

Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #15, Bible Truth 1
The Case of the Third Day Yay



"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** Big Question for us. It says, 'Why Do God's People Go to Church?' Come on, everybody. Let's unlock it and see what's inside."



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



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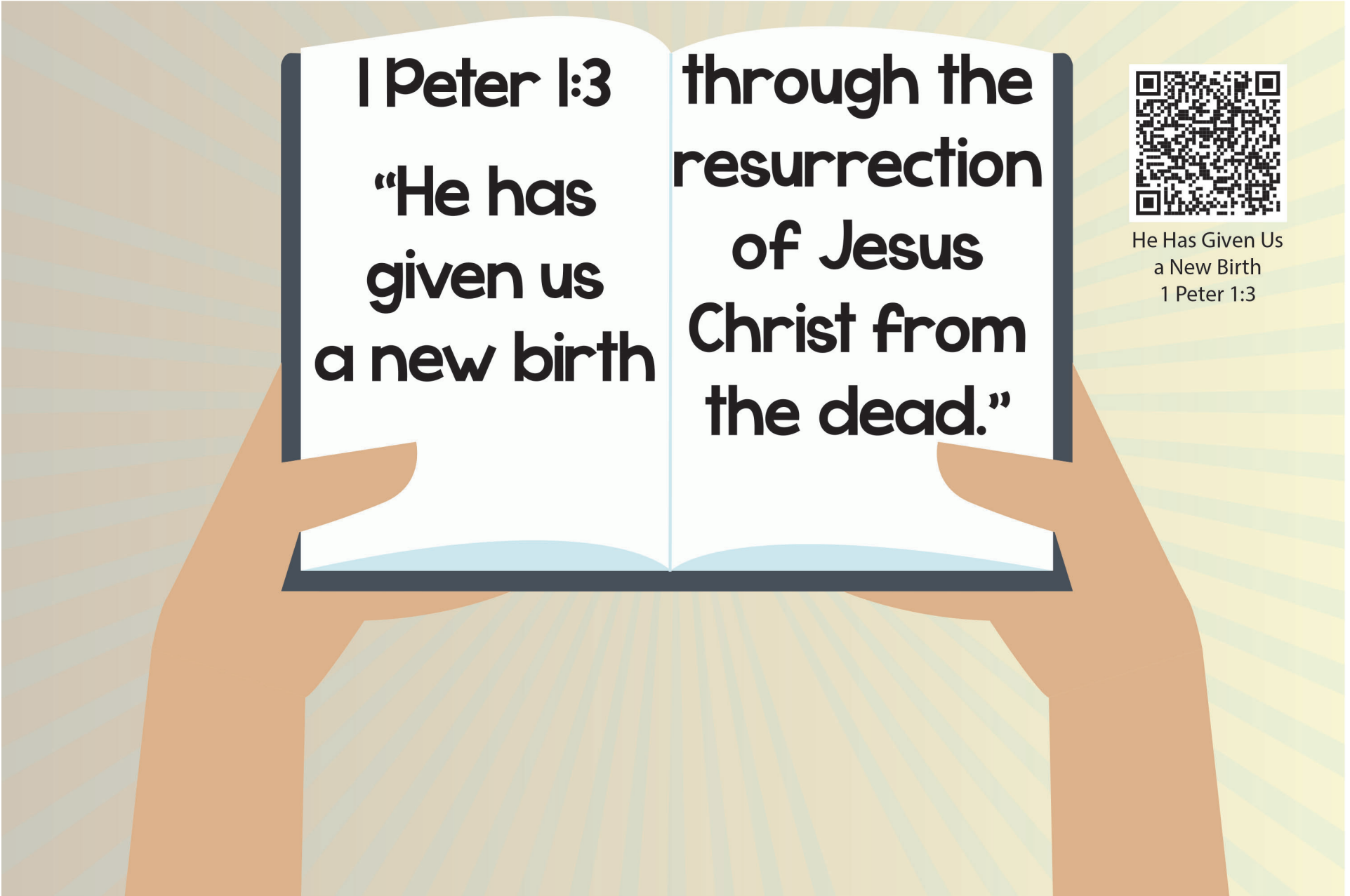
Q: WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH?
A: TO WORSHIP GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER...
BY PRAISING GOD FOR JESUS' WIN OVER ????.

1 PETER
1:3

Hint: "The opposite of alive.
Starts with "D" and
rhymes with "breath."



The Deep Down Detectives found the clue, and read: "Why Do God's People Go to Church? To Worship God and Love One Another... By Praising God for Jesus' Win over ????. 1 Peter 1:3." Hint: "The opposite of alive. Starts with "D" and rhymes with "breath."



