



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #13, Bible Truth 3:
The Case of the Man in the Middle**



"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, '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 third of six missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my ID card. 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...
JESUS PROVIDES GOD'S PEOPLE WITH EVERYTHING
THEY NEED TO ???? FOR GOD.

HEBREWS
4:15-16

IDENTITY CARD



NAME
Detective Dan



Hint: "To try to please God with
your whole life. It starts with "L"
and rhymes with "give."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to ???? for God. Hebrews 4:15-16. Hint: "To try to please God with your whole life. Starts with "L" and rhymes with "give."

Hebrews 4:15,16

**“We do not have
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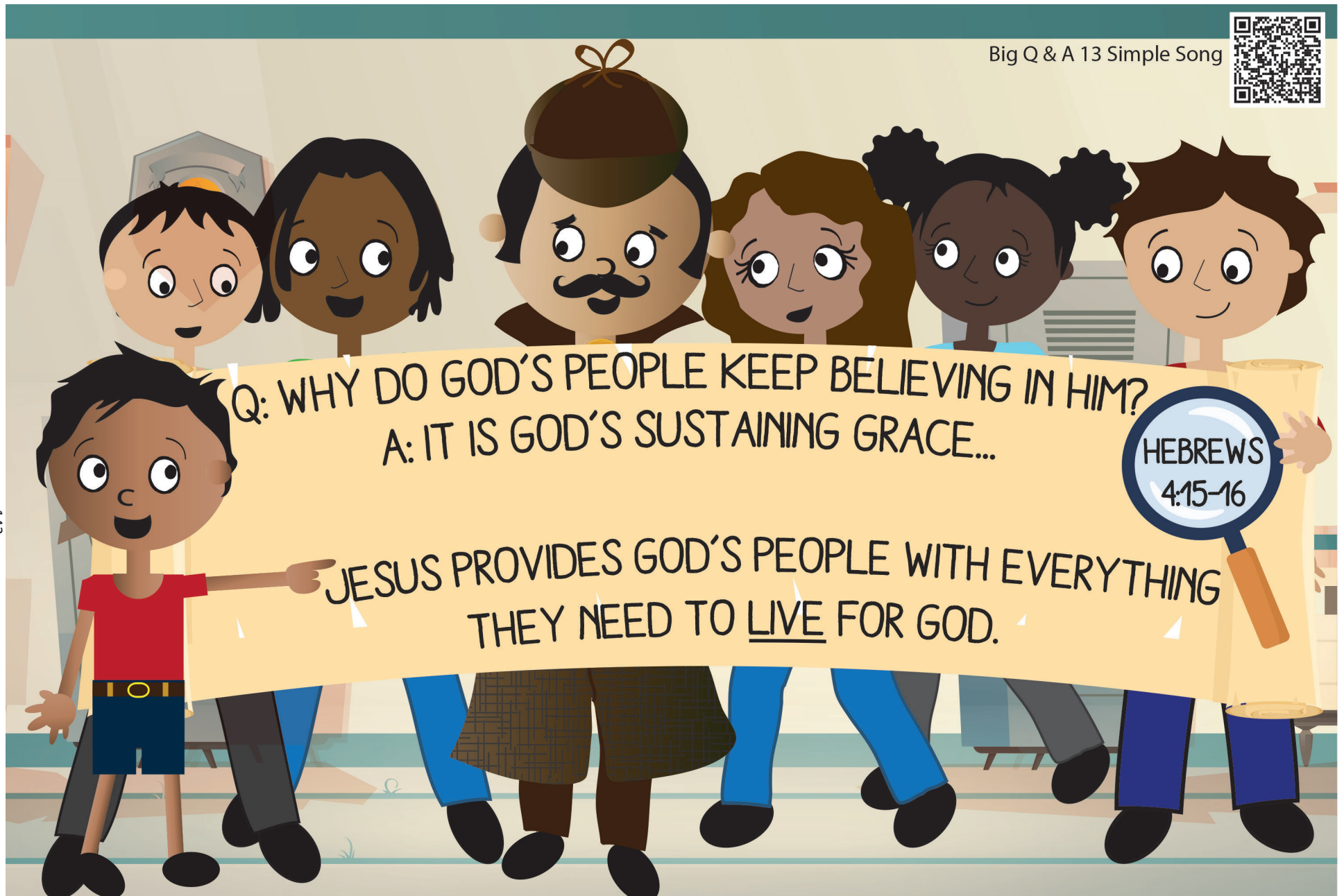


**Let Us Then Draw Near
Hebrews 4:16**

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Hebrews 4:15,16, and read: ““For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses... Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about why God's people keep believing in Him?" he asked. "We think so! Jesus is called the great high priest because through Him God's people are saved and God gives them everything they need to live for Him."



