



# Detective Dan's Big Question Box



**Big Question #14, Bible Truth 2**

**The Case of the Slow Sorry**





"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!"







Big Question  
Box Song

DEEP  
DOWN  
DETECTIVES



"Wow, look at this! It's Detective Dan's briefcase with a new case for us. It says, 'How Does God Want Us to Pray?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."





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





DEEP  
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Q: HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO PRAY?  
A: EVERY NIGHT AND DAY...

PSALM  
32:5

HE WANTS US TO CONFESS OUR ???? TO HIM.

Hint: "Bible word for disobeying  
God and His good laws. Starts with  
an "S" and rhymes with "wins."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our ???? to Him. Psalm 32:5." Hint: "Bible word for disobeying God and His good laws. Starts with an "S" and rhymes with "wins."





## **Psalms 32:5**

**"I  
acknowledged  
my sin to you...**

**and you  
forgave  
my sin."**



**I Acknowledged  
My Sin  
Psalms 32:5**

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalms 32:5, and read: "I acknowledged my sin to you.... and you forgave my sin."







Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! We are all sinners who need God's forgiveness every day of our lives. He loves to hear us confess our sins and desires to forgive us."





Q: HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO PRAY?  
A: EVERY NIGHT AND DAY...

PSALM  
32:5

HE WANTS US TO CONFESS OUR SINS TO HIM.

"Our Big Question is: How Does God Want Us to Pray? And the answer is: Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to Confess Our SINS to Him." "Great job, kids! You did it!"





Big Question 14  
Tell Me More  
Song



We all disobey God and deserve His punishment. That's why we like to cover up the bad things we do from God and others. We don't want anyone to know about them, and we don't want to be punished for them. But God's people confess their sins to God, instead of covering them up. And what does God do then? He forgives them! God can forgive our sins, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. That's how we become God's people and live as God's people.







Bible Chant  
Song

## ***"The Case of the Slow Sorry"***

2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21



"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 Slow Sorry.' Listen for who the LORD forgave when he confessed his sins."

# "The Case of the Slow Sorry" 2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21

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for  
older kids



## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God and ask for forgiveness? What did he need to confess to doing?
2. What did God do when he finally did confess his sins and ask for forgiveness?

## Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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### Psalms 32:5, ESV

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God?
2. What did God do for him when he did confess his sins?

(more listening and discussion  
questions are included in the  
curriculum at [praisefactory.org](http://praisefactory.org))

