



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #13, Bible Truth 4:
The Case of the Foolish Forgetters**



"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 fourth of six missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my flashlight. 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...

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS ???? GOD'S PEOPLE.

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Hint: The opposite of "outside"
and starts with "I."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works ???? God's People. 2 Corinthians 1:21.22. Hint: The opposite of "outside" and starts with "I."

**2 Corinthians
1:21,22**

**“God
establishes
us in Christ,**

**and has
given us
his Spirit in
our hearts.”**



**It Is God Who
Establishes Us with You
2 Corinthians 1:21,22**

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to 2 Corinthians 1:21,22, and read: “God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about why God's people keep believing in Him?" he asked. "We think so! Because of Jesus, God puts His Holy Spirit inside the hearts of His people to help them keep believing in Him."



"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? The answer is: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... The Holy Spirit Works INSIDE God's People." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 13
Tell Me More
Song



God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever. We can become 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 Foolish Forgetters"

Galatians



"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 Foolish Forgetters.' Listen for who helped the believers know God and live for Him."

"The Case of the Foolish Forgetters" The Book of Galatians

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well, and something bad happens.

1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?
2. What did they forget?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?
2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. "Come hear the good news of Jesus!" Paul and Silas urged the Jews of Galatia. The Jews grew up knowing about God and the Bible. They tried to please God by obeying His laws, but they couldn't. They had sin in their hearts, just like we do. That's why they needed Paul's good news.

Jesus Kept God's Laws Perfectly



Jesus Beat Sin & Death for God's People



2. "Jesus is God's Son, the Messiah. He obeyed God's laws perfectly, then on the cross, He gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them," Paul said.



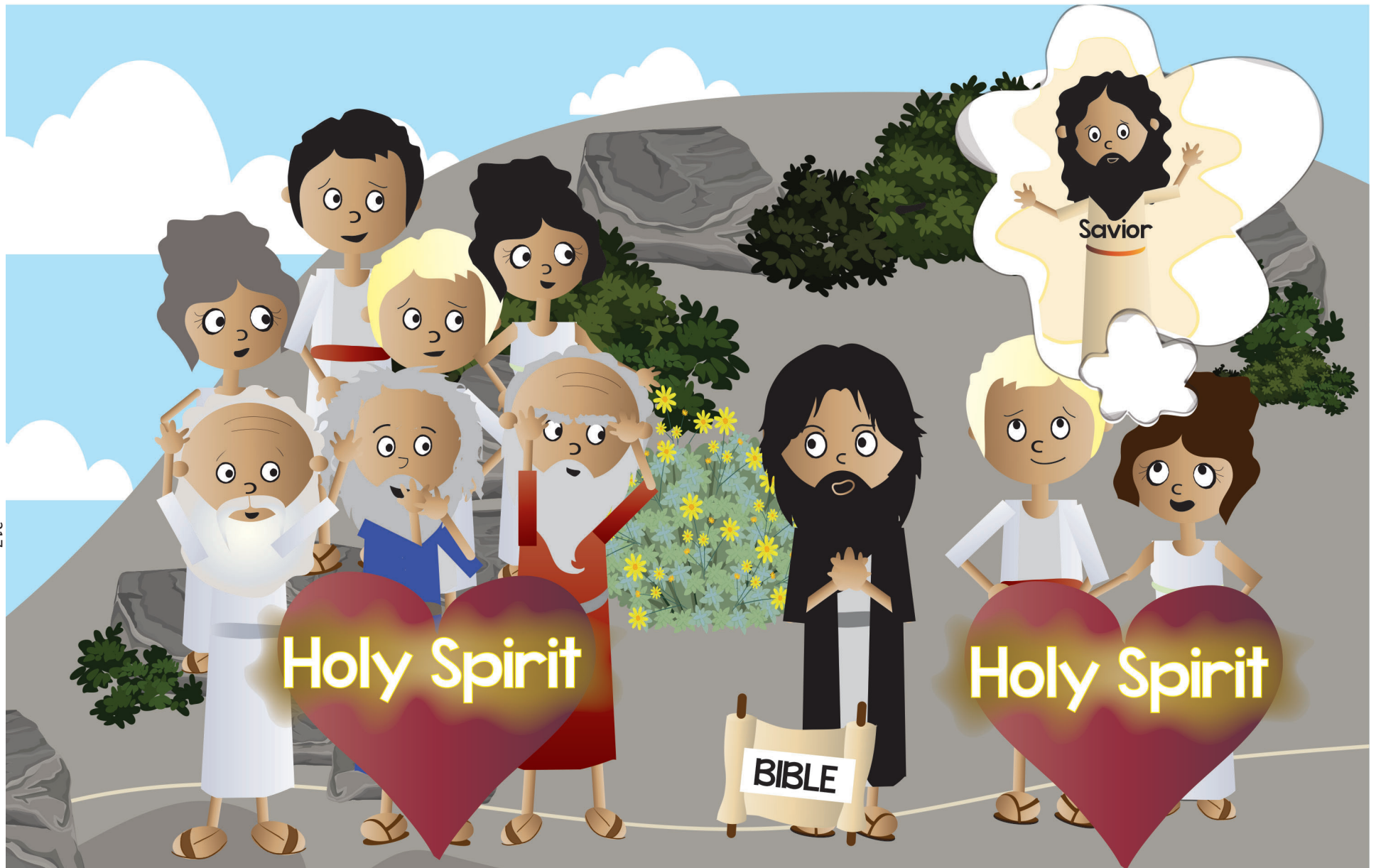
3. "Turn from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. Stop trying to deserve to be God's people with your own law-keeping. No one is good enough to do that," Paul told the Jews. Many heard and believed. How happy they were for this free gift of salvation through Jesus!



