



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #13, Bible Truth 5
The Case of the Confused Christians



"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 fifth of six missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my magnifying glass. 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 ???? OF GOD FEEDS GOD'S PEOPLE.

ROMANS
15:4

Hint: "The Bible is called
"God's ____." Starts with a "W"
and rhymes with "heard."

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 ???? of God Feeds God's People. Romans 15:4. Hint: "The Bible is called "God's ____." Starts with a "W" and rhymes with "heard."

Romans 15:4

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For Whatever
Was Written
Romans 15:4

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Romans 15:4, and read: "Through the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fifth truth about why God's people keep believing in Him?" he asked. "We think so! God uses His Word, the Bible, to give His people hope and 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 WORD of God Feeds God's People." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 13
Tell Me More
Song



God uses His Word to give His people hope. He uses it to help them keep on loving Him and living for Him. He made sure it was written down just right so His people can always trust every promise He gives them, and know that He is always working for their good and His glory. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will use His Word to help us to keep on loving and living for Him, too.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Confused Christians"

Colossians



"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 Confused Christians.' Listen for what Paul told the believers they should trust instead of the bad teachers."

"The Case of the Confused Christians" Colossians

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Where were teachers teaching bad things to believers?
What were the believers confused about?
2. What book could help the believers know the truth?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Romans 15:4, ESV

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

1. What was bad about the teachers in Colossae?
2. What book could the believers read to help them know how to know how to live for God?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Epaphras packed his bags and left Colossae. Where did he go? No one knows for sure. Many think he went to the big city of Ephesus. But we DO know that when Epaphras returned, he was a changed man. And, it was through Paul preaching God's Word that these changes came.



2. Every afternoon, Paul preached from God's Word. "God promised in the His Word to send Jesus to die on the cross and save God's people from their sins," Paul taught. "On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He'd done it. Turn from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior!"



3. Epaphras must have been in the crowd. As he listened, God's Holy Spirit worked powerfully in his heart. Epaphras believed God's Word. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. Epaphras' life was completely changed. This was such good news!



4. Epaphras learned more of God's Word from Paul so he could teach the Jews and Gentiles back in Colossae. The Jews needed to trust in Jesus, not in keeping God's laws. The Gentiles needed to turn from their fake gods and fake magical necklaces. Epaphras wanted them all to be saved.



5. At last, Epaphras said goodbye to Paul and went home. He preached the good news to all who would listen. What would the Jews think? What would the Gentiles think? Would they believe Epaphras' good news from God's Word?

THE LORD



6. The Holy Spirit worked in many hearts as Epaphras preached from God's Word. He helped the Jews trust in Jesus, not in keeping God's laws. He helped the Gentiles in Jesus, not in their fake gods and fake magical necklaces. Now, there was a church of believers in Colossae. How wonderful!



7. Epaphras prayed for the new believers and taught them God's Word. God's Word would help them keep on loving God and living for Him. Very soon, they would need all the help God's Word could give them. Bad teachers were coming with lies to cause all kinds of trouble.



8. "Jesus isn't enough," the bad teachers said to the Jewish believers. "You must keep all the old Jewish laws, too." "Jesus isn't enough to protect you from bad things," they told the Gentile believers. "Put the magical necklaces back on." All the believers were confused and scared.



9. Epaphras needed help, and he knew just who to ask for it: Paul. So once more, Epaphras packed his bags and left Colossae. But this time he went to faraway Rome, where Paul was in prison for telling others about Jesus.



10. Epaphras found Paul and told him everything that was happening in Colossae. What should he do? Paul shared his wisdom and prayed for the Colossae church. Best of all, he gave Epaphras a letter to take back to the believers. Letter in hand, Epaphras headed back home.



II. In Colossae, Epaphras read Paul's letter, "Dear Believers in Colossae, Epaphras told me how you heard the Word of truth about Jesus and believed. Help each other keep remembering what you've learned," he told them. "Don't go back to your old ways. Jesus IS enough. Signed, Paul."



12. Some of the believers in Colossae kept struggling with what the bad teachers said, but many were helped by Paul's words. They would trust God's Word to tell the truth about Jesus. They would trust it to give them all they needed to keep on loving God and living for Him.

"The Case of the Confused Christians"

Q: "What did Paul tell the believers they should trust instead of the bad teacher?"

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GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE SUSTAINING GRACE...

The Word of God Feeds God's People.



A: "God's Word, the Bible."

"The Case of the Confused Christians" Colossians

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Where were teachers teaching bad things to the believers? What were the believers confused about? Colossae. They were teaching the believers to go back to the old, bad ways of living, like keeping special rules and using magic stones.

