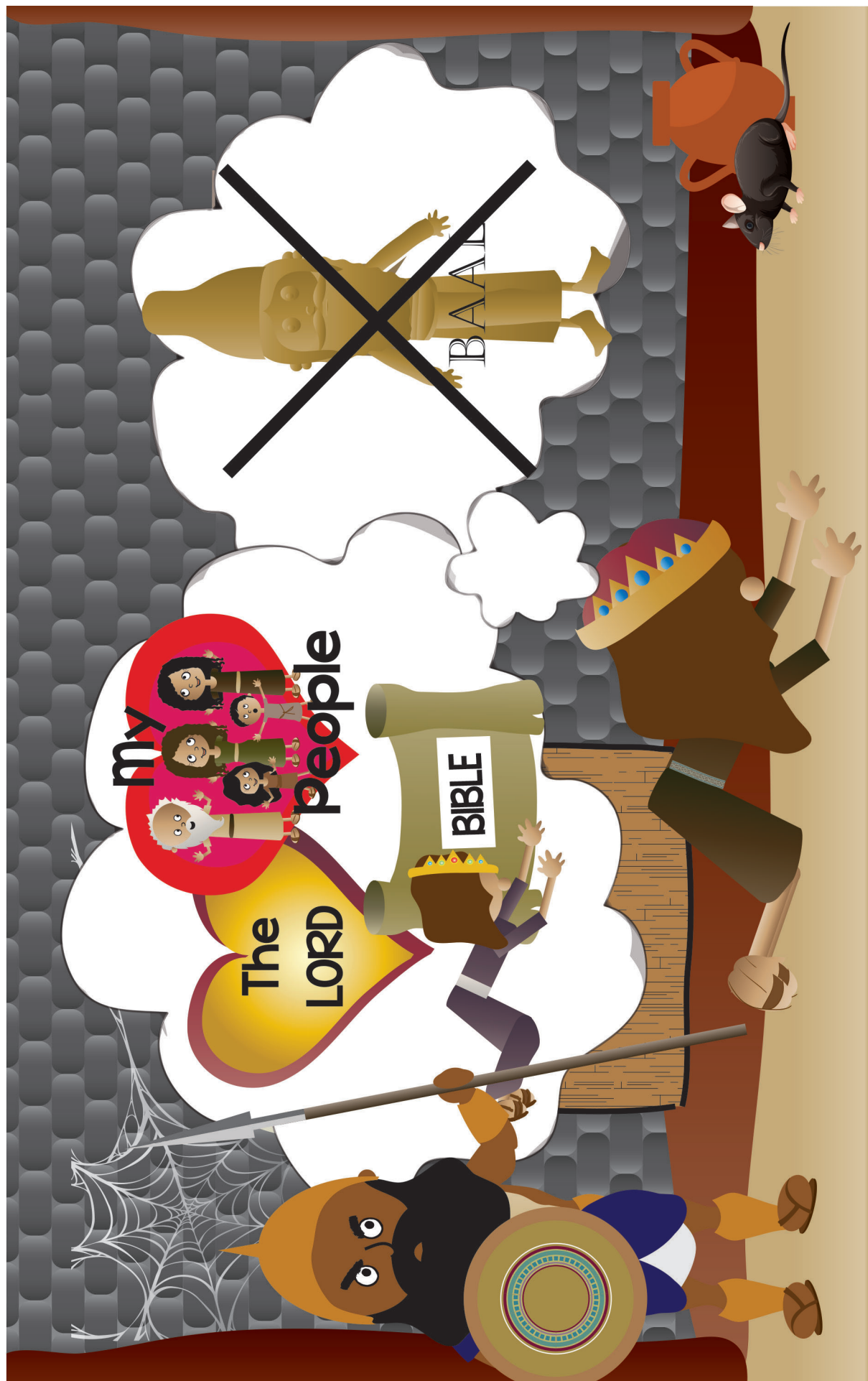
6. "March, march, march," came the mighty Assyrian army into Jerusalem and captured King Manasseh. They grabbed him and tied him up with heavy metal chains. They put a hook through his NOSE and made him their slave. They took him back to Nineveh and put him in jail.



7. Manasseh had lots to think about in jail. He had chosen to disobey the LORD and His good ways. He had chosen to worship fake gods and made the people worship them, too. He had even refused the LORD's mercy to turn back to Him.



8. Now, Manasseh could see just how very sinful he had been. He had treated God like his enemy. He deserved for the LORD to punish him and never forgive him or help him. And yet, King Manasseh decided to confess his sins and ask for the LORD's forgiveness anyway.



q. "Help me, LORD. Forgive me," Manasseh pleaded. "I have done terrible things. I have disobeyed You and made the people of Israel disobey You, too," he confessed. "But have mercy on me, LORD. I am turning away from my life of sin. Please forgive me!" he asked. What would the LORD do?



10. The LORD heard King Manasseh confess his sins and forgave him. He rescued him from Nineveh so he could go back home to Jerusalem. He even let Manasseh be king over Israel again. How very gracious the LORD is to those who confess their sins and turn from them!



II. What a different king Manasseh was now! He got rid of all the fake gods and brought back the worship of the LORD in the Temple. He led the people of Israel in loving and praising the LORD, like his father, Hezekiah, had.



12. King Manasseh never forgot how the LORD forgave him when he confessed his sins to Him. And King Manasseh showed it, by loving the LORD and living for Him for the rest of his life.

"The Case of the Slow Sorry"

Q: "Who did the LORD forgive when he confessed his sins?"



GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him.

A: "King Manasseh."

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kids



"The Case of the Slow Sorry" 2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21

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for
older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God and ask for forgiveness? What did he need to confess to doing? King Manasseh. He needed to confess worshipping fake gods and many other terrible things.

2. What did God do when he finally did confess his sins and ask for forgiveness? God forgave him. He had him freed from prison to go home. He gave Manasseh another chance to get rid of the fake gods and stop doing the terrible things he used to do.

For You and Me:
Like King Manasseh, we are all sinners with sinful hearts and lives. We need to confess our sins to God and ask Him to forgive us. Like King Manasseh, we can never deserve God's forgiveness. But also, like King Manasseh, when we turn away from our sins and turn to God, He will forgive our sins. Isn't God so good to us through Jesus!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Psalms 32:5, ESV

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God? King Manasseh.

2. What did God do for him when he did confess his sins? God forgave his sins and even set him free to return home to be king again. How merciful is the LORD!

For You and Me:

Like King Manasseh, we are all sinners with sinful hearts and lives. We need to confess our sins to God and ask Him to forgive us. Like King Manasseh, we can never deserve God's forgiveness. But also, like King Manasseh, when we turn away from our sins and turn to God, He will forgive our sins. Isn't God so good to us through Jesus!

Something to Grow Into

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...
He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him!

The Gospel

God's people know that they, like all people, are sinners who have disobeyed God. They know they deserve His punishment. But, they also know that God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus, to be their Savior.

Jesus lived a perfect life, and then He offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, all who confess their sins to God, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven. They get to be God's people. We can become God's people, too, when we confess our sins to God and turn away from them, trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to do this!

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Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“God delights in our prayers. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, God, for being the God who forgives sins.