1 Peter 1:3

**“He has
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He Has Given Us
a New Birth
1 Peter 1:3

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to 1 Peter 1:3, and read: “He has given us a new birth through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this first truth about why God's people go to church?" he asked. "We think so! Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, that first wonderful Sunday. God's people gather together on Sundays to celebrate what He did."



"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Go to Church? And the answer is: To Worship God and Love One Another... By Praising God for Jesus' Win over DEATH." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 15
Tell Me More
Song



"One sad Friday, Jesus died on the cross for God's people, but He rose from the grave on Day Three --Sunday! That's why God's people gather together on Sundays: to worship God and rejoice that Jesus beat sin and death for them. They look forward to the day when Jesus will come back and God's people will be all together forever as one, big family. That will be best of all! We can be God's people, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Third Day Yay"

Exodus 16,20; Luke 22-24; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2



"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 Third Day Yay.' Listen for why God's people started gathering together on Day Three after Jesus died on the cross."

"The Case of the Third Day Yay"

Exodus 16:20; Luke 22-24; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened on the third day after Jesus died that made the disciples so happy?
2. What day of the week was that third day? What did Jesus' followers keep doing each week to remember that first, wonderful day?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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1 Peter 1:3, HCSB

"He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1. Who celebrated Jesus' resurrection from the dead on that first, wonderful Sunday?
2. How did they receive a new birth into a living hope? What did that mean?

