



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #14, Bible Truth 4
The Case of the Daring Pray-ers



"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 last of four missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my invisible ink. 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...

PSALM
17:6

HE WANTS US TO ???? HIM TO DO GREAT THINGS.

Hint: "What do we do when we need
someone to help us. Starts with "A"
and rhymes with "mask."

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 to Do Great Things. Psalm 17:6." Hint: "What do we do when we need someone to help us. Starts with "A" and rhymes with "mask."

Psalm 17:6

**"I call
upon you,**

**for you
will answer
me, O God."**



I Call on You
Psalm 17:6

The kids knew what to do next! They opened their Bible to Psalm 17:6, and read: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God."



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fourth truth about how God wants us to pray?" he asked. "We think so! God loves to be asked to do great things, and He loves to answer those prayers. Every day, there is so much to ask Him to do."



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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 ASK Him to Do Great Things." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



The LORD is the one, true God. He loves His people and is mighty to help them. He wants them to ask Him to do great things. So, they ask Him to help them live for Him. They ask Him to help them love others and share the good news of Jesus. They ask Him to make His name known throughout the world. The best, first prayer we can ask God to answer is to help us turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Daring Pray-ers"

Acts 3-4



"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 Daring Pray-ers.' Listen for what the believers asked God to help them do."

"The Case of the Daring Pray-ers" Acts 3-4

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened when Peter prayed for the lame man?
2. What happened when the believers asked God to make them bold?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 17:6, ESV

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."

1. Who called on God to make them bold?
2. How did God answer their prayers?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. The first Christians gathered together to pray. They had much to talk to God about! They praised Him for loving His people more than they deserved. They confessed their sins and thanked Him for His forgiveness through Jesus. Praise, confess, thank you. They prayed these ways.

GLORY



2. But there was something else those first Christians prayed as they gathered together. They asked God to do amazing things that would bring Him GLORY. That is, they wanted others to know Him and see how great He is.



3. "Use us to show others what You're like. Help us love as You have loved us," they asked the LORD. "Do powerful things that show Jesus is God's Son. Make us bold to tell others the good news of Jesus, even when enemies hurt us. We want to bring You glory," they prayed.



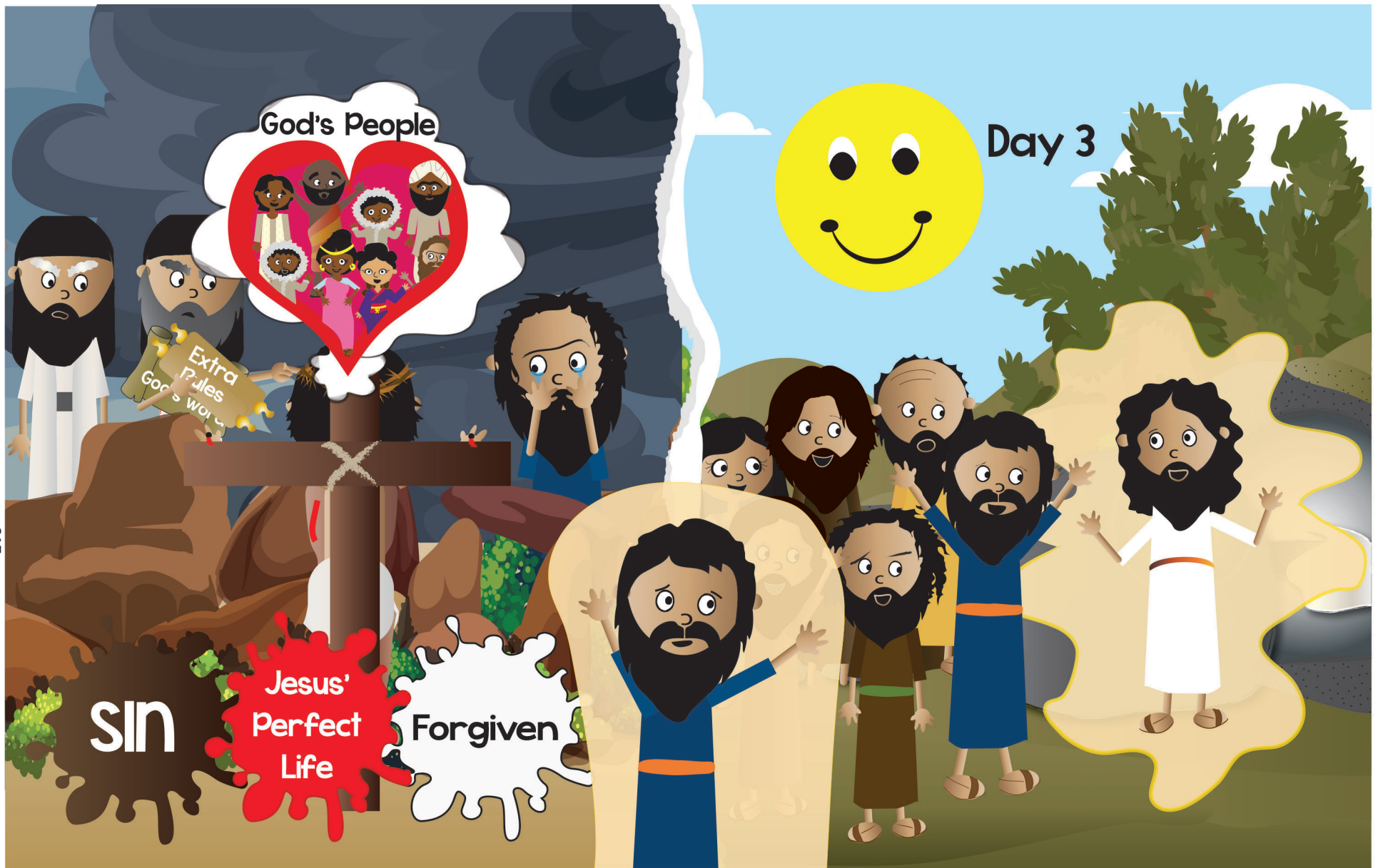
4. Peter and John saw God answer these prayers, as they passed through the Temple gates one Sabbath. Sitting there on a mat was a lame man. His legs never worked. He never walked. Day after day, he was carried to the gates to beg money from people going to the Temple.