Thank You for sending Jesus so our sins can be forgiven.

Work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You. Help us to turn away from them and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for being perfectly holy. You are good and great. You hate sin!

C God, we know that You and Your laws are good, yet we have all chosen to rebel against You. We have chosen not to love You as You deserve. We have chosen to break Your good laws. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for offering forgiveness for our sins through Jesus when we trust in Him as our Savior. Thank You for providing a way for us to be Your people.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Show us how we rebel against You and Your good laws. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to live for You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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



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

Big Q & A #14

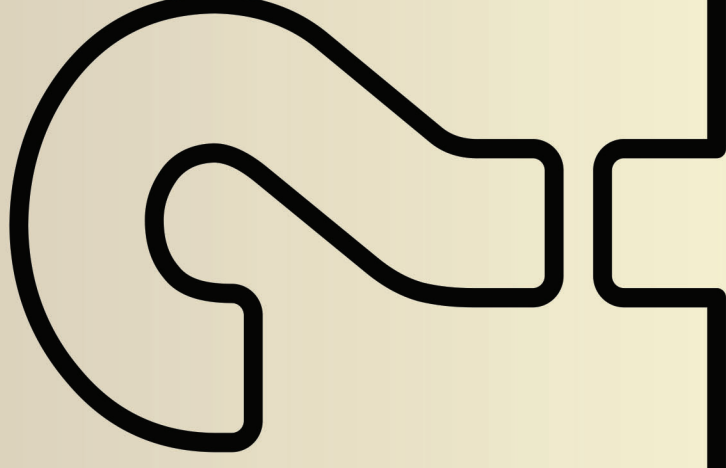
Simple Song



How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!

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Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!



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

Big Question #14 Tell Me More Song How Does God Want Us to Pray?

How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
The ACTS way, what's it all about?
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

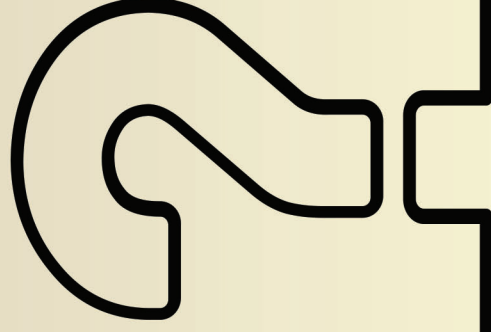
Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout,
ACTS! I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.

A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
We praise You, God of all creation,
C, C, C, stands for Confession,
We're sorry, God, to You our sins confessin,'
Refrain

T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God, for the good things
You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

A-C-T-S, Say it with a shout, ACTS!
Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.



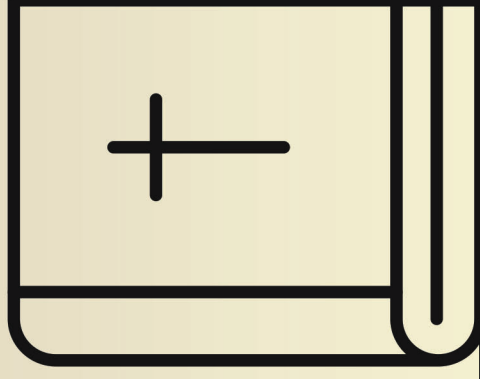
Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #14, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

I Acknowledged My Sin: Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you,
And did not cover up my iniquity,
And you forgave, and you forgave,
Yes, you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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psalm Thirty-two, verse five.



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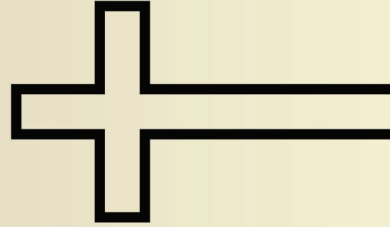
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"Let's praise the Lord for wanting to hear our prayers!"

The Gospel Song (Short)

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Salvation through faith in Christ,
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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
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They help us worship God
and love one another,
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Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 14, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the Slow Sorry 2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21

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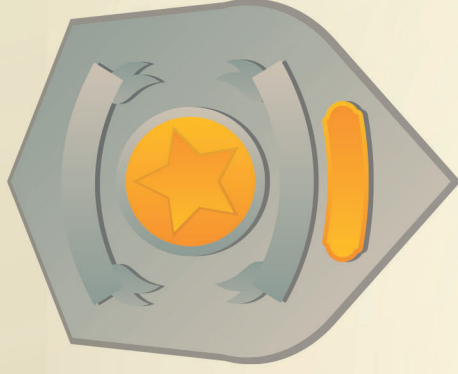
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10. The LORD heard King Manasseh confess his sins and forgave him. He rescued him from Nineveh so he could go back home to Jerusalem. He even let Manasseh be king over Israel again. How very gracious the LORD is to those who confess their sins and turn from them!
11. What a different king Manasseh was now! He got rid of all the fake gods and brought back the worship of the LORD in the Temple. He led the people of Israel in loving and praising the LORD, like his father, Hezekiah, had.
12. King Manasseh never forgot how the LORD forgave him when he confessed his sins to Him. And King Manasseh showed it by loving the LORD and living for Him for the rest of his life.

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #14, Bible Truth 3
The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



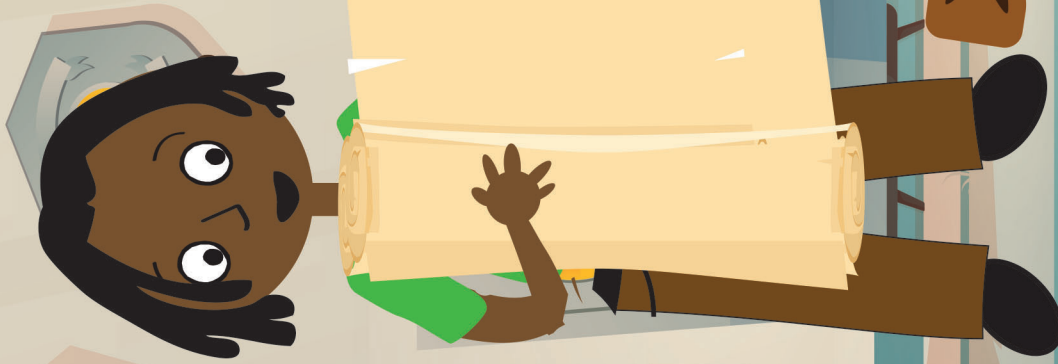
“Wow, look at this! It’s Detective Dan’s briefcase with a new case for us. It says, ‘How Does God Want Us to Pray?’ Come on, everybody. Let’s unlock it and see what’s inside.”



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



Big Q & A 14
Simple Song



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Q: HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO PRAY?

A: EVERY NIGHT AND DAY...

HE WANTS US TO ??? HIM.



PSALM
107:8

Hint: "What you say when someone does something nice for you. Starts with "P" and rhymes with "plank."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to ??? Him. Psalm 107:8." Hint: "What you say when someone does something nice for you. Starts with "p" and rhymes with "plank."

Psalms 107:8

**“Give thanks to
the LORD for
His unfailing
love
and his
wonderful
deeds for
men.”**



Give Thanks to Lord
Psalms 107:8

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalms 107:8, and read: “Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! God has done so much for His people. He has loved them more than they could ever deserve. Every day, they have so much to thank Him for."