Something to Grow Into





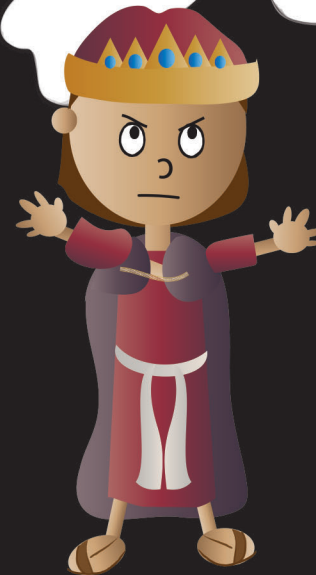
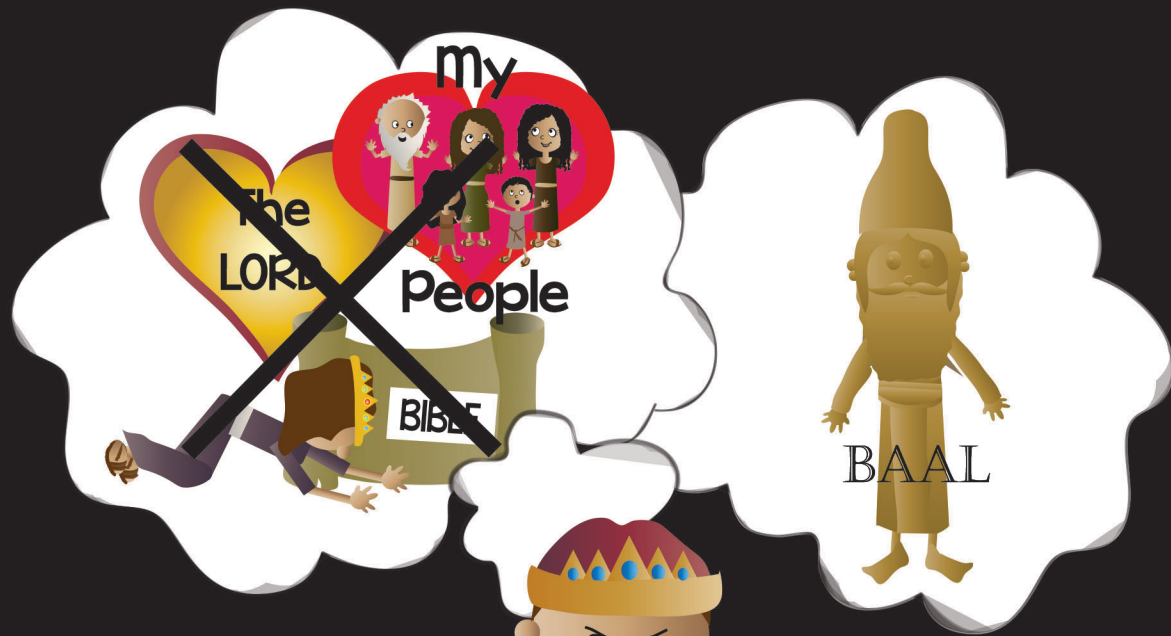
I. Prince Manasseh was King Hezekiah's son. He grew up hearing about the LORD and knowing the right way to live. He learned God's Word and went to the Temple with his father to offer worship gifts to the LORD. Prince Manasseh did all of this because his father loved the LORD.





2. And when mighty enemies attacked Israel, little Prince Manasseh saw the LORD use His even mightier, marvelous power to defeat them. Prince Manasseh saw all this because his father, King Hezekiah, loved the LORD.





3. But, when Prince Manasseh was just twelve years old, his father died, and he became KING Manasseh. And King Manasseh did NOT love the LORD. He put fake gods in the Temple and offered worship gifts to them. And he ordered all the people of Israel to worship those fake gods, too.