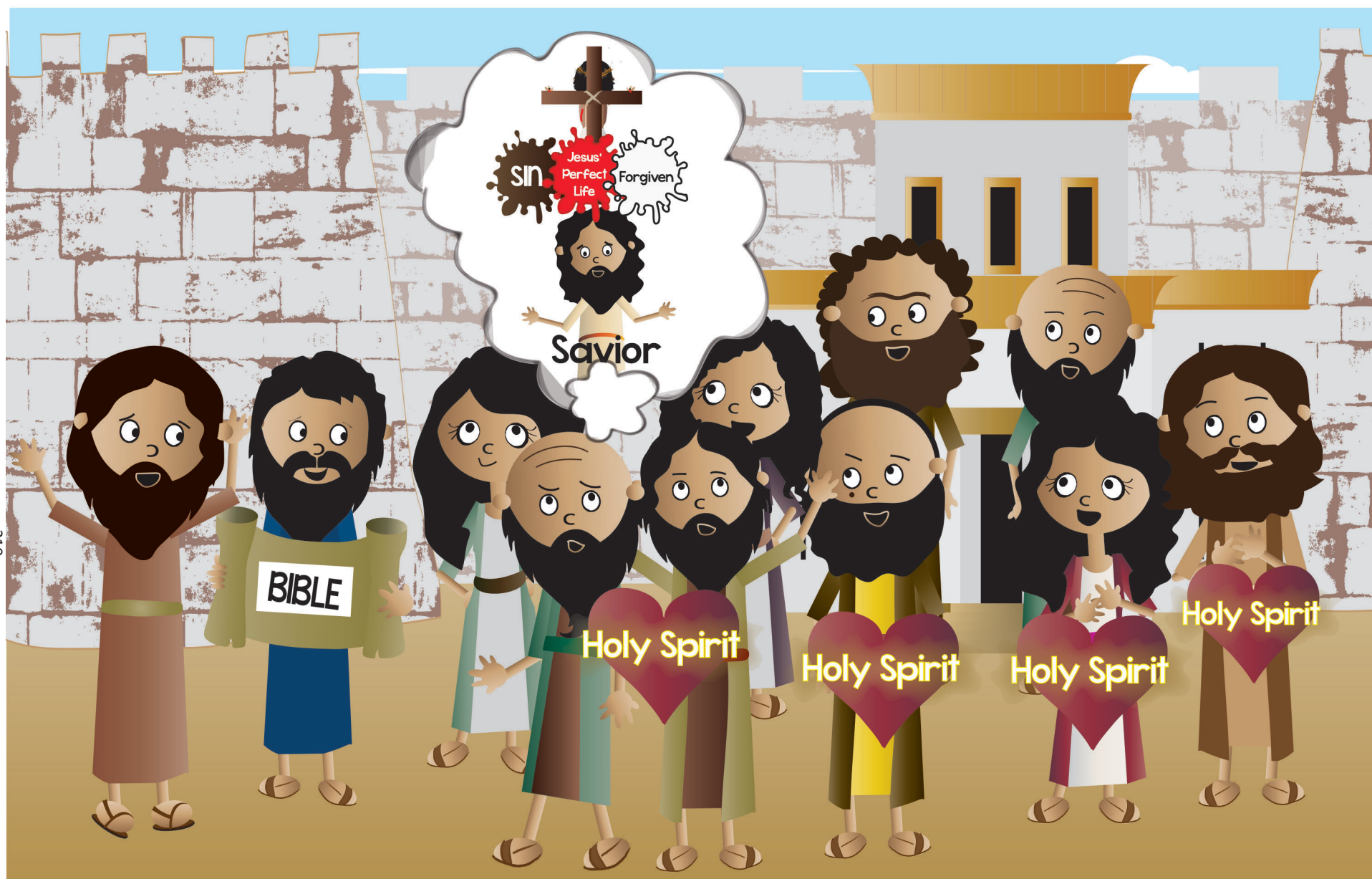
5. The lame man asked Peter and John for money as they went by, but God had something better to give this man. "I don't have money to give you," Peter said to the man, "But what I have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk!" And the man did!