"Our Big Question is: How Does God Want Us to Pray? And the answer is: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to THANK Him." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 14
Tell Me More

Song



God's people have so much to thank God for! Every day, they see His unfailing love in His good gifts to them. Every day, they thank Him for the wonderful things He does, especially for them, His people. And what do they thank Him for most of all? That He sent His Son, Jesus, to die to save them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Then we can thank Him for being our Savior, too!



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You"

Jonah



"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 Wet and Wild Thank You.' Listen for what Jonah thanked God for doing."

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You" The Book of Jonah

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who got wet in the wild storm? Why did he get so wet?
2. What did he thank God for doing?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 107:8, NIV

"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men."

1. Who had something wonderful to thank God for? What was it?
2. How did the LORD show His unfailing love to him?

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

Something to Grow Into



1. The LORD had a job for Jonah. "Go to Nineveh, the city of the Assyrians, your enemies. Give them this message: "I've seen the terrible things you Assyrians have done. In forty days, I'm going to punish you for them," the LORD said.



2. Prophets, like Jonah, were supposed to give the LORD's messages, but this time, Jonah refused. "If I take this message, the Assyrians might turn to the LORD and not be punished. I don't want Him to have mercy on them!" Jonah thought. "I'm not giving them this message. I'm running away."



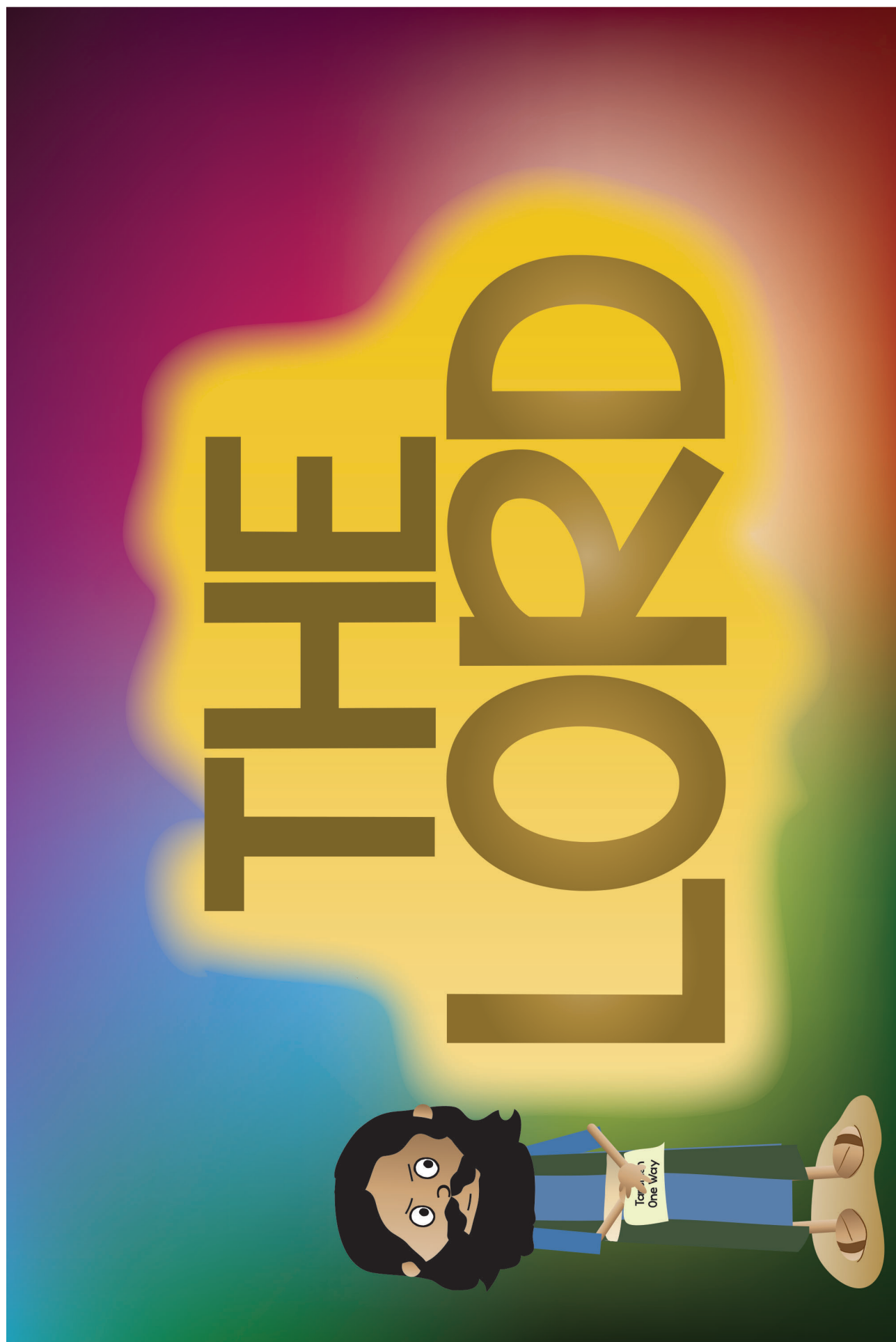
3. So, Jonah went to Joppa, by the sea. He got on board a boat headed to Tarshish --a city as far away from Nineveh as he could get. Jonah was running from the LORD and from his job. He would not be part of the LORD's plan of mercy this time. No, he would not!



4. Jonah hated the Assyrians for the sinful things they had done, but forgot he was a sinner, too. Why, he was even disobeying the LORD that very minute, as he sailed to Tarshish! He deserved God's punishment and needed His mercy as much as the Assyrians, as he soon found out.



5. Suddenly, a big storm struck. The boat was tossed in the storm. It would sink if something wasn't done quickly. "Help us!" the sailors cried to their fake gods, but the storm kept raging. They threw supplies off the boat to make it lighter, but it wasn't enough. Was there no hope?



6. There WAS hope, but only Jonah knew Who could rescue them. It was the LORD. He had brought this big storm, and it was only He who could help them out of it.



7. The sailors found Jonah asleep and woke him up. "Get up, Jonah! Cry out to your God! Perhaps He can help us!" they pleaded. Jonah knew the LORD could help them, but it would take more than praying to Him for this storm to stop.



8. "The LORD brought this storm upon us because I've disobeyed Him," Jonah told them. "Throw me off the ship if you want the storm to stop," he said. The sailors didn't want to throw Jonah overboard, but the storm would drown them all, if they didn't. So, into the sea they sent Jonah.



9. Immediately, the sea grew calm --Jonah's God was God. But Jonah sank down to the depths of the sea. He knew he deserved this punishment, but he cried out to the LORD anyway. The LORD heard Jonah and sent a giant fish to swallow him, keeping him safe and alive in its big belly.



10. Three days and nights, Jonah lay in that fish belly. "I was sinking down in the stormy waters about to die. I deserved Your punishment, but You rescued me. Thank You for saving me!" Jonah said to the LORD. Then, the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spit Jonah out on the beach.



II. Now, Jonah was ready to obey. He went to Nineveh and gave the king his message. “The LORD says: “I’ve seen the terrible things you’ve done. In forty days, I’m going to punish you for them.” The Assyrians worshiped fake gods, not the LORD. Would the king listen? Would he believe?

