



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #13, Bible Truth 1:
The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News



"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, 'Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



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Q: WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE KEEP BELIEVING IN HIM?
A: IT IS GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

GOD ???? SUSTAINS HIS PEOPLE.

JUDE
1:24,25

Hint: "This word means God only sustains His people. It starts with an "A" and rhymes with "atone."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God ???? Sustains His People. Jude 1:24, 25 Hint: "This word means God only sustains His people. It starts with an "A" and rhymes with "atone."

Jude 1:24,25
"Now to [God]
who is able to
to keep you
and to

present you
blameless
be glory
forever.
Amen."



To Him Who Is Able
Jude 1:24,25

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Jude 1:24,25, and read: "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about why God's people keep believing in Him?" he asked. "We think so! God is the one who keeps God's people believing in Him. They can always count on Him."



"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? And the answer is: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God ALONE Sustains His People." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 13
Tell Me More
Song



"God alone is the sustainer of His people. He's why they keep believing in Him. Without His sustaining power, God's people would never be able to know Him or keep following Him. They depend on Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him their whole lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but can depend upon Him. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News"

Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15



"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 Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News.' Listen for what amazing thing only God could do to sustain His people and save them from their enemies."

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News" Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?
2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Jude 1:24, 25, ESV

"Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?
2. How did He help them?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Bad news, bad news! There was impossible, big, bad scary news in Canaan for Jacob's family! No rain fell from the sky. The rivers dried up. Their animals and crops were dying. If they didn't find food and water soon, they would die, too. They needed big help!

THE LORD



2. This was impossible, big, bad, SCARY news, but Jacob's family didn't need to fear. The LORD was their God. They were His people. He will always save and sustain them. He could make amazing, good news from impossible, big, bad, SCARY news, and that's just what He was about to do.



3. Good news! There was food in Egypt. And God had sent Joseph, one of Jacob's sons, to be in charge of giving it out. Jacob went to Egypt to live. Joseph and Pharaoh welcomed them. Jacob praised the LORD for turning their impossible, bad news into amazing, good news.



4. Life was happy in Egypt, so Jacob's family decided to stay. Many years passed, and Jacob's family grew from just a little family to a whole people of thousands and thousands. Now, they were called the people of Israel. (Israel was a special name God gave Jacob).



5. A new Pharaoh became king in Egypt. He had big plans to make big buildings, and he would make the people of Israel build them. He made them his slaves and worked them cruelly. Oh, no! More impossible, big, bad, SCARY news! Would the LORD save and sustain His people through this?



6. Yes, He would! The LORD sent frogs and gnats, hail, sicknesses and other sadnesses upon the king and his people. "Go away! Leave us alone," Pharaoh ordered. "Praise the LORD!" Moses and the people shouted. They packed their things and marched out of Egypt.



7. Across the desert, Moses led the people. They camped by the Red Sea. How good it was to be free and going home! The LORD had taken their impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and made it into amazing, good news. He always sustains His people. He, alone!



8. Then suddenly in the night, there was the sound of thundering wheels, neighing horses, and shouting soldiers. It was Pharaoh's army! The king had changed his mind. He wanted his slaves back, and had sent his soldiers bring the people of Israel back to Egypt.



9. With the Red Sea on one side, and the soldiers on the other, the people of Israel were stuck. This was more impossible, big, bad, scary news. But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still and watch."



10. "Whoosh," the LORD sent a strong, east wind. It blew on the waters and split them apart into two, huge, watery walls, leaving a sandy path in between. The LORD had made a way of escape for His people, and they took it.



II. Pharaoh's soldiers tried to follow, but the LORD stopped them. As the sun rose in the east, and the last of God's people had crossed safely to the far side of the sea, the LORD ordered the waves back in place. Pharaoh's soldiers and their chariots were all swept away.