4. But Paul's good news wasn't just for the Jews in Galatia. It was for the Gentiles, too. Gentiles were people who didn't know God's Word or His laws. They worshipped fake gods who could never save them. That's why they needed Paul's good news.



5. "Your gods are fake gods," Paul told them. "The LORD is the one, true God, and He sent His Son, Jesus, to save you from your sins and give you eternal life. Come, know the living God! Turn away from your fake gods and your sins! Put your trust in Jesus and be saved!" Paul exclaimed.



6. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many Gentiles, and they believed. He filled their hearts with joy and gave them power to live a new life for God, just He had in the Jewish believers. How happy the Gentiles were for this free gift of salvation through Jesus!



7. These believers gathered as little churches all over Galatia. Once, they had been Jews and Gentiles. Now, they were brothers and sisters together in God's family. They gathered together to hear God's Word and encourage one another to live like Jesus. How Paul happy was!



8. Paul and Silas left Galatia to tell other people, in other places, the good news of Jesus. But he never forgot the little churches of believers in Galatia. He prayed for them and longed to hear how they were doing. One day, the news Paul was waiting for came, but it was **BAD NEWS!**



9. Bad teachers had come, saying, "Paul has it wrong. Christians must trust in Jesus AND keep the Jews' old laws, if they are to be God's people." The believers were so confused. Some believed these bad teachers and left the good news of Jesus behind! Oh, no!



10. Paul was worried. Would all the believers forget the good news of Jesus? Something must be done, and Paul wasted no time doing it. He wrote a letter to be taken to the churches, reminding the believers of the good news that saved them.



II. The Galatian Christians gathered to hear what Paul wrote: “You foolish Galatians! Go back to the real gospel! Keeping the old laws can’t save you. Only faith in Jesus can make you right with God. And only the Holy Spirit living in your hearts can help you know God and live for Him,” Paul told them.



12. Did the little churches forget the gospel, or did God sustain them? A few years later, Paul went back to Galatia and found out. It was GOOD NEWS! The believers were holding onto Jesus. The Holy Spirit was sustaining them. God had been faithful to His people and always will be!

"The Case of the Foolish Forgetters"

Q: "Who helped the believers know God
and keep living for Him?"

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GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE SUSTAINING GRACE...

The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People.



A: "The Holy Spirit living in their hearts."

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well, and something bad happens.

1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?

The new believers in the church in Galatia. They were obeying new, bad teachers who weren't teaching them the good news of Jesus.

2. What did they forget? They forgot that only by trusting in Jesus could they please God. They forgot that only by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts did they love God and live for Him.

For You and Me:

Like the people of Galatia, we need God's help if we are to live for Him. We can never do this on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to give the Holy Spirit to them. He will live in their hearts and help them live for God. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ESV

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?