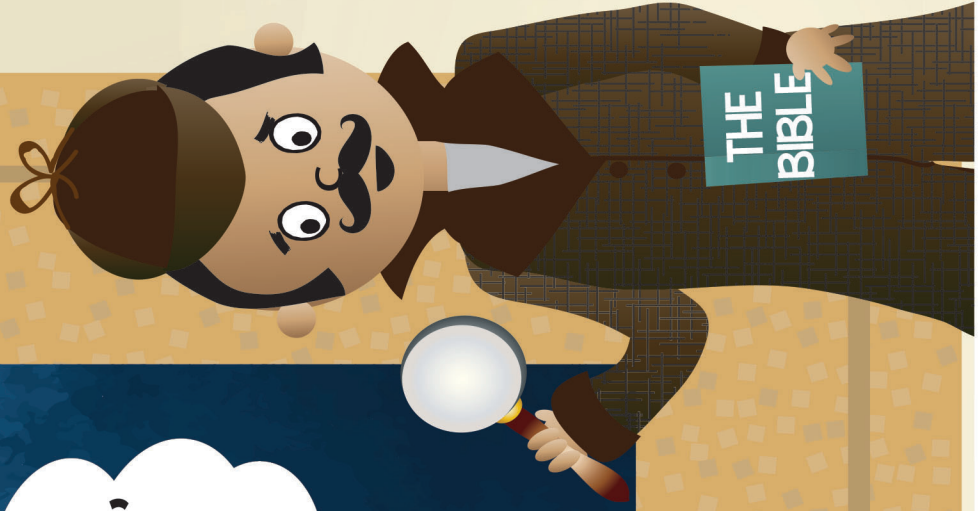


12. The king believed. "Let no one eat or drink but spend your time praying to the LORD. Turn from your sins. Perhaps He'll have mercy and not punish us," he exclaimed. And the LORD DID have mercy on them. On Day Forty, He didn't punish them. How thankful were the Assyrians!

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You"

Q: "What did Jonah thank God for doing?"

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GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Thank Him.

A: "For rescuing him instead of letting him drown."

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You" The Book of Jonah



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who got wet in the wild storm? Why did he get so wet? Jonah did. He was thrown into the sea when he admitted that his sin against the LORD was the reason for the storm.

2. What did he thank God for doing?
For not letting him drown in the sea, but rescuing him with the big fish. God was merciful to Jonah.

For You and Me:
We may never get thrown into a stormy sea or need God to rescue us by being swallowed by a huge fish. But, there is still something we need God to rescue us from. Something BIGGER than the stormy sea. We need Him to rescue us from the punishment we deserve from Him for our sins! God provides us that rescue through Jesus when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And if we do, we will have far more than Jonah did to thank God for!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 107:8, NIV

"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men."

1. Who had something wonderful to thank God for? What was it? Jonah. For rescuing him from dying in the sea.

2. How did the LORD show His unfailing love to him? He rescued Jonah and gave him another chance to obey Him.

For You and Me:

We may never get thrown into a stormy sea or need God to rescue us from being swallowed by a huge fish. But, there is still something we need God to rescue us from. Something BIGGER than the stormy sea. We need Him to rescue us from the punishment we deserve from Him for our sins! God provides us that rescue through Jesus when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And if we do, we will have far more than Jonah did to thank God for!

Something to Grow Into

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day!...
He Wants Us to Thank Him!

The Gospel

There are many things that God's people thank God for. They know He is the One who gives them everything good that they enjoy.

But most of all, God's people love to thank God for saving them from their sins and making them His people. How amazing it is that God would send His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take God's punishment for their sins. And, that on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for them. They thank God for His work in their hearts. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, and will keep helping them their whole lives.

We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Ask Him to help you.

He loves to
do this!



Gospel Songs



Something to Grow Into

“God delights in our prayers. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

**We praise You, God, for being the God who gives
us all the good things we enjoy.**

**Thank You most of all for sending Jesus to be the
Savior we need.**

**Work in our hearts. Help us to remember to thank
You. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust
in Jesus as our Savior.**

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for being so good to us. You fill our lives with so many good gifts! You make the way for us to be Your people.

C God, so often we forget just how good You have been to us. We forget that the good gifts we enjoy each day come from You. We forget how amazing it is that You would save us and make us Your people through Jesus. How ungrateful we are! Oh, how we need a Savior!

T Thank You for continuing to be so good to us, even when we forget to be grateful to You. Thank You for all of Your good gifts that we enjoy each day. Thank You, especially, for sending Jesus to be our Savior, so we can become Your people.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see more of Your good gifts and thank You for them.

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 #14

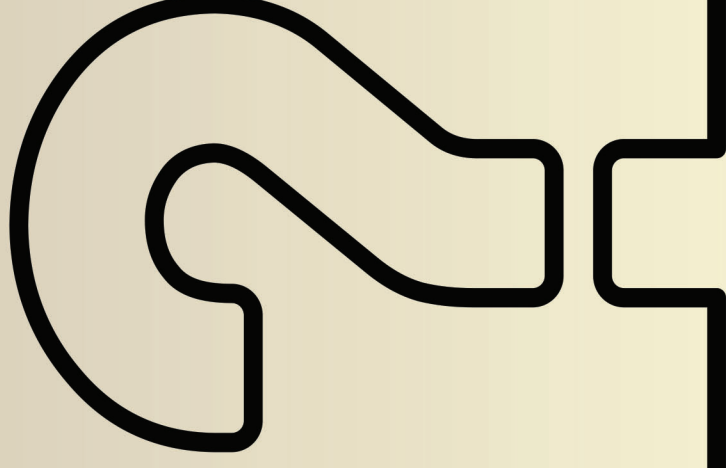
Simple Song



How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!



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

Big Question #14 Tell Me More Song How Does God Want Us to Pray?

How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
The ACTS way, what's it all about?
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

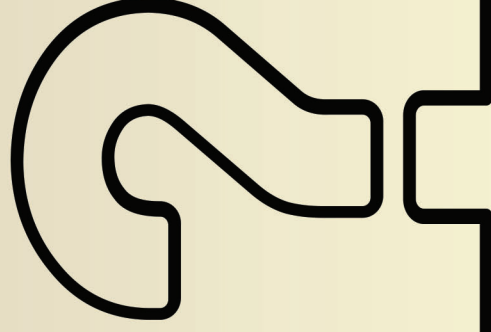
Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout,
ACTS! I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.

A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
We praise You, God of all creation,
C, C, C, stands for Confession,
We're sorry, God, to You our sins confessin,'
Refrain

T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God, for the good things
You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

A-C-T-S, Say it with a shout, ACTS!
Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #14, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

Give Thanks: Psalm 107:8

Give thanks, give thanks,

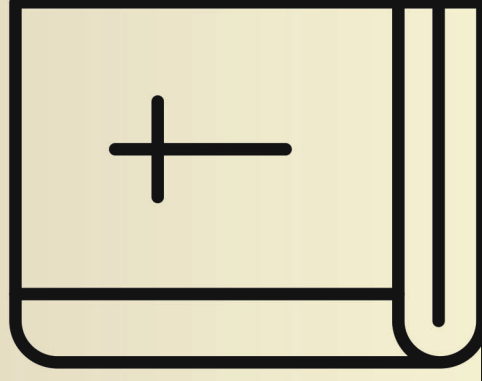
Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love,

Give thanks, give thanks,

Give thanks to the LORD for His marvelous deeds
For men.