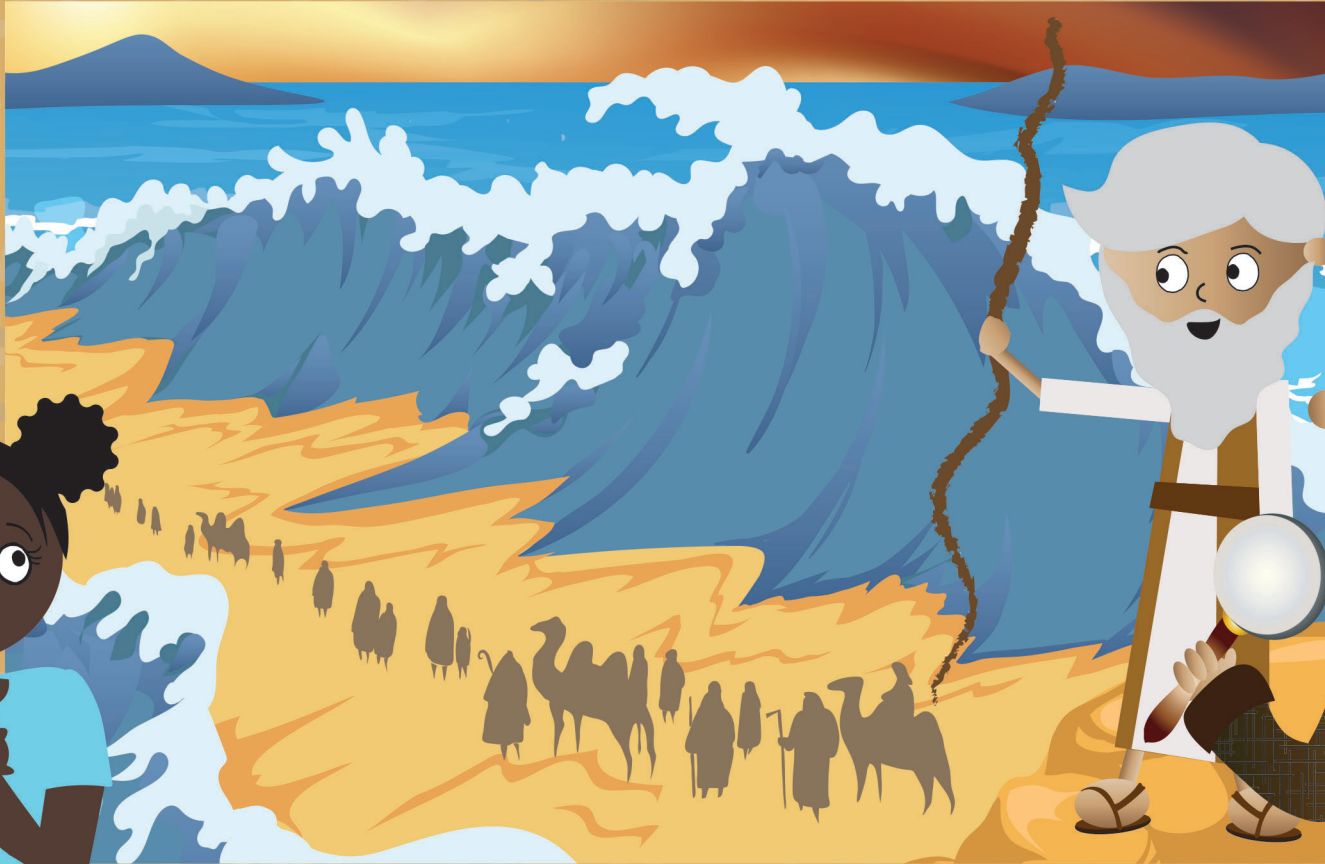


12. Then, the people of Israel rejoiced, singing: "The LORD is my strength and my Savior. He swept away our enemies. His love for His people will never fail." And they were right. The LORD would always save and sustain His people, even through impossible, big, bad, scary news!

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News"

Q: "What amazing thing did God do to sustain His people and save them from their enemies?"

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kids



GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE SUSTAINING GRACE...

God Alone Sustains His People.

THE
BIBLE

A: "God parted the waters of the Red Sea and made a path of escape from their enemies."

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News" Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news? Jacob and the people of Israel faced many problems that were too big for them: no food to eat because there was no rain; then, no way to get free from the mighty Pharaoh and his soldiers.
2. Who turned this bad news into amazing, good news each time? The LORD did! He always helped His people and took care of their needs. They could always trust in Him.

For You and Me:

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Jude 1:24, 25, ESV

"Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers? The LORD did!
2. How did He help them? He took care of their needs and rescued them. He gave them faith to trust Him and obey Him, even though they were afraid.