They forgot to depend on God and the good gifts of salvation and life that He gives them through Jesus.

2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?

The Holy Spirit.

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Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!
The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People!

The Gospel



No matter how hard we try, we can never love God or live for Him on our own. We all have chosen to turn away from God and live our own way instead. We deserve God's punishment, not to be His people.

But in His mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, on the cross, Jesus gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. Not only does God forgive their sins, but His Holy Spirit comes to live in their hearts. He helps them love God and live for Him more and more. We can become God's people, too. Ask God to help you! He loves to do this!

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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 Your powerful Holy Spirit
who You send to live inside Your people.**

**Thank You that He is always helping them to keep
believing in God.**

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song

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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A Holy Spirit, we praise You for the way You can powerfully work in our hearts, changing us from the inside out.

C God, we confess that many times we are proud, jealous, envious, and hateful. We need Jesus to save us. We need Your Holy Spirit to replace with humility and love. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being stronger than any of our sins. Thank You for being able to work powerfully in our hearts and truly change us.

S Holy Spirit, work in our hearts, help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Fill our heart with Your good ways. Make us joyful, peaceful, kind, patience, self-controlled, joyful, loving, and good. Give us wisdom and make us bold and strong to do God's will.

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!)

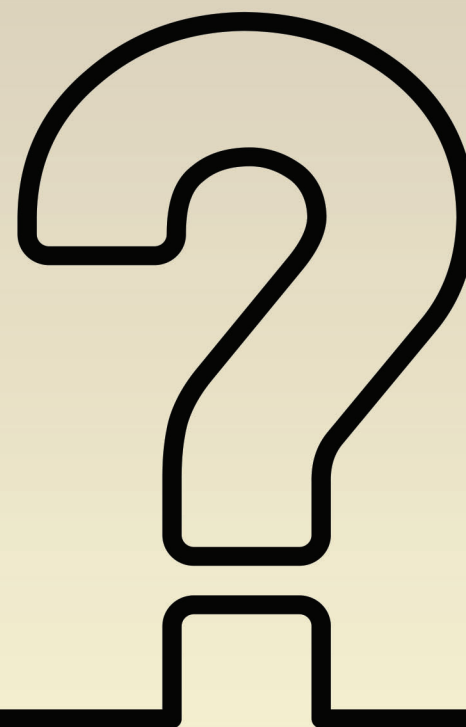


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

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.

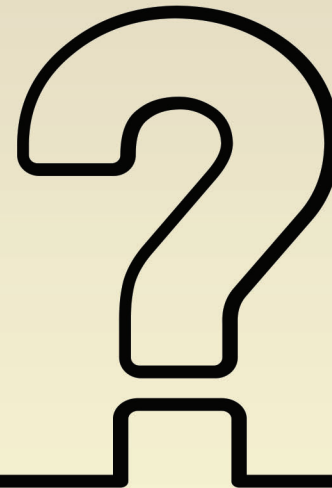
Big Question #13 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

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



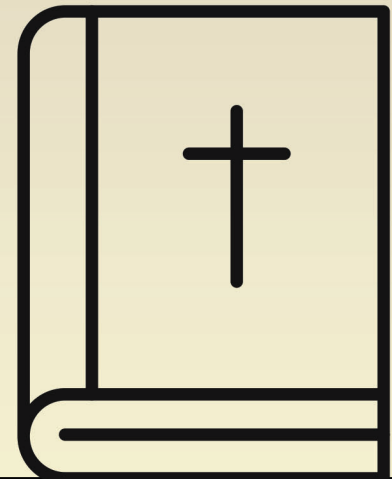
Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #13, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

It Is God Who Establishes Us with You: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,
And given us, given us,
His Spirit in our hearts. (Sing it again! Faster!)

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,
And given us, given us,
His Spirit in our hearts.
Second Corinthians One, twenty-one and two.



"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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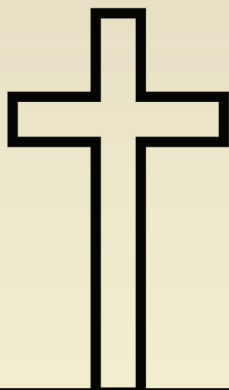


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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.

