



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #14, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You



"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, '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 third of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my bowtie. See if you can find the answer in God's Word. See you soon, Detective Dan!"



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

HE WANTS US TO ???? HIM.

PSALM
107:8

Hint: "What you say when someone
does something nice for you. Starts
with "P" and rhymes with "plank."

The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day... He Wants Us to ???? Him. Psalm 107:8." Hint: "What you say when someone does something nice for you. Starts with "P" and rhymes with "plank."

Psalms 107:8

**“Give thanks to
the LORD for
His unfailing
love**

**and his
wonderful
deeds for
men.”**



Give Thanks to Lord
Psalms 107:8

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalms 107:8, and read: “Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this third truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! God has done so much for His people. He has loved them more than they could ever deserve. Every day, they have so much to thank Him for."



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A: EVERY NIGHT AND DAY...

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



God's people have so much to thank God for! Every day, they see His unfailing love in His good gifts to them. Every day, they thank Him for the wonderful things He does, especially for them, His people. And what do they thank Him for most of all? That He sent His Son, Jesus, to die to save them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Then we can thank Him for being our Savior, too!



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You"

Jonah



"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 Wet and Wild Thank You.' Listen for what Jonah thanked God for doing."

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You" The Book of Jonah

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who got wet in the wild storm? Why did he get so wet?
2. What did he thank God for doing?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Psalms 107:8, NIV

"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men."

1. Who had something wonderful to thank God for? What was it?
2. How did the LORD show His unfailing love to him?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. The LORD had a job for Jonah. "Go to Nineveh, the city of the Assyrians, your enemies. Give them this message: "I've seen the terrible things you Assyrians have done. In forty days, I'm going to punish you for them," the LORD said.



2. Prophets, like Jonah, were supposed to give the LORD's messages, but this time, Jonah refused. "If I take this message, the Assyrians might turn to the LORD and not be punished. I don't want Him to have mercy on them!" Jonah thought. "I'm not giving them this message. I'm running away."



3. So, Jonah went to Joppa, by the sea. He got on board a boat headed to Tarshish --a city as far away from Nineveh as he could get. Jonah was running from the LORD and from his job. He would not be part of the LORD's plan of mercy this time. No, he would not!



4. Jonah hated the Assyrians for the sinful things they had done, but forgot he was a sinner, too. Why, he was even disobeying the LORD that very minute, as he sailed to Tarshish! He deserved God's punishment and needed His mercy as much as the Assyrians, as he soon found out.



5. Suddenly, a big storm struck. The boat was tossed in the storm. It would sink if something wasn't done quickly. "Help us!" the sailors cried to their fake gods, but the storm kept raging. They threw supplies off the boat to make it lighter, but it wasn't enough. Was there no hope?



6. There WAS hope, but only Jonah knew Who could rescue them. It was the LORD. He had brought this big storm, and it was only He who could help them out of it.



7. The sailors found Jonah asleep and woke him up. "Get up, Jonah! Cry out to your God! Perhaps He can help us!" they pleaded. Jonah knew the LORD could help them, but it would take more than praying to Him for this storm to stop.



8. "The LORD brought this storm upon us because I've disobeyed Him," Jonah told them. "Throw me off the ship if you want the storm to stop," he said. The sailors didn't want to throw Jonah overboard, but the storm would drown them all, if they didn't. So, into the sea they sent Jonah.



9. Immediately, the sea grew calm --Jonah's God was God. But Jonah sank down to the depths of the sea. He knew he deserved this punishment, but he cried out to the LORD anyway. The LORD heard Jonah and sent a giant fish to swallow him, keeping him safe and alive in its big belly.



10. Three days and nights, Jonah lay in that fish belly. "I was sinking down in the stormy waters about to die. I deserved Your punishment, but You rescued me. Thank You for saving me!" Jonah said to the LORD. Then, the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spit Jonah out on the beach.



II. Now, Jonah was ready to obey. He went to Nineveh and gave the king his message. "The LORD says: 'I've seen the terrible things you've done. In forty days, I'm going to punish you for them.'" The Assyrians worshiped fake gods, not the LORD. Would the king listen? Would he believe?



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12. The king believed. "Let no one eat or drink but spend your time praying to the LORD. Turn from your sins. Perhaps He'll have mercy and not punish us," he exclaimed. And the LORD DID have mercy on them. On Day Forty, He didn't punish them. How thankful were the Assyrians!

"The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You"

Q: "What did Jonah thank God for doing?"

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Help me,
LORD!

GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Thank Him.

A: "For rescuing him instead of letting him drown."

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who got wet in the wild storm? Why did he get so wet? Jonah did. He was thrown into the sea when he admitted that his sin against the LORD was the reason for the storm.

2. What did he thank God for doing?
For not letting him drown in the sea, but rescuing him with the big fish. God was merciful to Jonah.

