



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #13, Bible Truth 6
The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner



"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 last of six missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my camera. 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 USES HIS ???? TO STRENGTHEN AND COMFORT
EACH OTHER.

2 COR.
1:4

Hint: A word for lots of men,
women, boys and girls. Starts with
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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 Uses His ???? to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other. 2 Corinthians 1:4. Hint: A word for lots of men, women, boys and girls. Starts with "P" and rhymes with "steeple."

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Blessed Be the
God and Father
2 Corinthians 1:4

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to 2 Corinthians 1:4, and read: “We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort with which we are comforted by God.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this last truth about why God's people keep believing in Him?" he asked. "We think so! God comforts His people, then uses them to comfort and encourage each other to keep believing in God."



"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? The answer is: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 13
Tell Me More
Song



God loves His people so much! He cares about their sadnesses and comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. God uses His people to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in 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 Prayed-for Prisoner"

Philippians



"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 Prayed-for Prisoner.' Listen for how the believers helped Paul in faraway Rome."

"The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner" Philippians

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?
Paul was. He was in jail for telling others about Jesus.

2. Who prayed for him?
The believers in the city of Philippi.

For You and Me:

Can you imagine going to jail for something you believe in? Paul did, because he knew the good news of Jesus was true, and that people needed to hear it if they were to be saved from their sins. Paul rejoiced to tell others about Jesus and watch them become God's people. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

2 Corinthians 1:4, ESV

"We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."

1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?
The believers in Philippi.

2. What did they do that was comforting?
They prayed for him, sent him money and Epaphroditus to help him.

For You and Me:

Paul was comforted by the help and prayers of the believers in Philippi. He was comforted by their love and by knowing that God was loving him, too, through them. We, too, can know the comfort of God and of God's people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we become God's people.

Something to Grow Into



1. "Oh no! Paul is in prison in Rome for telling people about Jesus. We must help him," the believers in Philippi exclaimed. Paul might be cold, hungry, sick, or lonely. God uses His people to care for each others' needs, but Rome was faraway. What could they help Paul from Philippi?



2. The Philippians knew what they could do. They could pray. They could ask God to have Paul freed from jail. They could ask Him to keep Paul from getting sick, and to comfort him with God's Word. Yes, the Philippians could help Paul in faraway Rome by their prayers.



3. But the Philippians wanted to do more. They decided to send money to care for Paul's needs. The believers in Philippi weren't rich, but Paul had brought the good news of Jesus to them, and many, like Lydia, heard and believed. This money gift was a way to say thank you to him.



4. The believers worked hard to save money for Paul. Many did without things they needed so they could give more to Paul. When enough money was collected, they gave it to a godly man, named Epaphroditus. They prayed for him, then sent him off on his long journey to Rome.



5. At last, Epaphroditus made it to Paul in Rome. There was he, an old man, sick and hurting, and chained to a soldier. But even so, Paul was joyful. He was still living for God and telling people about Jesus. He had even shared the gospel with his guards, and some had become Christians!



6. Epaphroditus stayed and cared for Paul for a long time. He used the Philippian's money gift to buy Paul food and other things he needed. And as he and Paul talked about the Lord and prayed, the Lord comforted Paul and gave him strength to keep believing in and living for Him.



7. At last, it was time for Epaphroditus to go home. Paul gave him a letter to read to the believers when he got back to Philippi. Paul wrote: "I thank my God every time I remember you. I pray for you with joy because of our work together for the good news of Jesus."



8. "It's been good for the gospel for me to be in prison. I've been able to tell many people about Jesus, including the soldiers who guard me," Paul told them. "Even though life in prison is hard, I'm full of joy. God is helping me by your prayers and by His Holy Spirit living in me," he wrote.



9. "One day, God will take me home to be with Him forever. That will be best of all. Until then, I will be praying for you, that God give you joy and strengthen you by His Holy Spirit, just as He is strengthening me. One day, I hope to be freed from prison and come visit you again. Paul."