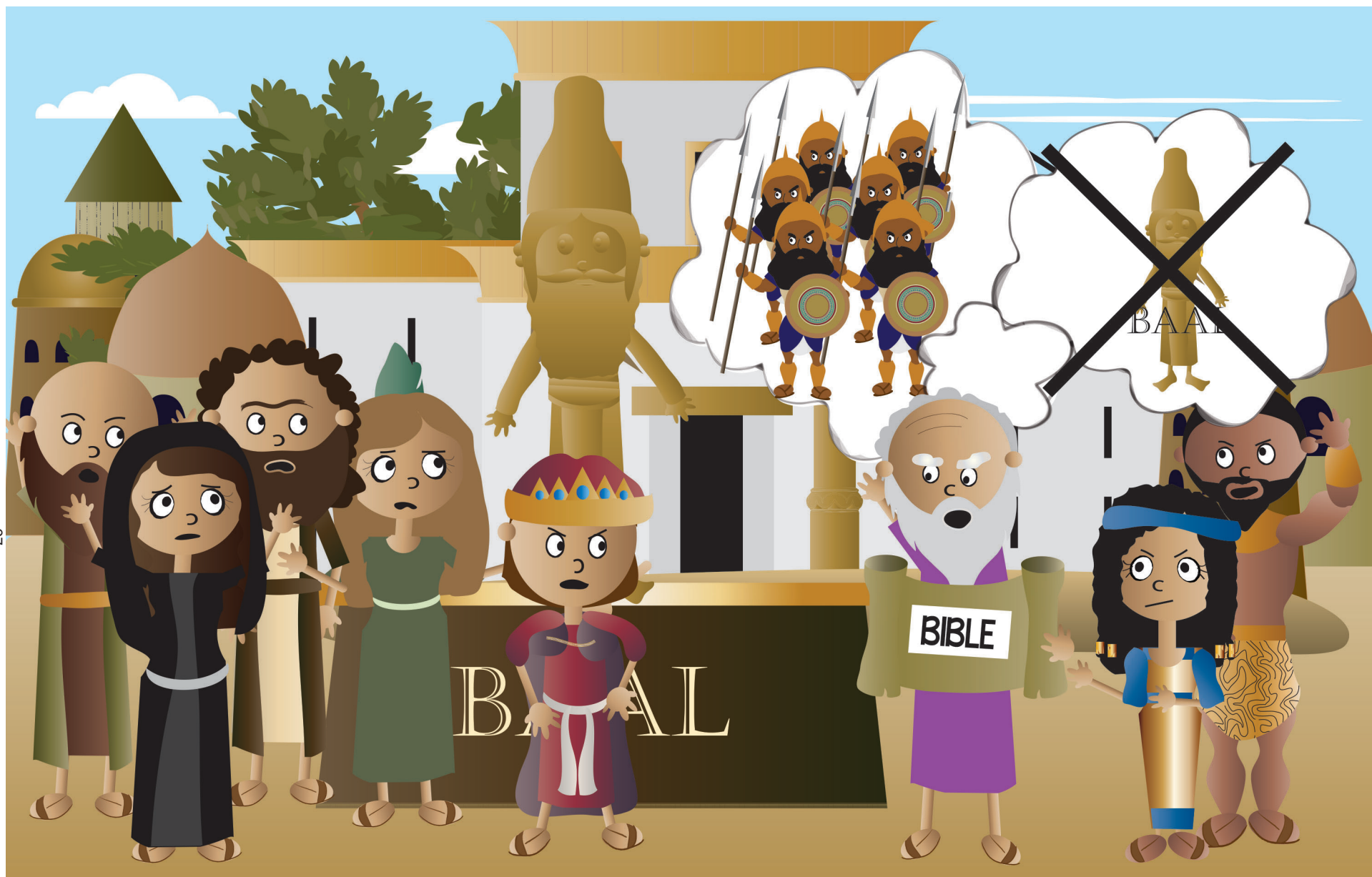


mercy

4. King Manasseh and the people of Israel deserved the LORD's punishment for the terrible things they did. But the LORD is a God, so merciful and gracious that He gave King Manasseh and the people of Israel a chance to turn away from their sins and be forgiven.







5. "Turn away from the fake gods! Turn back to Me!" the LORD urged them through His messengers, the prophets. "If you don't, I will discipline you to help you turn back to Me," the LORD warned. But neither Manasseh nor the people listened. So at last, the LORD disciplined them.