"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? The answer is: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to LIVE for God." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 13
Tell Me More
Song



Jesus reigns in heaven as the high priest for God's people. He listens to their prayers, prays for them, and promises to give them everything they need to live for God. Jesus loves to help them in their weakness. That's why they go boldly and confidently to Jesus with their prayers. He will always help them. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Man in the Middle"

Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews 1-5,9,10,18



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

"Sure, kids! I know just the story. It's called 'The Case of the Man in the Middle.' Listen for who is in heaven, praying for God's people and who God always answers with a yes."

"The Case of the Man in the Middle" Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews

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older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

11. What one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God's people? What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen?
12. What is that Man doing even now for God's people?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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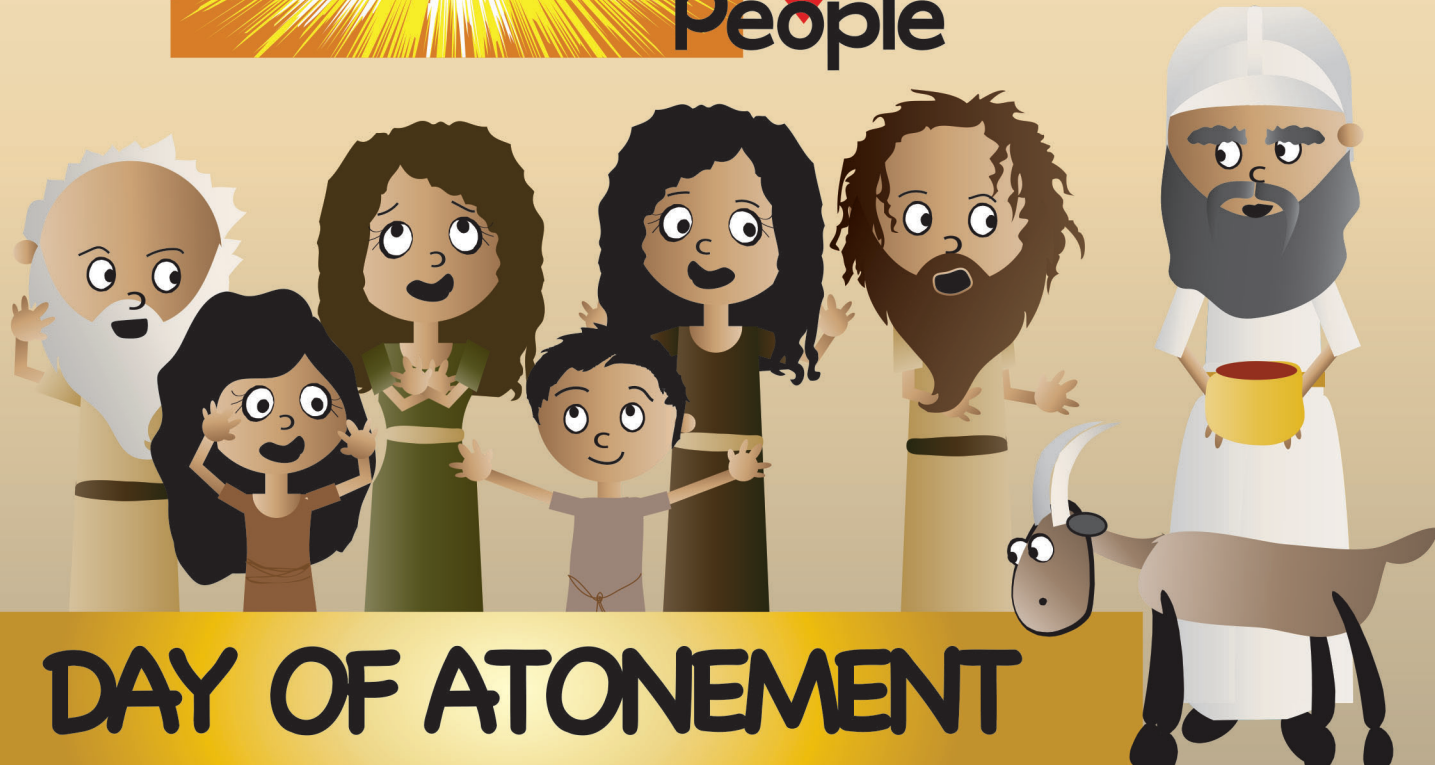
Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."