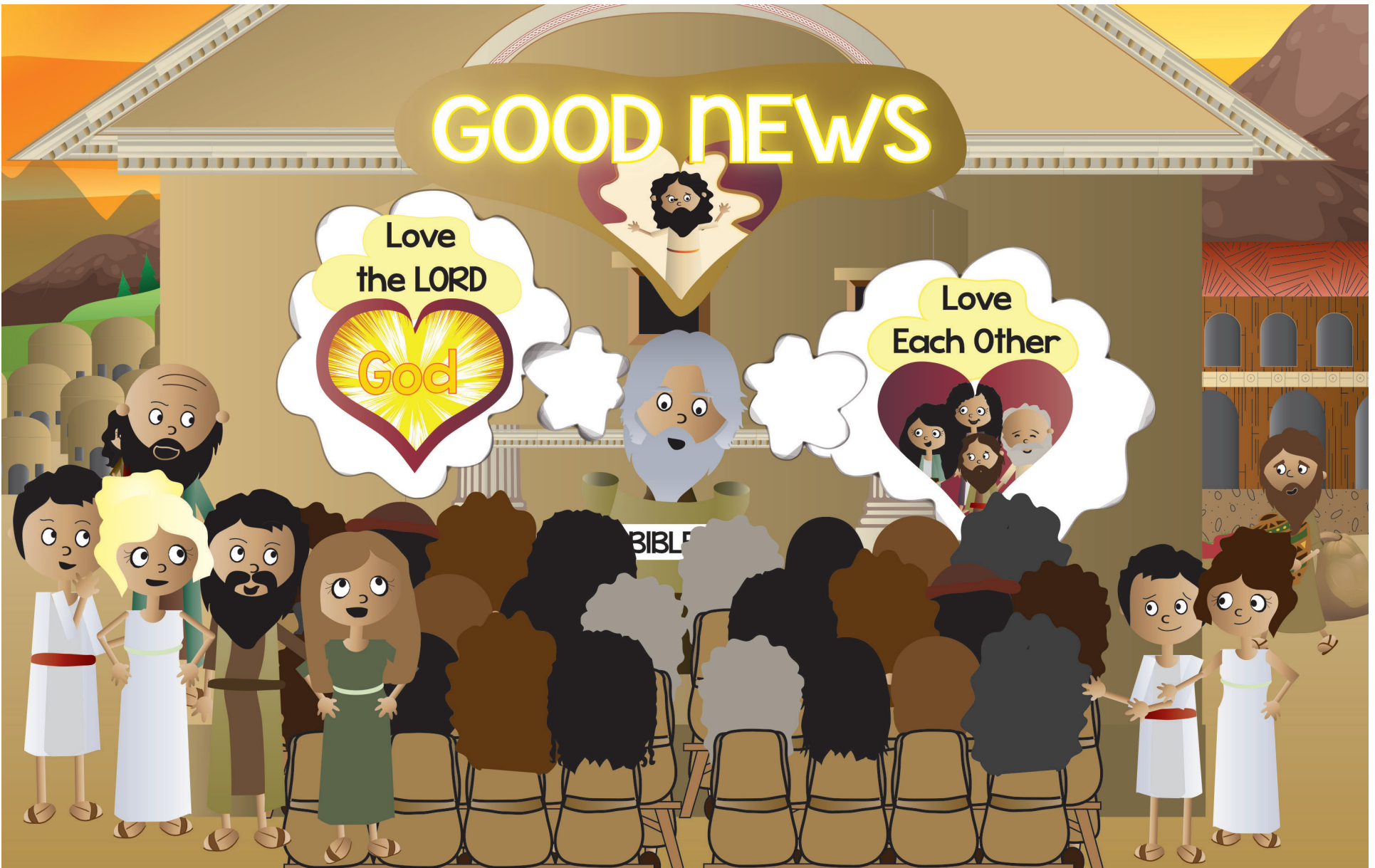
10. What happened to Paul after Epaphroditus left? The Lord had promised that Paul would stand before Caesar Nero, the great Roman king, himself. And so, he did. Nero heard Paul's case, and no doubt, Paul tried to share the good news of Jesus with him.

GOOD NEWS

Love
the LORD

God

Love
Each Other



II. Nero didn't become a Christian, but he DID free Paul from prison. The LORD had answered the Philippian's prayers. Paul probably never saw the believers in Philippi again, but he never forgot them. God had used them to give him strength and comfort when he needed it the most.