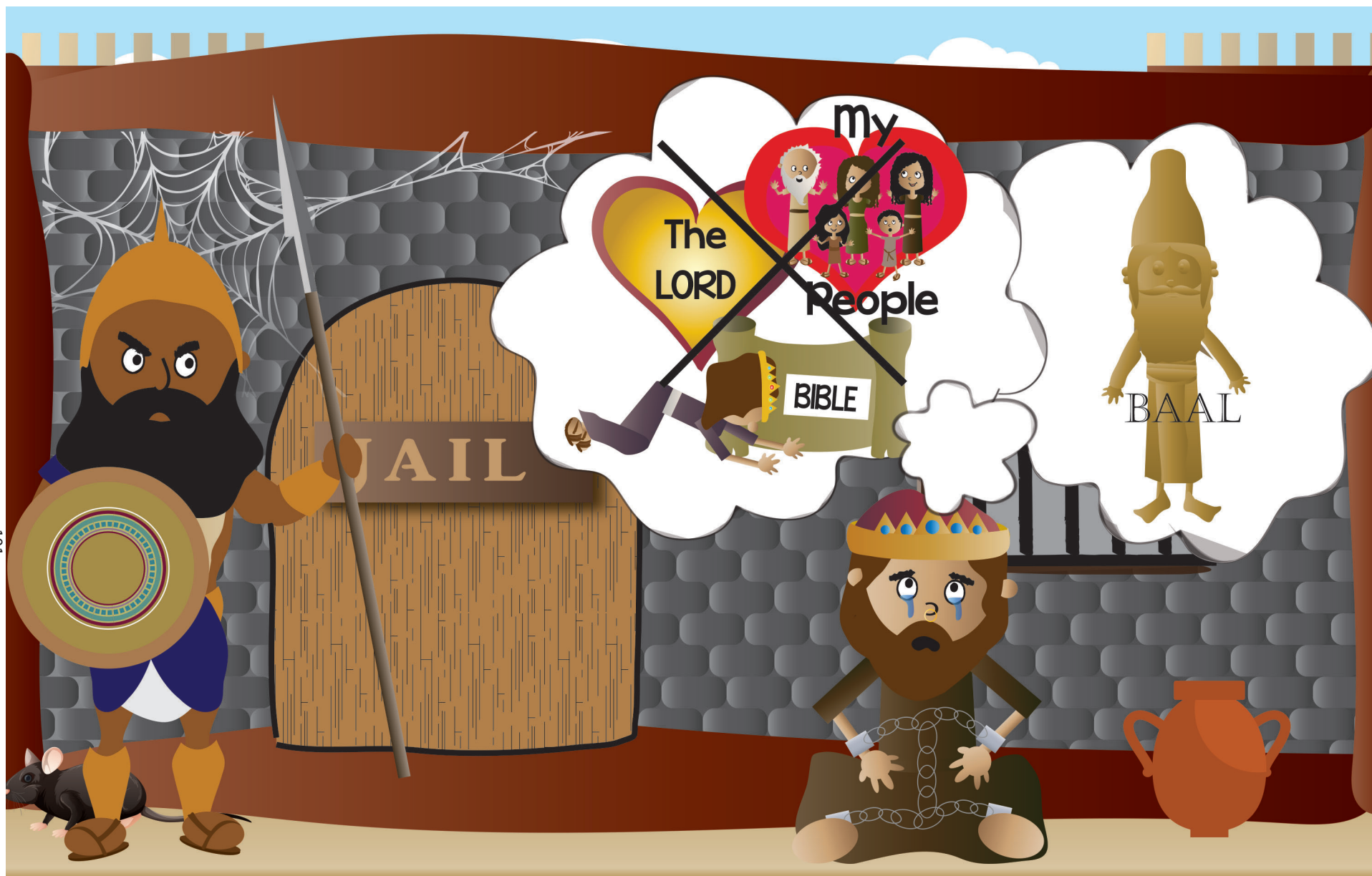




6. "March, march, march," came the mighty Assyrian army into Jerusalem and captured King Manasseh. They grabbed him and tied him up with heavy metal chains. They put a hook through his NOSE and made him their slave. They took him back to Nineveh and put him in jail.







7. Manasseh had lots to think about in jail. He had chosen to disobey the LORD and His good ways. He had chosen to worship fake gods and made the people worship them, too. He had even refused the LORD's mercy to turn back to Him.