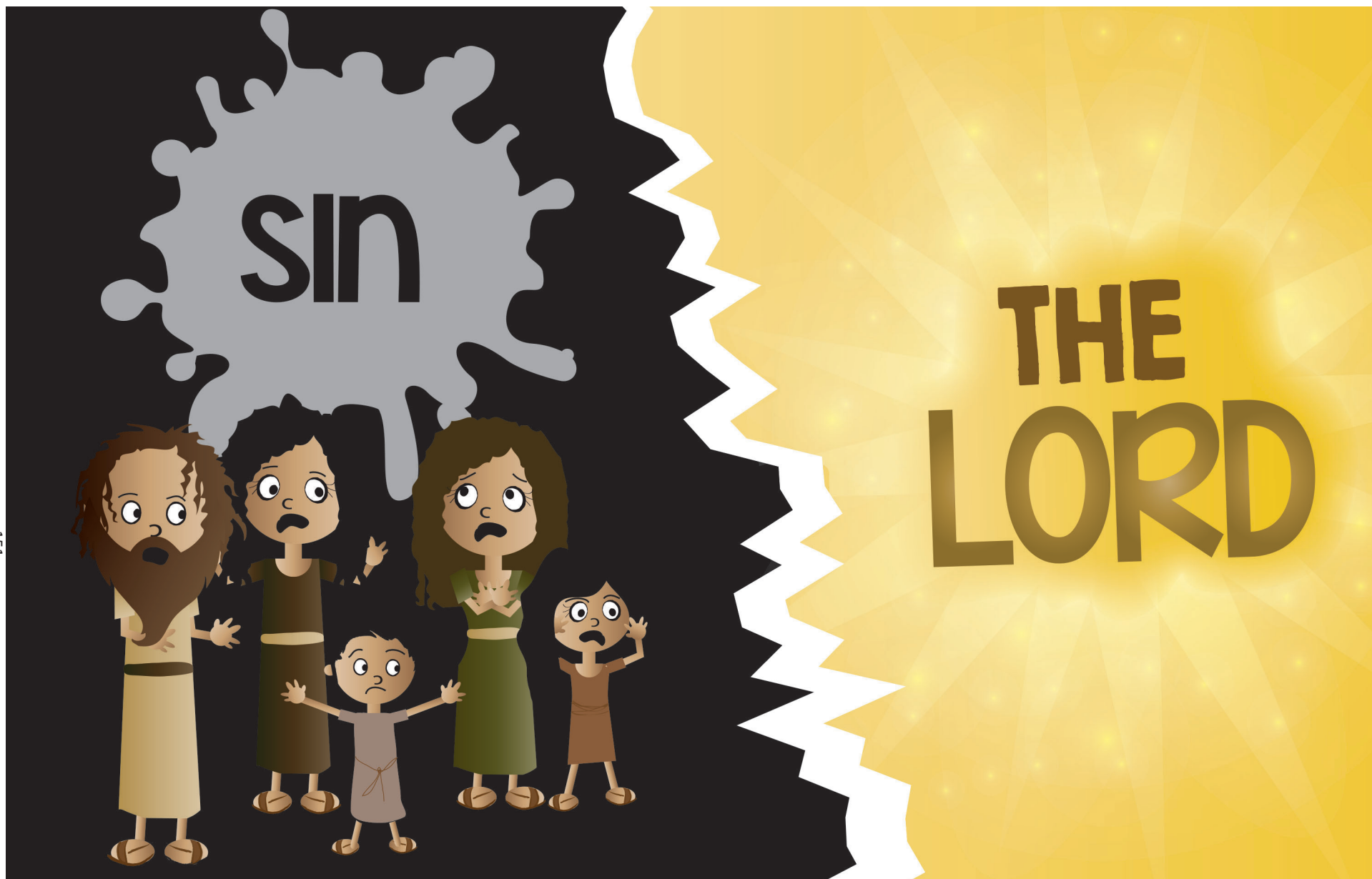
1. Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God's people?
2. What is He doing for God's people now?