Psalm One-o-seven, eight,

Give thanks!



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

Big Question #14 Hymn

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our
sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!



“Let’s praise the Lord for wanting to hear our prayers!”

Big Question #14 Praise Song

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

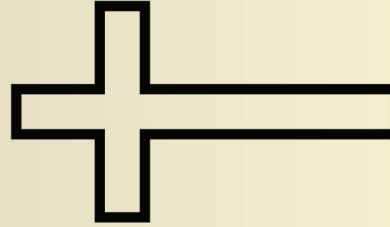
Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 14, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You *Jonah*

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

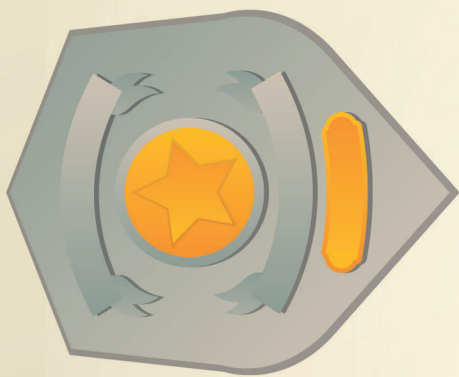
1. The LORD had a job for Jonah. "Go to Nineveh, the city of the Assyrians, your enemies. Give them this message: 'I've seen the terrible things you Assyrians have done. In forty days, I'm going to punish you for them,'" the LORD said.
2. Prophets, like Jonah, were supposed to give the LORD's messages, but this time, Jonah refused. "If I take this message, the Assyrians might turn to the LORD and not be punished. I don't want Him to have mercy on them!" Jonah thought. "I'm not giving them this message. I'm running away."
3. So, Jonah went to Joppa, by the sea. He got on board a boat headed to Tarshish --a city as far away from Nineveh as he could get. Jonah was running from the LORD and from his job. He would not be part of the LORD's plan of mercy this time. No, he would not!
4. Jonah hated the Assyrians for the sinful things they had done, but forgot he was a sinner, too. Why, he was even disobeying the LORD that very minute, as he sailed to Tarshish! He deserved God's punishment and needed His mercy as much as the Assyrians, as he soon found out.
5. Suddenly, a big storm struck. The boat was tossed in the storm. It would sink if something wasn't done quickly. "Help us!" the sailors cried to their fake gods, but the storm kept raging. They threw supplies off the boat to make it lighter, but it wasn't enough. Was there no hope?
6. There WAS hope, but only Jonah knew Who could rescue them. It was the LORD. He had brought this big storm, and it was only He who could help them out of it.
7. The sailors found Jonah asleep and woke him up. "Get up, Jonah! Cry out to your God! Perhaps He can help us!" they pleaded. Jonah knew the LORD could help them, but it would take more than praying to Him for this storm to stop.
8. "The LORD brought this storm upon us because I've disobeyed Him," Jonah told them. "Throw me off the ship if you want the storm to stop," he said. The sailors didn't want to throw Jonah overboard, but the storm would drown them all, if they didn't. So, into the sea they sent Jonah.
9. Immediately, the sea grew calm --Jonah's God was God. But Jonah sank down to the depths of the sea. He knew he deserved this punishment, but he cried out to the LORD anyway. The LORD heard Jonah and sent a giant fish to swallow him, keeping him safe and alive in its big belly.
10. Three days and nights, Jonah lay in that fish belly. "I was sinking down in the stormy waters about to die. I deserved Your punishment, but You rescued me. Thank You for saving me!" Jonah said to the LORD. Then, the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spit Jonah out on the beach.
11. Now, Jonah was ready to obey. He went to Nineveh and gave the king his message. "The LORD says: 'I've seen the terrible things you've done. In forty days, I'm going to punish you for them.'" The Assyrians worshiped fake gods, not the LORD. Would the king listen? Would he believe?
12. The king believed. "Let no one eat or drink but spend your time praying to the LORD. Turn from your sins. Perhaps He'll have mercy and not punish us," he exclaimed. And the LORD DID have mercy on them. On Day Forty, He didn't punish them. How thankful were the Assyrians!

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #14, Bible Truth 4
The Case of the Daring Prayers

Deep Down
Detectives Theme



"Hi! Welcome to Deep Down Detectives! We're so glad you've joined us. Detective Dan is going to help us dig deep down into God's Word, the Bible. Come on. Let's go!"



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'How Does God Want Us to Pray?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



Big Q & A 14
Simple Song



Hint: “What do we do when we need someone to help us. Starts with “A” and rhymes with “mask.”

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: “How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to ??? Him to Do Great Things. Psalm 17:6.” Hint: “What do we do when we need someone to help us. Starts with “A” and rhymes with “mask.”



I Call on You
Psalm 17:6

Psalm 17:6

**"I call
upon you,
for you
will answer
me, O God."**

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 17:6, and read: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! God loves to be asked to do great things, and He loves to answer those prayers. Every day, there is so much to ask Him to do."



Big Q & A 14 Simple Song



“Our Big Question is: How Does God Want Us to Pray? And the answer is: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to ASK Him to Do Great Things.” “Great job, kids! You did it!”



Big Question 14
Tell Me More

Song



The LORD is the one, true God. He loves His people and is mighty to help them. He wants them to ask Him to do great things. So, they ask Him to help them live for Him. They ask Him to help them love others and share the good news of Jesus. They ask Him to make His name known throughout the world. The best, first prayer we can ask God to answer is to help us turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Daring Prayers"

Acts 3-4



"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 Daring Prayers.' Listen for what the believers asked God to help them do."

"The Case of the Daring Pray-ers" Acts 3-4

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened when Peter prayed for the lame man?
2. What happened when the believers asked God to make them bold?

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 17:6, ESV

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."

1. Who called on God to make them bold?
2. How did God answer their prayers?

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

Something to Grow Into



1. The first Christians gathered together to pray. They had much to talk to God about! They praised Him for loving His people more than they deserved. They confessed their sins and thanked Him for His forgiveness through Jesus. Praise, confess, thank you. They prayed these ways.



2. But there was something else those first Christians prayed as they gathered together. They asked God to do amazing things that would bring Him GLORY. That is, they wanted others to know Him and see how great He is.