For You and Me:

We may never get thrown into a stormy sea or need God to rescue us by being swallowed by a huge fish. But, there is still something we need God to rescue us from. Something BIGGER than the stormy sea. We need Him to rescue us from the punishment we deserve from Him for our sins! God provides us that rescue through Jesus when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And if we do, we will have far more than Jonah did to thank God for!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 107:8, NIV

"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men."

1. Who had something wonderful to thank God for? What was it? Jonah. For rescuing him from dying in the sea.

2. How did the LORD show His unfailing love to him?
He rescued Jonah and gave him another chance to obey Him.

For You and Me:

We may never get thrown into a stormy sea or need God to rescue us from being swallowed by a huge fish. But, there is still something we need God to rescue us from. Something BIGGER than the stormy sea. We need Him to rescue us from the punishment we deserve from Him for our sins! God provides us that rescue through Jesus when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. And if we do, we will have far more than Jonah did to thank God for!

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Something to Grow Into

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

The Gospel

There are many things that God's people thank God for. They know He is the One who gives them everything good that they enjoy.

But most of all, God's people love to thank God for saving them from their sins and making them His people. How amazing it is that God would send His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take God's punishment for their sins. And, that on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for them. They thank God for His work in their hearts.

He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, and will keep helping them their whole lives.

We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Ask Him 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 gives us all the good things we enjoy.

Thank You most of all for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need.

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

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song



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A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for being so good to us. You fill our lives with so many good gifts! You make the way for us to be Your people.

C God, so often we forget just how good You have been to us. We forget that the good gifts we enjoy each day come from You. We forget how amazing it is that You would save us and make us Your people through Jesus. How ungrateful we are! Oh, how we need a Savior!

T Thank You for continuing to be so good to us, even when we forget to be grateful to You. Thank You for all of Your good gifts that we enjoy each day. Thank You, especially, for sending Jesus to be our Savior, so we can become Your people.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to see more of Your good gifts and thank You for them.

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!

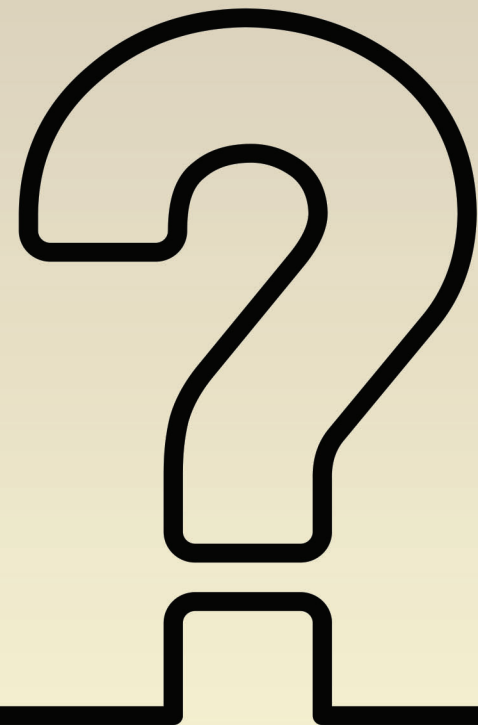
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,

Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,

Ev'ry night and day!

How does God want us to pray?

Ev'ry night and day!



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!

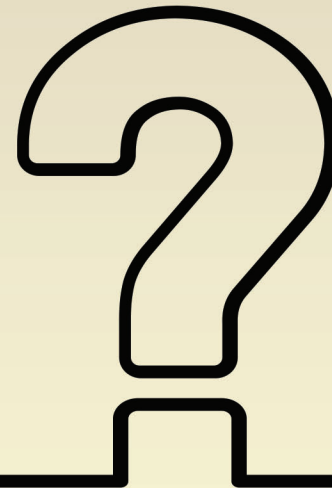
Refrain

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.

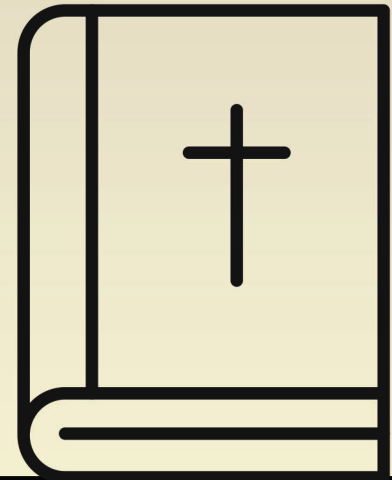


Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #14, Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:

Give Thanks: Psalm 107:8

Give thanks, give thanks,
Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love,
Give thanks, give thanks,
Give thanks to the LORD for His marvelous deeds
For men.
Psalm One-o-seven, eight,
Give thanks!



"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

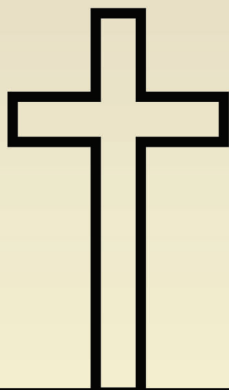
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

“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.