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

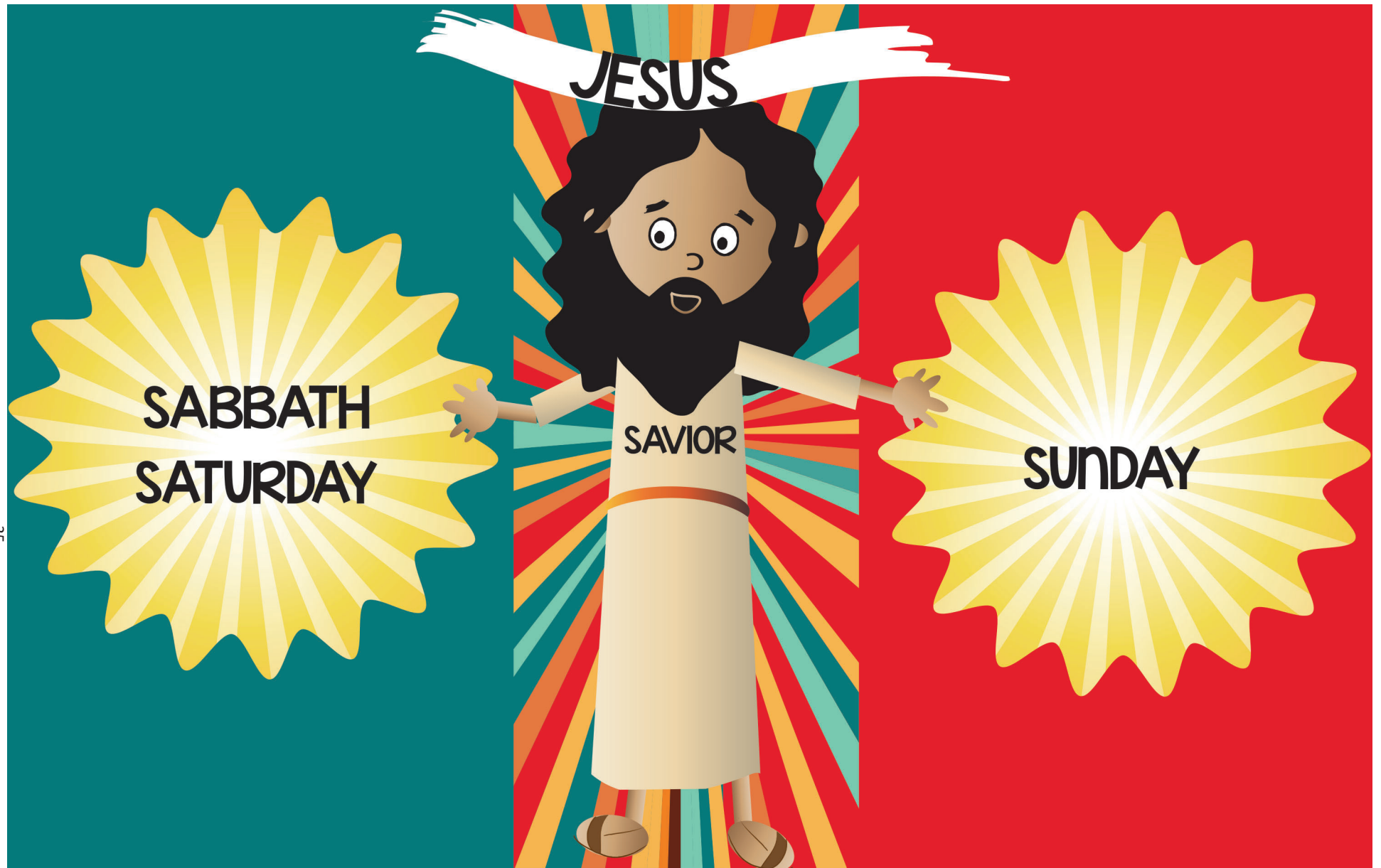
Something to Grow Into



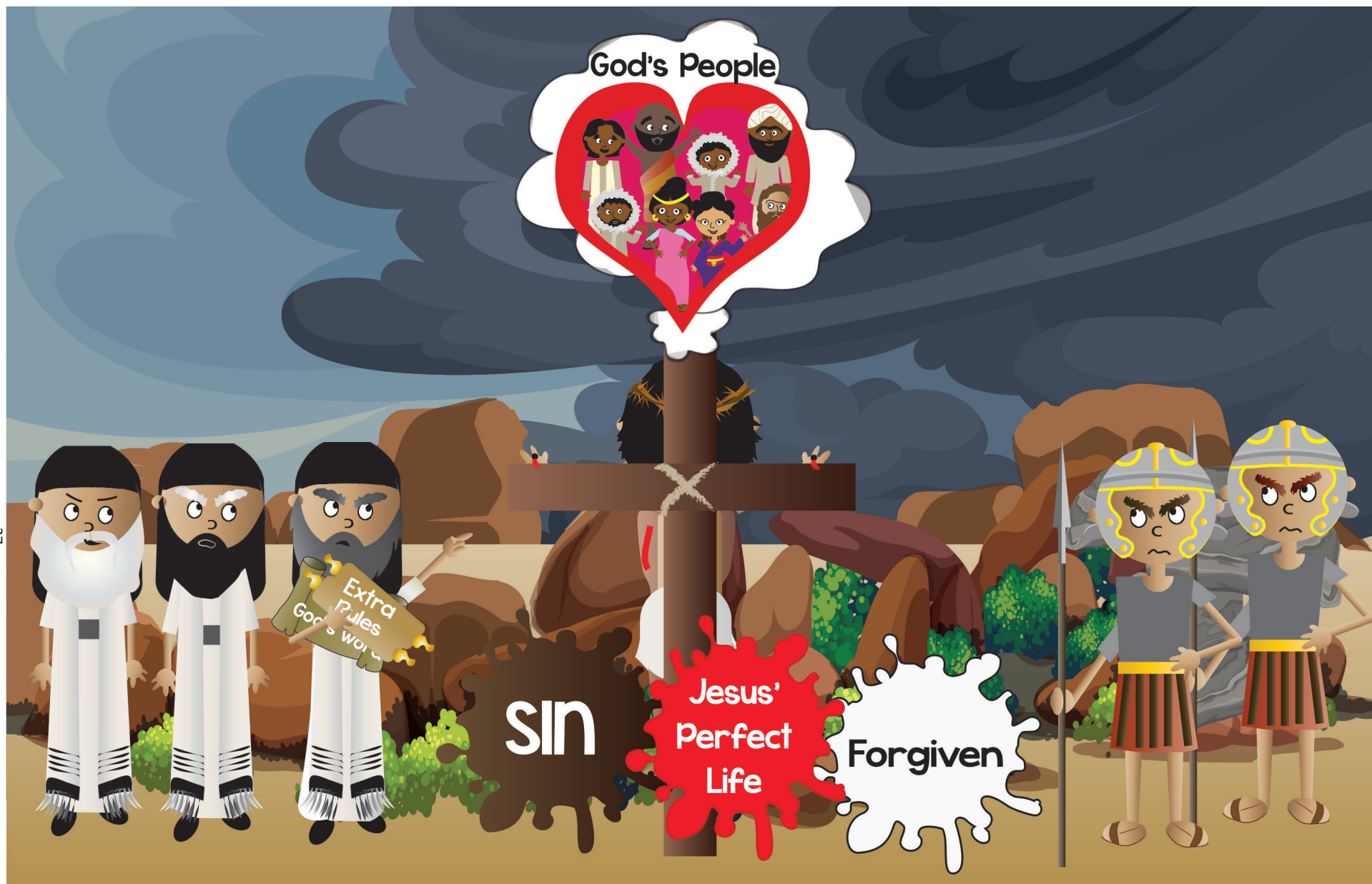
I. Look at all of God's people. Where are they going? Not to the market for food or to the fields for work. Not to any of the places they usually go on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.