For You and Me:

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

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Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God's Sustaining Grace...
God Alone Sustains His People!

The Gospel

Oh, how we need God to help us to keep believing in Him! We are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God. The beautiful heart that God put inside of us to know and love Him is broken.

That's why God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. Jesus didn't stay dead! On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. God forgives their sins and puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts.

He gives them new hearts that know Him and want to love Him. This is how we can become God's people, too. And the wonderful news is that all who do become God's people will always be God's people! He will keep on helping them to love Him and live for Him the rest of their lives.

Thank You, LORD!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



“God sustains His people. Let’s pray to Him now.”

A Prayer

We praise You, God, for being the One who alone helps Your people keep believing in You.

Thank You that You never let Your people down. You always sustain them.

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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A Prayer

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A God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.

C We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!

T God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.

S God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Each day, give us what we need to love You and live for You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



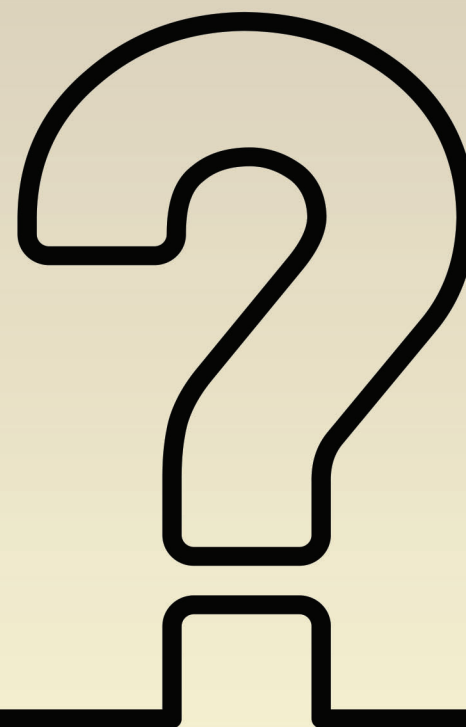


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

Big Q & A #13

Simple Song

Why do God's people keep
believing in God?
And why do God's people keep
living for Him?
Because God sustains them,
yes, God alone,
That's why God's people keep
believing in God.



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

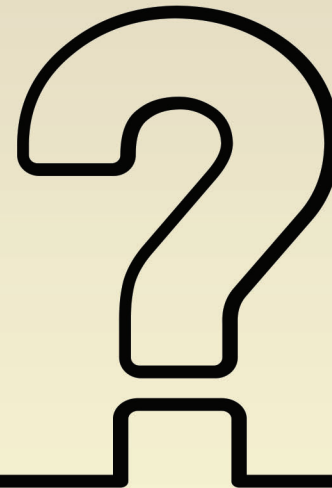
Big Question #13 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Why do God's people keep
believing in Him?
What keeps them going?
Why do they persevere?
There's just one reason for
their lasting faith,
It is grace, God's sustaining grace,

Refrain

That's why God's people say:
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,
His Spirit works inside them
as they read His Word and pray,
He gives them faith to keep on
trusting in Him,
To keep on living for Him to the very end.
Refrain



Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #13, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song:
To Him Who Is Able: Jude 1:24-25

To him who is able to keep you, (keep you)
To keep you from stumbling, (stumbling)
To present you blameless, (blameless)
Before the presence of his glory with great joy,
(with great joy)

To the only God, our Savior, (Savior)
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, (Lord)
Be glory, majesty, dominion,
And authority, before all time, now and forever.
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)
Jude One, twenty-four and five.



Big Question #13, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song:
Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you,
Who is able to keep you From stumbling,
And can make you stand in the presence
of his glory with great joy,

To the only God, our Savior,
And to Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be glory, majesty, dominion, all power,
for all time, now and forever.
Amen, Amen, Amen.. Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen and Amen and. Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen and Amen and. Amen.



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

Big Question #13 Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say, "
Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Big Question #13 Praise Song

I Will Sing of the Mercies

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
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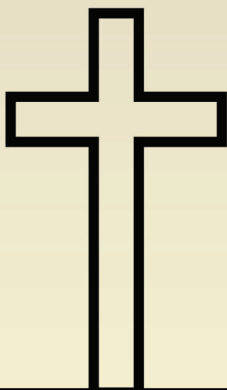


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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.