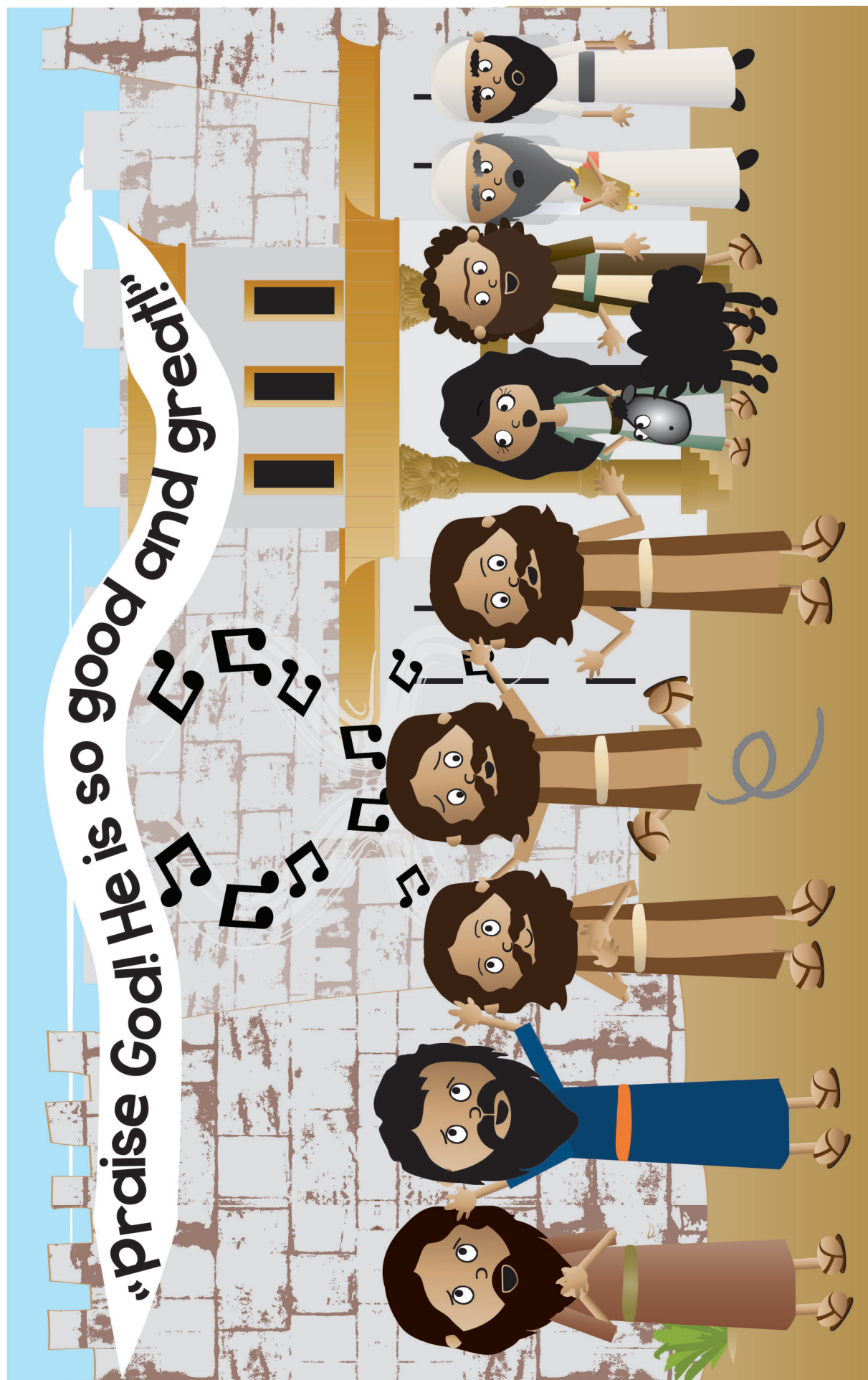
3. "Use us to show others what You're like. Help us love as You have loved us," they asked the LORD. "Do powerful things that show Jesus is God's Son. Make us bold to tell others the good news of Jesus, even when enemies hurt us. We want to bring You glory," they prayed.



4. Peter and John saw God answer these prayers, as they passed through the Temple gates one Sabbath. Sitting there on a mat was a lame man. His legs never worked. He never walked. Day after day, he was carried to the gates to beg money from people going to the Temple.



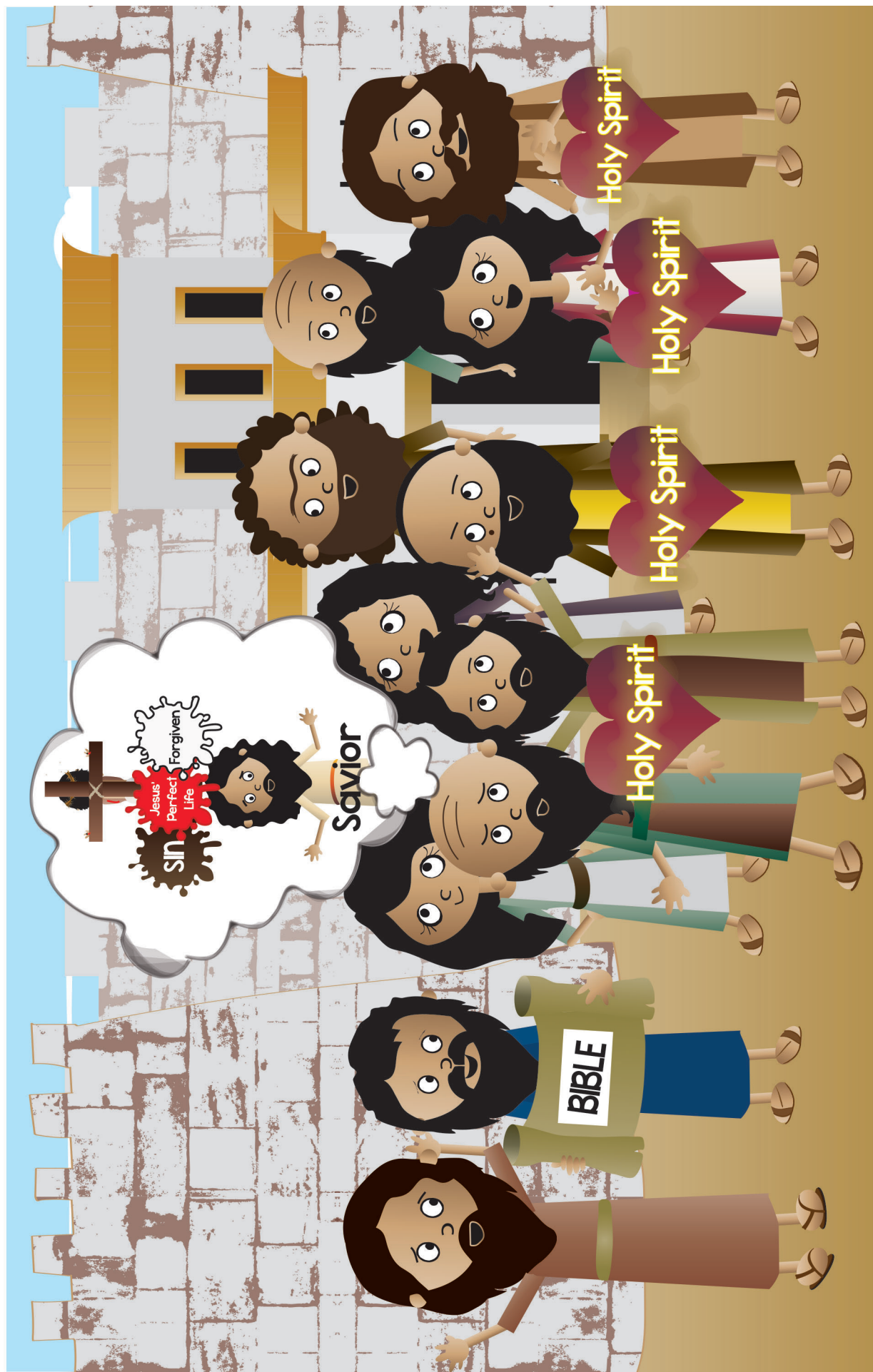
5. The lame man asked Peter and John for money as they went by, but God had something better to give this man. "I don't have money to give you," Peter said to the man, "But what I have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk!" And the man did!