2. This was SATURDAY, the Sabbath, the last day of the week. God told His people to keep it as a day of rest and worship. And that's why this day, God's people weren't going to the market or the fields. They were going to gather together to worship God.



3. For hundreds and hundreds of years, the Sabbath-Saturday was the day God's people were to rest from their work, and gather together to worship God. But then, something really big and wonderful happened that changed everything: Jesus came.



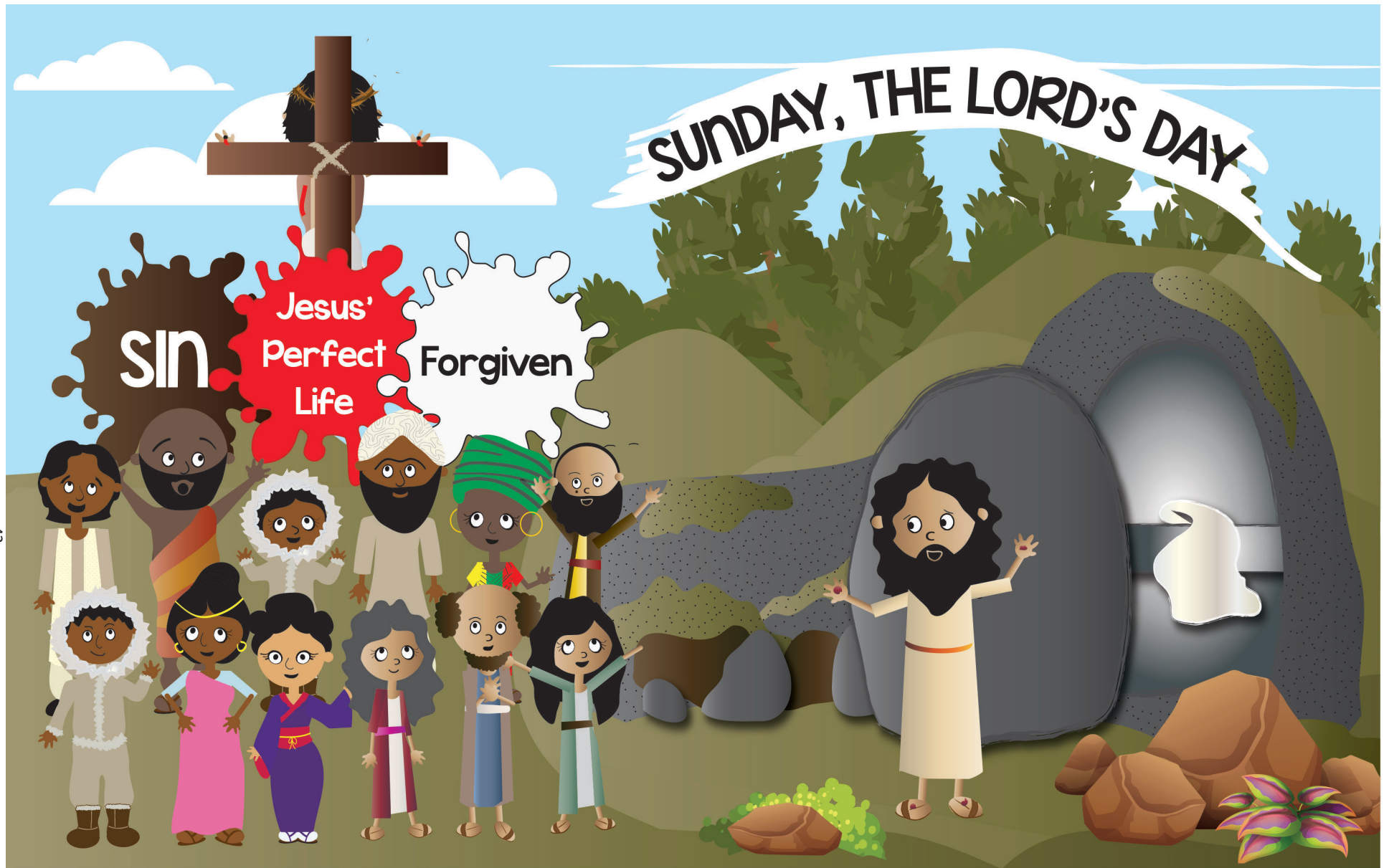
4. Yes, Jesus came to earth to be the Savior of God's people. He lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. He kept God's laws perfectly --every single one! Then, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people, when He suffered and died on the cross.