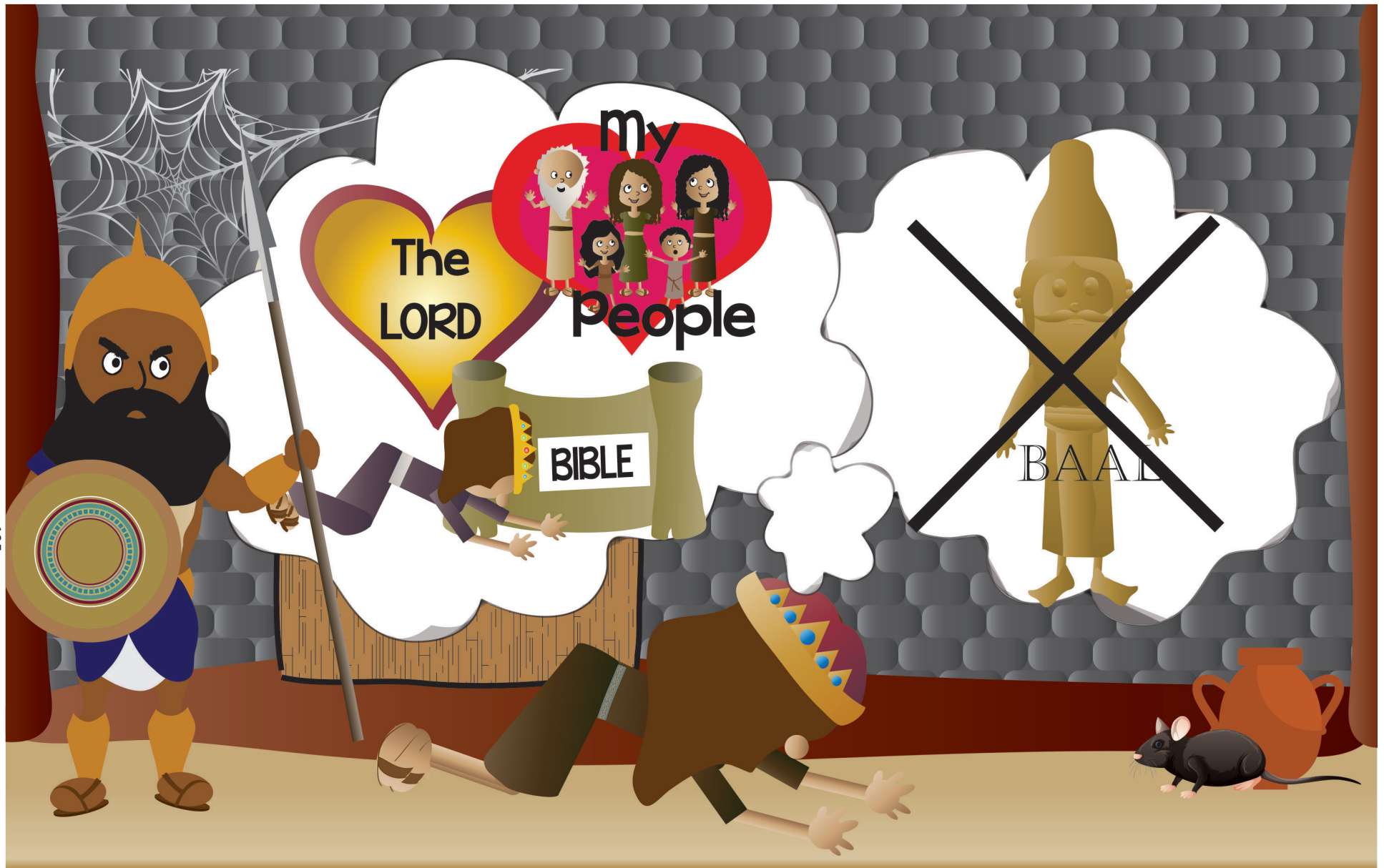




8. Now, Manasseh could see just how very sinful he had been. He had treated God like his enemy. He deserved for the LORD to punish him and never forgive him or help him. And yet, King Manasseh decided to confess his sins and ask for the LORD's forgiveness anyway.