6. Together, Peter, John, and the beggar man went into the Temple, with the excited man walking, leaping, and praising God. Peter and John praised God, too. God was answering their prayers to do amazing things that help people trust in Jesus.



7. "The lame man is healed!" people exclaimed and gathered around to hear what happened. "This man has been healed through Jesus, God's Son," Peter said. "Jesus died on the cross to save God's people, then He rose from the dead. Turn from your sins and trust Him as your Savior," he urged.



8. God's Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many as Peter preached, and they believed. Peter and John were so happy. But the Temple leaders were not happy at all! "Arrest Peter and John. Put them in jail. Jesus is just a fake. We must punish these Christians and stop them."



9. Soldiers put Peter and John in jail. The next morning, they were brought before the Temple leaders. "Jesus is just a fake! Stop saying God is doing amazing things through Him!" the leaders ordered Peter and John. "If you don't stop, we'll have to hurt you," they warned.



10. But Peter and John stood firm. "We won't stop TALKING about Jesus. We won't stop DOING amazing things through Jesus. He really IS the Savior! We don't care what you do to us," The leaders were amazed. There was nothing else they could do, so they let Peter and John go.

**“Praise God! He is so good and great!”
“Save more people! Help us be brave!”**



II. Peter and John found the other Christians and told them all the amazing things God had done. Together, they praised God. They asked Him for boldness to tell more people about Jesus and for power to do more amazing things in Jesus' name. They wanted to spread His glory.

Holy Spirit



12. And that just what God did, through His people, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

"The Case of the Daring Pray-ers"

Q: "What did the believers ask
God to do?"

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"praise God! He is so good and great!"
"Save more people! Help us be brave!"

GOD WANTS US TO PRAY...

He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things

A: "For boldness to tell more people about Jesus and power to do amazing things in Jesus' name."

"The Case of the Daring Pray-ers" Acts 3-4

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened when Peter prayed for the lame man?
God healed him so he could walk!
2. What happened when the believers asked God to make them bold?
God worked in their hearts and made them bold to keep on telling about Jesus.

For You and Me:

God loves for His people to ask Him to help them. They need His help to live for Him. God wants them to depend upon Him. This shows them how much He loves them and what a great God He is. God wants us to pray and ask Him for help, too. He wants us to ask him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And He wants us to ask Him to help us live for Him all the days of our lives.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Psalms 17:6, ESV

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."

1. Who called on God to make them bold?
God's people, gathered together.

2. How did God answer their prayers?
God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and made them bold to speak about Him.

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Something to Grow Into

How Does God Want Us to Pray?
Every Night and Day...
He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things!