6. Together, Peter, John, and the beggar man went into the Temple, with the excited man walking, leaping, and praising God. Peter and John praised God, too. God was answering their prayers to do amazing things that help people trust in Jesus.



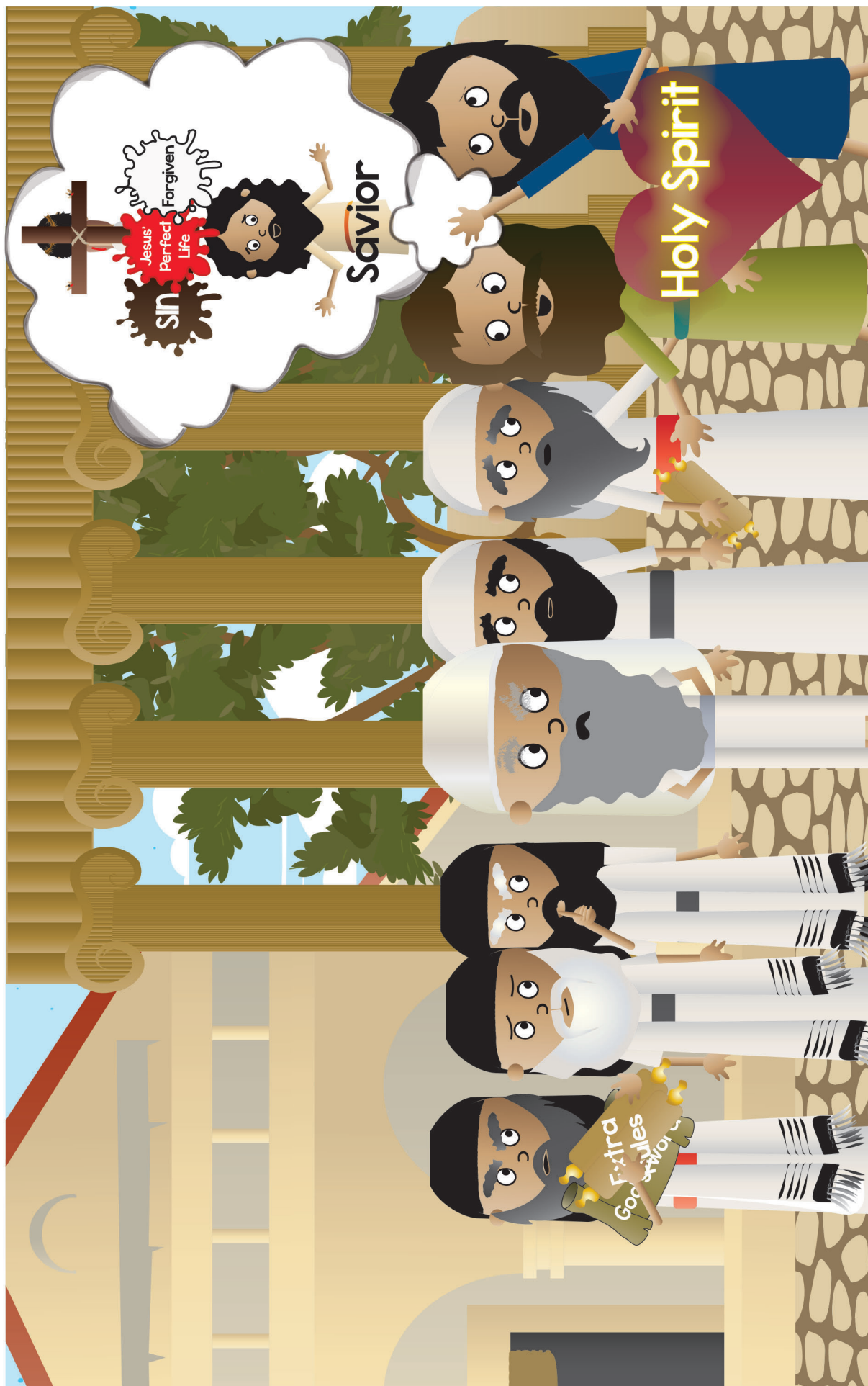
7. "The lame man is healed!" people exclaimed and gathered around to hear what happened. "This man has been healed through Jesus, God's Son," Peter said. "Jesus died on the cross to save God's people, then He rose from the dead. Turn from your sins and trust Him as your Savior." he urged.



8. God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many as Peter preached, and they believed. Peter and John were so happy. But the Temple leaders were not happy at all! "Arrest Peter and John. Put them in jail. Jesus is just a fake. We must punish these Christians and stop them."



9. Soldiers put Peter and John in jail. The next morning, they were brought before the Temple leaders. "Jesus is just a fake! Stop saying God is doing amazing things through Him!" the leaders ordered Peter and John. "If you don't stop, we'll have to hurt you," they warned.



10. But Peter and John stood firm. “We won’t stop TALKING about Jesus. We won’t stop DOING amazing things through Jesus. He really IS the Savior! We don’t care what you do to us.” The leaders were amazed. There was nothing else they could do, so they let Peter and John go.



11. Peter and John found the other Christians and told them all the amazing things God had done. Together, they praised God. They asked Him for boldness to tell more people about Jesus and for power to do more amazing things in Jesus' name. They wanted to spread His glory.

Holy Spirit



12. And that just what God did, through His people, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

"The Case of the Daring Prayers"

Q: "What did the believers ask
God to do?"

"Praise God! He is so good and great!"
"Save more people! Help us be brave!"

GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things

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A: "For boldness to tell more people about Jesus and power to do amazing things in Jesus' name."

"The Case of the Daring Pray-ers" Acts 3-4

SOLVED



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened when Peter prayed for the lame man?

God healed him so he could walk!

2. What happened when the believers asked God to make them bold?
God worked in their hearts and made them bold to keep on telling about Jesus.

For You and Me:

God loves for His people to ask Him to help them. They need His help to live for Him. God wants them to depend upon Him. This shows them how much He loves them and what a great God He is. God wants us to pray and ask Him for help, too. He wants us to ask him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And He wants us to ask Him to help us live for Him all the days of our lives.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 17:6, ESV

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."

1. Who called on God to make them bold?
God's people, gathered together.

2. How did God answer their prayers?
God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and made them bold to speak about Him.

For You and Me:

God loves for His people to ask Him to help them. They need His help to live for Him. God wants them to depend upon Him. This shows them how much He loves them and what a great God He is. God wants us to pray and ask Him for help, too. He wants us to ask him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And He wants us to ask Him to help us live for Him all the days of our lives.

Something to Grow Into

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...
He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things!

The Gospel

God's people ask God to do many things. They know that He can do great things, since He's already done the greatest thing of all: save them from their sins.