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

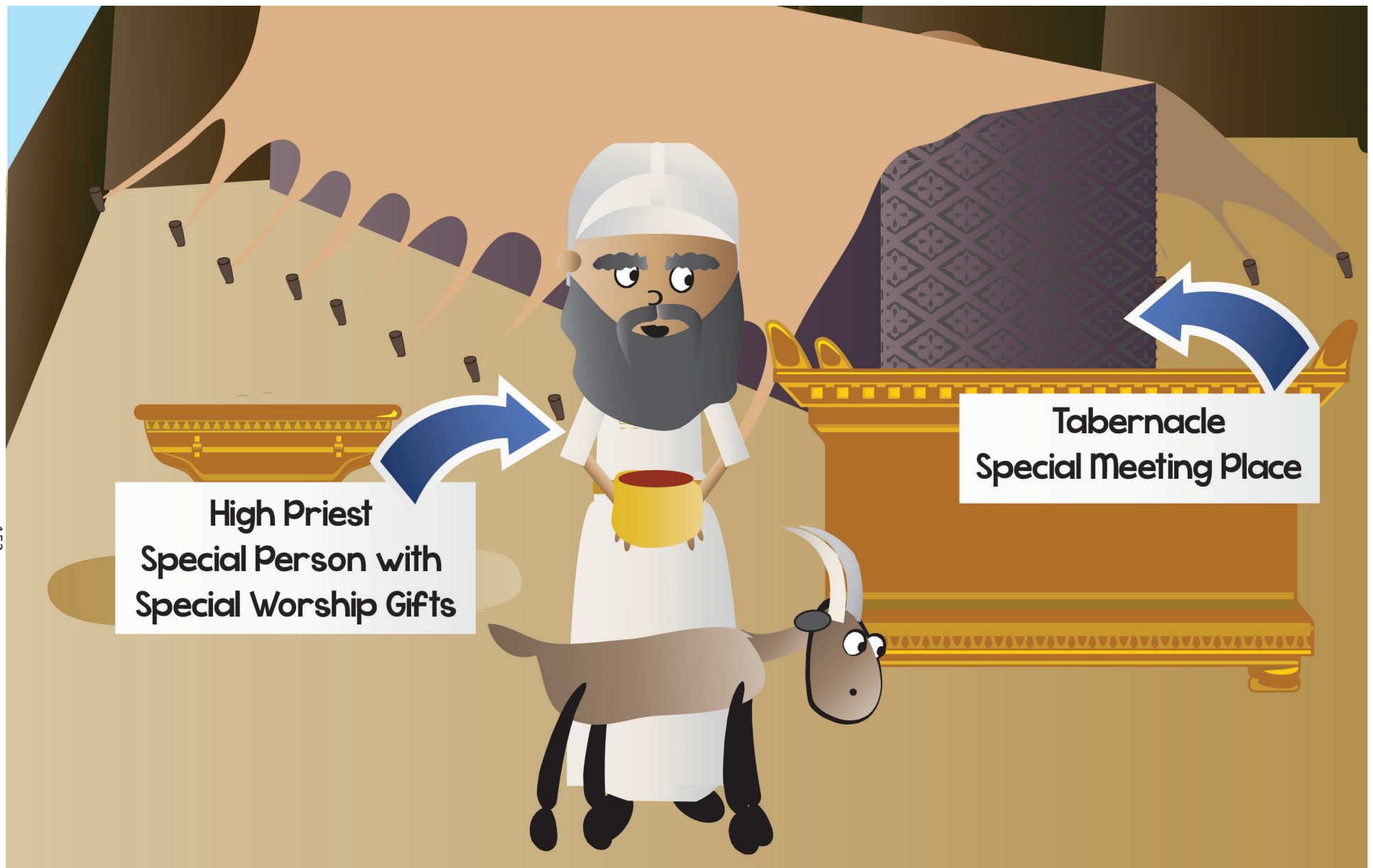
Something to Grow Into



I. The Day of Atonement was the most important day of the year for God's people, long ago. "Atonement" means "paying for sins so we can be God's people." Without atonement, the people couldn't stay God's people. And nothing was more important than staying God's people!