9. "Help me, LORD. Forgive me," Manasseh pleaded. "I have done terrible things. I have disobeyed You and made the people of Israel disobey You, too," he confessed. "But have mercy on me, LORD. I am turning away from my life of sin. Please forgive me!" he asked. What would the LORD do?





10. The LORD heard King Manasseh confess his sins and forgave him. He rescued him from Nineveh so he could go back home to Jerusalem. He even let Manasseh be king over Israel again. How very gracious the LORD is to those who confess their sins and turn from them!







II. What a different king Manasseh was now! He got rid of all the fake gods and brought back the worship of the LORD in the Temple. He led the people of Israel in loving and praising the LORD, like his father, Hezekiah, had.





12. King Manasseh never forgot how the LORD forgave him when he confessed his sins to Him. And King Manasseh showed it, by loving the LORD and living for Him for the rest of his life.





# "The Case of the Slow Sorry"

Q: "Who did the LORD forgive when he confessed his sins?"

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younger  
kids



GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him.

A: "King Manesseh."

# "The Case of the Slow Sorry" 2 Chronicles 33; 2 Kings 21

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God and ask for forgiveness? What did he need to confess to doing? King Manasseh. He needed to confess worshiping fake gods and many other terrible things.

2. What did God do when he finally did confess his sins and ask for forgiveness? God forgave him. He had him freed from prison to go home. He gave Manasseh another chance to get rid of the fake gods and stop doing the terrible things he used to do.

For You and Me:

Like King Manasseh, we are all sinners with sinful hearts and lives. We need to confess our sins to God and ask Him to forgive us. Like King Manasseh, we can never deserve God's forgiveness. But also, like King Manasseh, when we turn away from our sins and turn to God, He will forgive our sins. Isn't God so good to us through Jesus!

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### Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 32:5, ESV

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity...and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

1. Who was slow to confess his sins to God? King Manasseh.

2. What did God do for him when he did confess his sins? God forgave his sins and even set him free to return home to be king again. How merciful is the LORD!

For You and Me:

Like King Manasseh, we are all sinners with sinful hearts and lives. We need to confess our sins to God and ask Him to forgive us. Like King Manasseh, we can never deserve God's forgiveness. But also, like King Manasseh, when we turn away from our sins and turn to God, He will forgive our sins. Isn't God so good to us through Jesus!

## Something to Grow Into



How Does God Want Us to Pray?  
Every Night and Day...  
He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him!

# The Gospel

God's people know that they, like all people, are sinners who have disobeyed God. They know they deserve His punishment. But, they also know that God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus, to be their Savior.

Jesus lived a perfect life, and then He offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, all who confess their sins to God, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven. They get to be God's people. We can become God's people, too, when we confess our sins to God and turn away from them, trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to do this!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



"God delights in our prayers. Let's pray to Him now."

## A Prayer

We praise You, God, for being the God who forgives sins.

Thank You for sending Jesus so our sins can be forgiven.

Work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You. Help us to turn away from them and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song





# Something to Grow Into

## A Prayer

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**A** We praise You, God, for being perfectly holy. You are good and great. You hate sin!

**C** God, we know that You and Your laws are good, yet we have all chosen to rebel against You. We have chosen not to love You as You deserve. We have chosen to break Your good laws. We need a Savior!

**T** Thank You, God, for offering forgiveness for our sins through Jesus when we trust in Him as our Savior. Thank You for providing a way for us to be Your people.

**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Show us how we rebel against You and Your good laws. Help us to confess our sins to You and turn away from them. Help us to live for You.

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 #14

### Simple Song

How does God want us to pray?

Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?

Ev'ry night and day!