The Gospel



God's people ask God to do many things. They know that He can do great things, since He's already done the greatest thing of all: save them from their sins.

You see, all people have chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for their sins. But God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, and He offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He died on the cross. Then, on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death! God's people know if Jesus could do this for them, there is nothing He cannot do for their good and to show how great God is. They ask Him to do more great things in them and in the world.

God can do great things in us, too. If we ask Him, He can work in our hearts and make us His people. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

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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 mighty to answer our prayers.

Thank You most of all for sending Jesus to be the Savior we need, and the prayer we most need answering.

Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Do great things that show others that You are the one, true God.



ACTS Prayer Song



Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for being so great and so able to help us. You are the God who listens and answers prayer!

C God, we know You answer prayers and can help us, but many times we don't even remember to ask for Your help. We forget You. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, that nothing is too hard for You! Thank You that You are always near and always hear our prayers. Thank You that You have given us what we need most of all: Jesus, to save us from our sins.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to keep talking to You throughout our day. Do great things in our lives. Help us to live for You. Do great things in this world. Help us all to trust in You as our Savior
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!

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Ev'ry night and day!

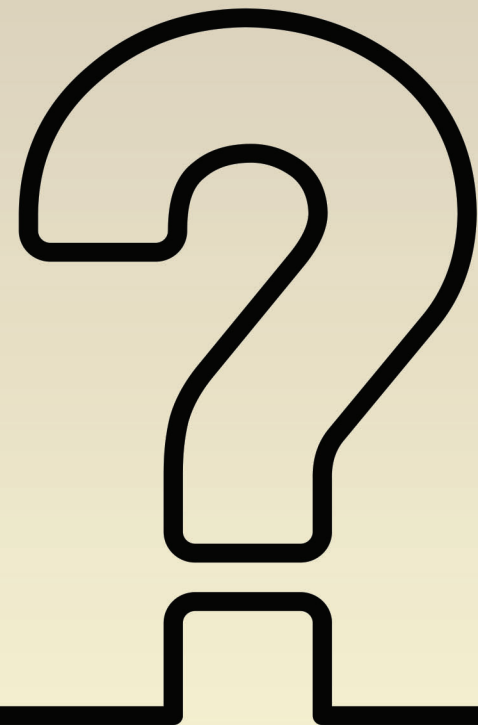
Ev'ry night, ev'ry day,

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!

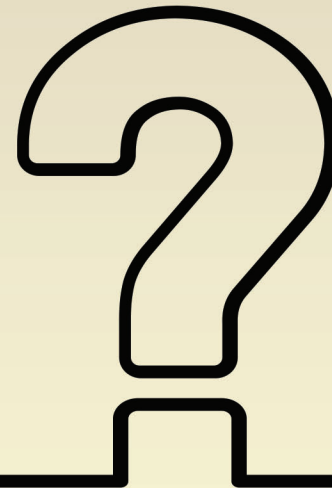
Refrain

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.



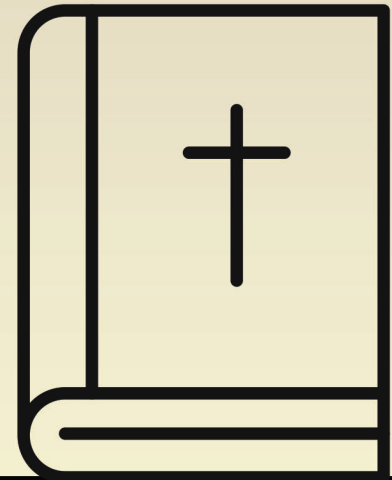
Here are two songs that help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #14, Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:

I Call on You, O God: Psalm 17:6

I call on You, upon You, O God,
For You will answer me, answer me,
Incline Your ear to me, O God.
Hear my, hear my words.

I call on You, upon You, O God,
For You will answer me, answer me,
Incline Your ear to me, O God.
Hear my, hear my words.
Psalm Seventeen, six.



"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

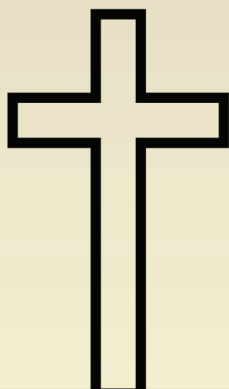
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

“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.