12. But oh, how sweet would be the meeting of these dear friends in heaven one day! They had loved each other so well on earth, and now, they would get to go on loving each other forever. And that's what they are doing, even now!

"The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner"

Q: "How did the believers help Paul in faraway Rome?"

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GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE SUSTAINING GRACE...

God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other

A: "They prayed for him and sent money to care for his needs."

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Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God's Sustaining Grace...
God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort
Each Other!

The Gospel



God's people strengthen and comfort each other with the good news of the gospel. That, while we have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment, He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, on the cross, He 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.

God's people also remind each other that this God who saved them through the gospel will keep on giving them everything they need to live for Him. Oh, how comforting that is!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be God's people. This is how we can become God's people, too. Ask God to help you!

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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 comforter of Your people.

Thank You for using Your people to comfort others.

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 Comforter and Strength of Your People. You help them comfort and strengthen each other.

C We confess that many times we forget to pray for others who are struggling with hard or sad times. Many times, we don't take time to comfort and strengthen others who are struggling. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for the comfort God's people receive from You through how they help and pray for each other.

S Work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to comfort others with Your Word and by praying for them. Use us to help others in their times of need. Help others to see Your love and kindness as we comfort and pray for each other.

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!)

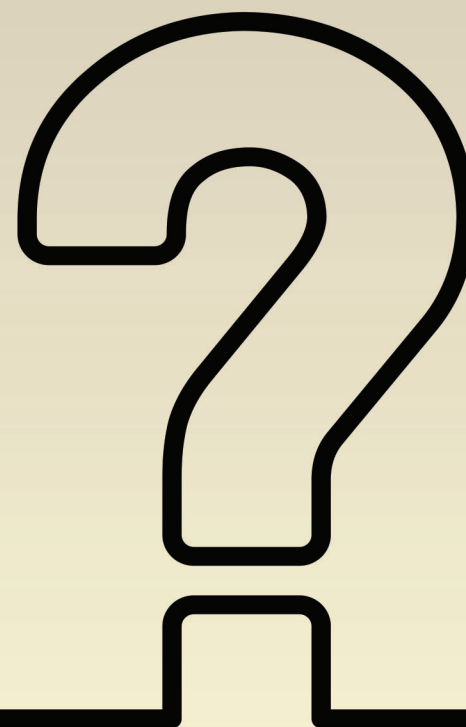


"Deep Down Detectives, it's almost time for me to go. But first, let's celebrate what we've learned with a little Wiggle and Worship Time. Stand up and let's get bouncy!"

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.

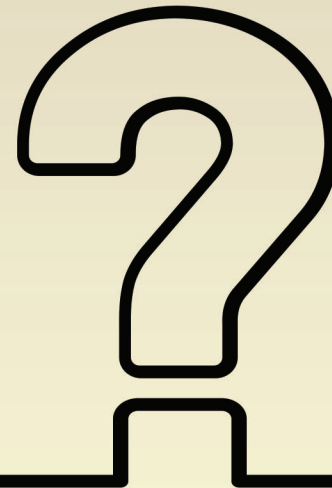
Big Question #13 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

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



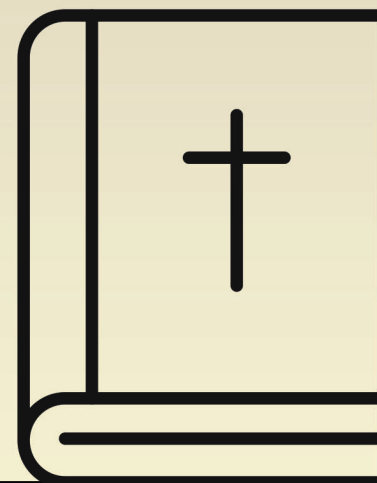
Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #13, Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse Song:

Blessed Be the God and Father: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Comforts us in all our affliction,
That we may comfort those,
In any affliction, In any affliction,
With the comfort with which we're comforted by God.
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Second Corinthians Chapter One, verses three and 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.

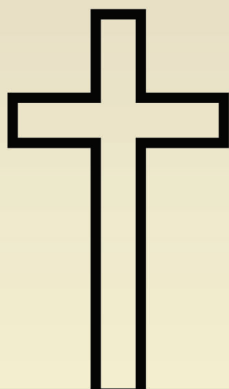
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

"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.