2. You see, God is all good. He's holy. But just like us, God's people, long ago, were sinners. They disobeyed God and broke their friendship with Him. They didn't deserve to be His people. They deserved to be forgotten by God, not loved, or helped by Him. They deserved His punishment.



3. That's why they could only be God's people through atonement --special worship gifts given to God for their sins. And these gifts were SO SPECIAL, they could only be given in a very special way by the high priest, in the Tabernacle, the place of God's special presence here on earth.



4. The high priest had to do things just right, if he were to meet with God and his worship gifts be accepted. He washed, then went into the Tabernacle and put on the pure, white Atonement Day clothes, worn only to make these worship gifts, this one day of the year. Now, he was ready.



5. The high priest took the gift for his own sin, then the gift for the people's sins and went behind the cherubim-covered curtain into the Most Holy Place --the place of God's special presence on earth. He offered the worship gifts and asked God's forgiveness for their sins.



6. Then, the high priest put his regular clothes back on and went out to the fiery, bronze altar to make two more worship gifts- one for himself, and one for the people. The people watched as he prayed for them and offered the gifts. And it was done! Atonement was made for another year.



7. God's people saw one high priest after another bring worship gifts to make atonement, year after year. Why couldn't a priest just go in once and make one, big worship gift for the people for all time? Because none of the high priests or their gifts were good enough.

PERFECT
HIGH
PRIEST

PERFECT
WORSHIP GIFT
FOR SIN



8. By God's law, only a PERFECT high priest, with NO SIN, bringing a PERFECT worship gift would be good enough for God to forgive sins and answer his prayers for the people. Would there ever be a high priest who could do this? Yes, there would! God's perfect Son, Jesus!

Perfect Law Keeper

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Perfect Payment for Sins



9. Because Jesus was perfect, He could be the perfect high priest --the final Middle Man. He could present the worship gift for the sins of God's people that would last forever. And what did Jesus give as that perfect worship gift? He gave Himself, as He died on the cross for them.

THE LORD

**FORGIVEN
FOREVER**

my People

**Jesus'
Perfect
Life**

Jesus' Own Life

10. And, while the other high priests took their worship gifts into the Tabernacle, behind the cherubim curtain, here on earth, Jesus took His worship gift to heaven. He presented His life before the real cherubim and God, His Father, as the final, perfect worship gift for God's people.



II. Ripppppp! The curtain in front of the Most Holy Place split in two when Jesus died. The perfect high priest had made the final atonement! God and His people could be together forever now. On Day Three, Jesus proved it when He rose from dead. God had accepted Jesus' perfect worship gift.



12. Then, Jesus rose up to heaven to rule. He's there, even now. And He still is the Man in the Middle, the perfect high priest, for all of God's people. Jesus is always interceding (praying) for them. And God, the Father, is always answering Jesus' prayers for them with a YES!

"The Case of the Man in the Middle"

Q: "Who is in heaven, praying for God's people and who God always answers with a yes?"

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GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE SUSTAINING GRACE...

Jesus Provides God's People with Everything
They Need to Live for God

A: "Jesus, the perfect high priest for God's people."



"The Case of the Man in the Middle" Leviticus 6,16; Matthew 27; Hebrews

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What one Man stood in the middle between God and people, so they could become God's people? What worship gift did He offer up to God to make this happen? Jesus was the man in the middle. Jesus was the final, high priest who offered up His own perfect life as the worship gift to pay for the sins of God's people.

2. What is that Man doing even now for God's people? He is ruling in heaven. He is carrying out His Father's good plans. He is listening to the prayers of God's people and praying for them. He is making sure they have everything they need for life and godliness.

For You and Me:
God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Hebrews 4:16, ESV

"Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find help in time of need."

1. Who is the great high priest who offered the final worship gift for God's people?

Jesus is.

2. What is He doing for God's people now?

He is ruling in heaven. He is carrying out His Father's good plans. He is listening to the prayers of God's people and is praying for them. He is making sure they have everything they need for life and godliness.

For You and Me:

God's people long ago needed Jesus, the perfect High priest, to pay for their sins and bring them to God, once and for all time. We need Jesus to do this for us, too. He is happy to, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And, if you do, you, too, can know that He is ever praying for you. He will help you keep on believing in God and living for Him.

Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God's Sustaining Grace...
Jesus Provides God's People with Everything
They Need to Live for God!