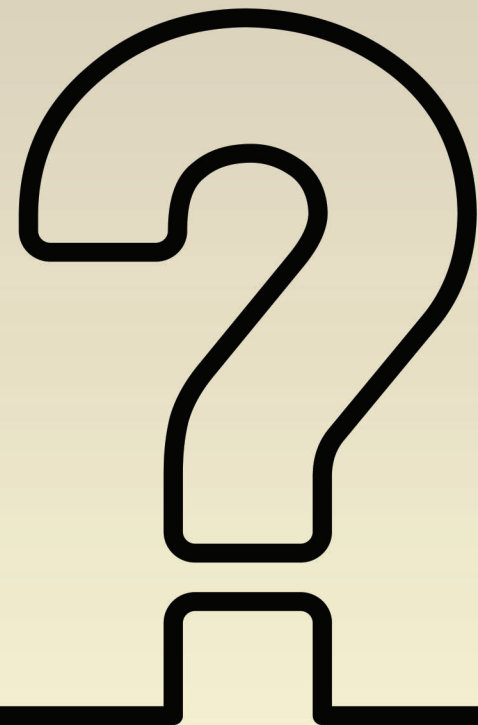
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,

Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,

Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?

Ev'ry night and day!



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

Big Question #14 Tell Me More Song  
How Does God Want Us to Pray?

How does God want us to pray?  
Every night and day the ACTS way!  
How does God want us to pray?  
Every night and day the ACTS way!  
The ACTS way, what's it all about?  
The ACTS way, I just can't figure out!

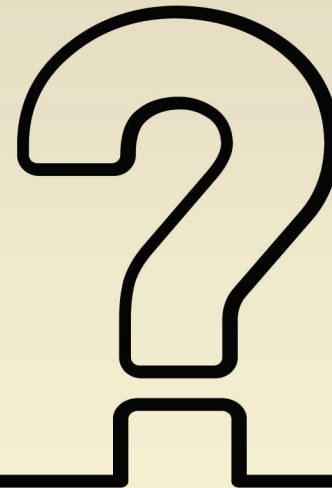
Refrain

A-C-T-S, say it with a shout,  
ACTS! I could tell you more,  
But I'd rather act it out.

A, A, A, stands for Adoration,  
We praise You, God of all creation,  
C, C, C, stands for Confession,  
We're sorry, God, to You our sins confessin,'  
Refrain

T, T, T, stands for Thanksgiving,  
Thank You, God, for the good things  
You have given,  
S, S, S, Stands for Supplication,  
Help us, Lord, the God of our salvation.

A-C-T-S, Say it with a shout, ACTS!  
Now I've told you,  
Now let's go and act it out.



Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

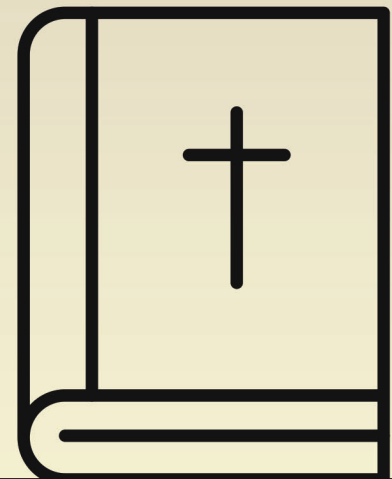
Big Question #14, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

I Acknowledged My Sin: Psalm 32:5



I acknowledged my sin to you,  
And did not cover up my iniquity,  
And you forgave, and you forgave,  
Yes, you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
And did not cover up my iniquity,  
And you forgave, and you forgave,  
Yes, you forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
Psalm Thirty-two, verse five.



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



## Big Question #14 Hymn

### What A Friend We Have in Jesus

#### Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our  
sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry,  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

#### Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!



## Big Question #14 Praise Song

### Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#### Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

#### Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

#### Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

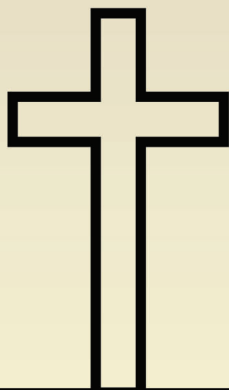
“Let’s praise the Lord for wanting to hear our prayers!”



## 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.