2. What book could help the believers know the truth? God's Word, the Bible.

For You and Me:

Like the believers in Colossae, we can turn to God's Word, the Bible, to know what is true. There, we can read about Jesus. There, we can learn how to turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And there, God can continue to teach us more of His truth and make us strong to live for Him.

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Romans 15:4, ESV

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Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God's Sustaining Grace...
The Word of God Feeds God's People!

The Gospel

There is so much to love about the Bible, God's Word! Through it, we can learn the truth about God and about ourselves. We learn that we have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment. How sad!

But God's Word also tells us about God's mercy in sending Jesus, His Son, to be the Savior we need. It tells us that Jesus lived a perfect life; then on the cross, He gave it up to pay for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death for them!

Best of all, the Bible tells us that now, whoever turns away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can become God's people. Their sins are forgiven. They get to know God in their hearts, now. God will use His Word to help them know Him better and live for Him. Then, one day, they will go live with Him forever.

Ask God to help you
become one of
His people.
He loves to
help us!

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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 Word, the Bible. It always tells us the truth.

Thank You that You use Your Word to encourage us to keep believing in You.

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 God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Word, the Bible.

C We confess that many times we don't want to read Your Word or live by it. We need a Savior!

T Thank You for promising to use Your Word, the Bible, to strengthen Your people and help them to know You and love You better. Thank You for using it to help them keep on believing in You and living for You.

S God, use Your Word to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You and love You better as we read it. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to understand Your Word and live it out.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



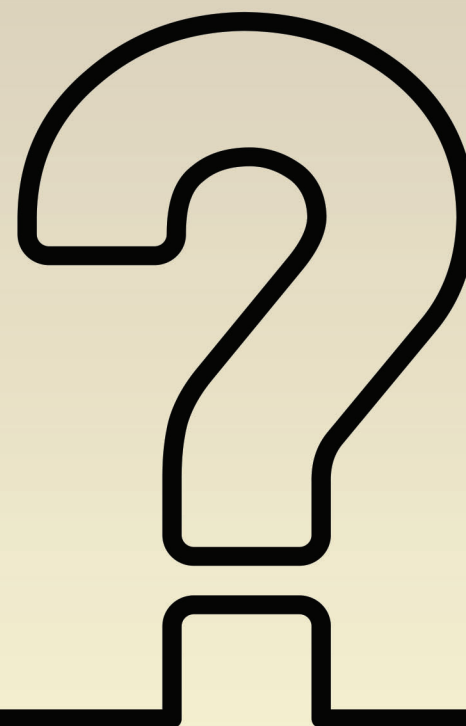


“Deep Down Detectives, it’s almost time for me to go. But first, let’s celebrate what we’ve learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let’s get bouncy!”

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.

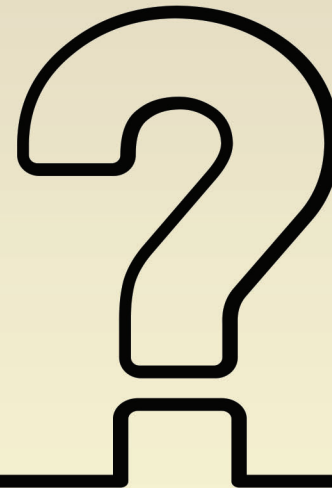
Big Question #13 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

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

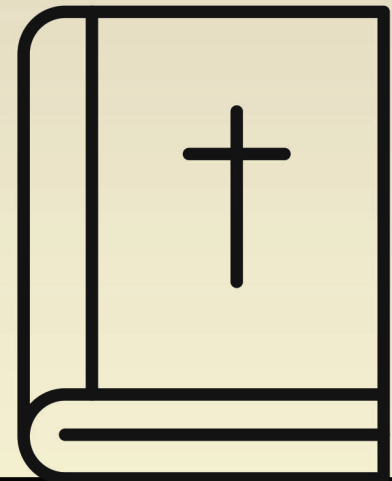


Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #13, Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song:

For Whatever Was Written: Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days
Was written for our instruction,
For whatever was written in former days
Was written for our instruction.
That through endurance and encouragement,
Of the Scriptures, we might have hope.
That through endurance and encouragement,
Of the Scriptures, we might have hope.
Romans Chapter Fifteen, verse four.



"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.

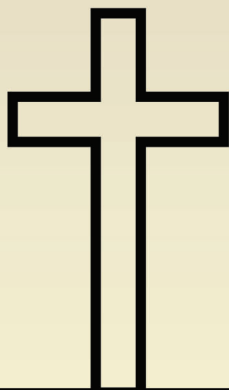
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

"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.