The Gospel

We need Jesus to provide us with everything we need to live for God. Why? Because we have all chosen to turn away from God. We can never please God or love Him or live for Him by ourselves. And that's why God, in His great mercy, sent His Son, Jesus.

Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave His life to be the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. Now, Jesus is in heaven, where He rules over everything and where He is still helping God's people. He is always listening to their prayers and praying for them. Jesus is making sure God's people have everything they need to love God and live for Him.

These can be God's gifts to us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. How good God has been to us by sending Jesus!

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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, Jesus, for giving God's people everything they need to live for God.

Thank You, Jesus, that You are always praying for God's people.

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



Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A Jesus, we praise You for being the Son of God, the Giver of all the grace God's people need to live God's way.

C We confess that many times we don't want to do what You want us to do, or we feel too weak to do it. We forget that if we are God's people (those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus), we can depend on Jesus to always give us the grace we need to live God's way. We need You to be our Savior!

T Thank You, Jesus, for always giving Your people the grace they need to live God's way. Thank You for promising to be praying for all who trust in You, even now, as You rule in heaven.

S Work in our hearts that we would turn from our sins and trust in You, Jesus, as our own Savior. Help us to love one another, and to love God and live for Him, every day of our lives.

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!)

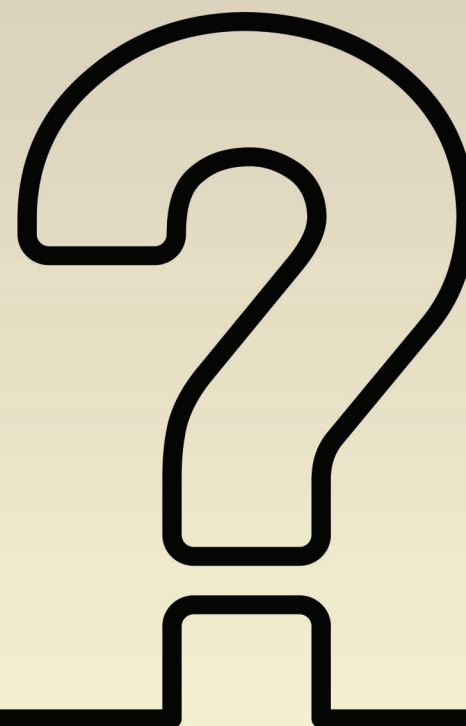


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

Big Q & A #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.

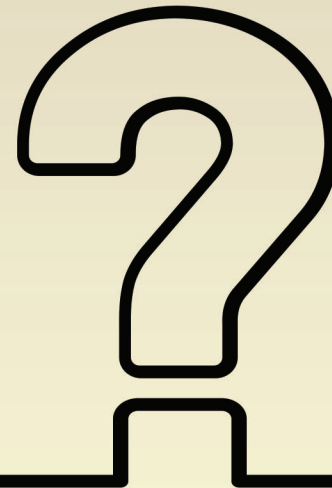
Big Question #13 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

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



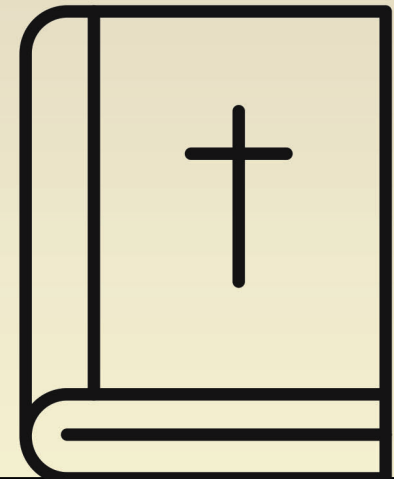
Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #13, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

Let Us Then Draw Near: Hebrews 4:16



Let us then draw near,
Draw near the throne of grace,
Draw near with confidence,
The throne with confidence.
That we may receive mercy
And find grace to help,
Help us in time of need, in time of need. (repeat)
Hebrews Four, sixteen..



"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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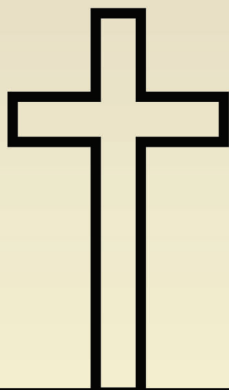


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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.