You see, all people have chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for their sins. But God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, and He offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death! God's people know if Jesus could do this for them, there is nothing

He cannot do for their good and to show how great God is. They ask Him to do more great things in them and in the world.

God can do great things in us, too. If we ask Him, He can work in our hearts and make us His people. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!



Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into

“God delights in our prayers. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, God, for being mighty to answer our prayers.

Thank You most of all for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need, and the prayer we most need answering.

Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Do great things that show others that You are the one, true God.



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ACTS Prayer Song

Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for being so great and so able to help us. You are the God who listens and answers prayer!

C God, we know You answer prayers and can help us, but many times we don't even remember to ask for Your help. We forget You. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, that nothing is too hard for You! Thank You that You are always near and always hear our prayers. Thank You that You have given us what we need most of all: Jesus, to save us from our sins.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to keep talking to You throughout our day. Do great things in our lives. Help us to live for You. Do great things in this world. Help us all to trust in You as our Savior. 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 #14

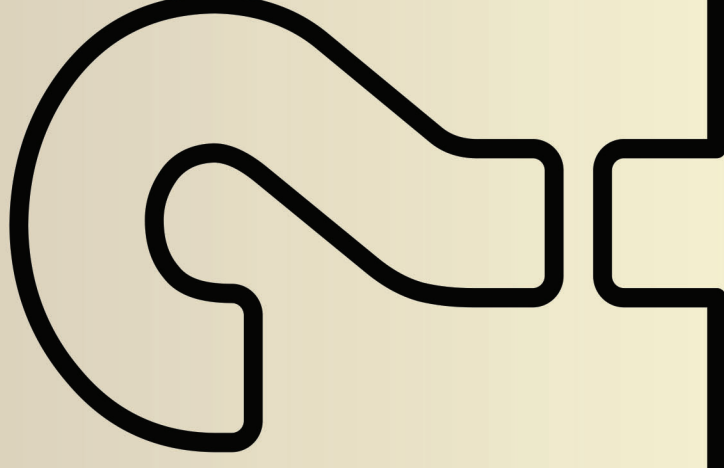
Simple Song



How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,
Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?
Ev'ry night and day!



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

Big Question #14 Tell Me More Song How Does God Want Us to Pray?

How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
How does God want us to pray?
Every night and day the ACTS way!
The ACTS way, what's it all about?
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

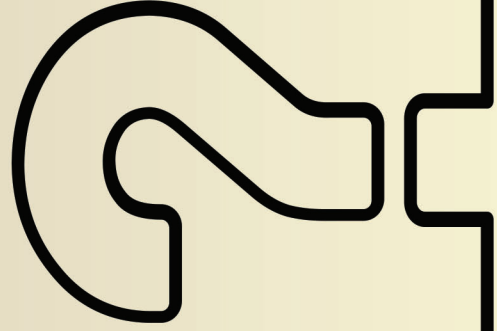
Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout,
ACTS! I could tell you more,
But I'd rather act it out.

A, A, A, stands for Adoration,
We praise You, God of all creation,
C, C, C, stands for Confession,
We're sorry, God, to You our sins confessin,'
Refrain

T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,
Thank You, God, for the good things
You have given,
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

A-C-T-S, Say it with a shout, ACTS!
Now I've told you,
Now let's go and act it out.



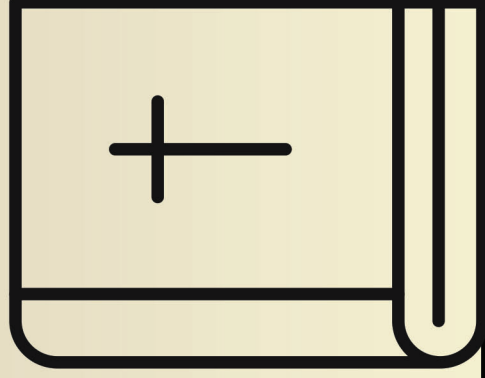
Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #14, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

I Call on You, O God: Psalm 17:6

I call on You, upon You, O God,
For You will answer me, answer me,
Incline Your ear to me, O God.
Hear my, hear my words.

I call on You, upon You, O God,
For You will answer me, answer me,
Incline Your ear to me, O God.
Hear my, hear my words.
Psalm Seventeen, six.



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

Big Question #14 Hymn

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our
sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!



“Let’s praise the Lord for wanting to hear our prayers!”

Big Question #14 Praise Song

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

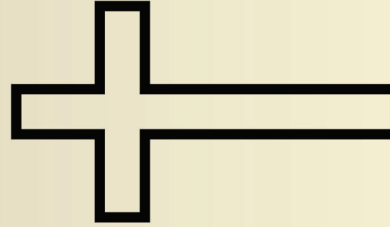
Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

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.



Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 14, Bible Truth 4

The Case of the Daring Pray-ers Acts 3-4

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

1. The first Christians gathered together to pray. They had much to talk to God about! They praised Him for loving His people more than they deserved. They confessed their sins and thanked Him for His forgiveness through Jesus. Praise, confess, thank you. They prayed these ways.
2. But there was something else those first Christians prayed as they gathered together. They asked God to do amazing things that would bring Him GLORY. That is, they wanted others to know Him and see how great He is.
3. "Use us to show others what You're like. Help us love as You have loved us," they asked the LORD. "Do powerful things that show Jesus is God's Son. Make us bold to tell others the good news of Jesus, even when enemies hurt us. We want to bring You glory," they prayed.
4. Peter and John saw God answer these prayers, as they passed through the Temple gates one Sabbath. Sitting there on a mat was a lame man. His legs never worked. He never walked. Day after day, he was carried to the gates to beg money from people going to the Temple.
5. The lame man asked Peter and John for money as they went by, but God had something better to give this man. "I don't have money to give you," Peter said to the man, "But what I have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk!" And the man did!
6. Together, Peter, John, and the beggar man went into the Temple, with the excited man walking, leaping, and praising God. Peter and John praised God, too. God was answering their prayers to do amazing things that help people trust in Jesus.
7. "The lame man is healed!" people exclaimed and gathered around to hear what happened. "This man has been healed through Jesus, God's Son," Peter said. "Jesus died on the cross to save God's people, then He rose from the dead. Turn from your sins and trust Him as your Savior," he urged. 17.5
8. God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many as Peter preached, and they believed. Peter and John were so happy. But the Temple leaders were not happy at all! "Arrest Peter and John. Put them in jail. Jesus is just a fake. We must punish these Christians and stop them."
9. Soldiers put Peter and John in jail. The next morning, they were brought before the Temple leaders. "Jesus is just a fake! Stop saying God is doing amazing things through Him!" the leaders ordered Peter and John. "If you don't stop, we'll have to hurt you," they warned.
10. But Peter and John stood firm. "We won't stop TALKING about Jesus. We won't stop DOING amazing things through Jesus. He really IS the Savior! We don't care what you do to us," The leaders were amazed. There was nothing else they could do, so they let Peter and John go.
11. Peter and John found the other Christians and told them all the amazing things God had done. Together, they praised God. They asked Him for boldness to tell more people about Jesus and for power to do more amazing things in Jesus' name. They wanted to spread His glory.
12. And that just what God did, through His people, by the power of His Holy Spirit.