5. Jesus died and buried that day. In that grave, Jesus' dead body lay all that Friday and all that Sabbath-Saturday. But early the next day--Sunday--God raised Jesus from the dead. Out of that grave cave, Jesus came. He was alive, never to die again.



6. Jesus appeared to many people that day. First, to the women at the empty tomb that morning. And later, to His disciples in Jerusalem that evening. They were all so happy! Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, they could know and love God and enjoy Him forever!



7. What an amazing day was this rise-from-the-dead, Resurrection Sunday! Jesus' followers never wanted to forget it. They started calling Sundays "The Lord's Day." And they started gathering together on IT their special day to worship God, instead of Sabbath-Saturdays.



8. From then on, Jesus' followers gathered every Lord's Day to worship God and love one another. They learned from God's Word, prayed together, and cared for each other's needs. And oh, how loud were their praises because Jesus rose from the dead. Sunday was a big celebration day!

God's Son, Jesus, the Savior



9. But as happy as those first Christians were to celebrate in their little gatherings every Sunday, that wasn't enough. They wanted MORE people to know and love God, and sing His praises. They wanted the WHOLE WORLD to be filled with God's people, and they knew just what to do.



10. "Go into the whole world with the gospel. Teach them how to be My disciples," Jesus had told them. And now, that's just what they would do!



II. Starting in Jerusalem, then further and further into the world they went, sharing the good news of Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many, and they trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Little churches of believers sprang up all over with Sundays as their celebration day, too.



12. Since then, God's people keep spreading the good news of Jesus and gathering together on Sundays. It's why WE gather together on Sundays, too. We want to celebrate how Jesus beat sin and death for God's people on that wonderful rise-from-the-dead, Resurrection Sunday, long ago!

"The Case of the Third Day Yay"

Q: "Why did God's people start gathering together on Day Three after Jesus died on the cross?"

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD
AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death.

A: "That's the day that Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them."

"The Case of the Third Day Yay"

Exodus 16:20; Luke 22-24; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened on the third day after Jesus died that made the disciples so happy?
Jesus rose from the dead. He proved that He had really beaten sin and death for God's people.

2. What day of the week was that third day? What did Jesus' followers keep doing each week to remember that first, wonderful day?
A Sunday. They started gathering together every Sunday to celebrate what Jesus had done for them.

For You and Me:

God's people around the world still celebrate with a "third day yay"! They still gather together on Sundays to celebrate Jesus rising from the dead in victory over sin and death for God's people. We can join in that celebration, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

1 Peter 1:3, HCSB

"He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1. Who celebrated Jesus' resurrection from the dead on that first, wonderful Sunday? Jesus' disciples.

2. How did they receive a new birth into a living hope? What did that mean?

They had turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. God forgave their sins and made their hearts new. He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of them, so they could know Him, and to help them love Him and live for Him. He filled their hearts with hope in Jesus now, and hope in one day going to live with Him forever in heaven. That would be best of all.

For You and Me:

Like those first followers of Jesus, we, too, can receive a new birth into a living hope. We, too, can have our sins forgiven and begin life as one of God's people. We can know God in our hearts now and one day, go to live with Him forever in heaven. How? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Go to Church?
To Worship God and Love One Another...
By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death!

The Gospel

What a wonderful day it was when Jesus rose from the dead! He had beaten sin and death for God's people! Oh, how we needed Him to do that! You see, all people have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve His punishment.

God would have been perfectly fair to punish us all for our sins; but, He is so full of mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, then offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead, showing He had beaten sin and death for them.

Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven their sins, and become God's people. Ask God to help you do this. Then, Sunday will be your special celebration day, too!

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Gospel Songs

Something to Grow Into



"God's people gather to worship God. Let's pray to Him now."

A Prayer

We praise You, God, for raising Jesus from the dead, showing He's our perfect Savior.

Thank You for beating sin and death for God's people through Jesus.

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, too.

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 saving Your people, the Church. We praise You for being so powerful that You beat sin and death for them.
- C** God, we know that Sunday should be a special celebration day. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. But sometimes, we would rather not go to church and celebrate. We would rather do something else that seems more fun. We don't treasure what Jesus did on the cross. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for beating sin and death for God's people through Jesus. Thank You that they don't have to face Your punishment for sin. They get to know You in their hearts now, and get to live with You in heaven when they die. Thank You that we can be Your people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to celebrate Jesus' win over sin and death as we gather together with God's people at church.

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 #15

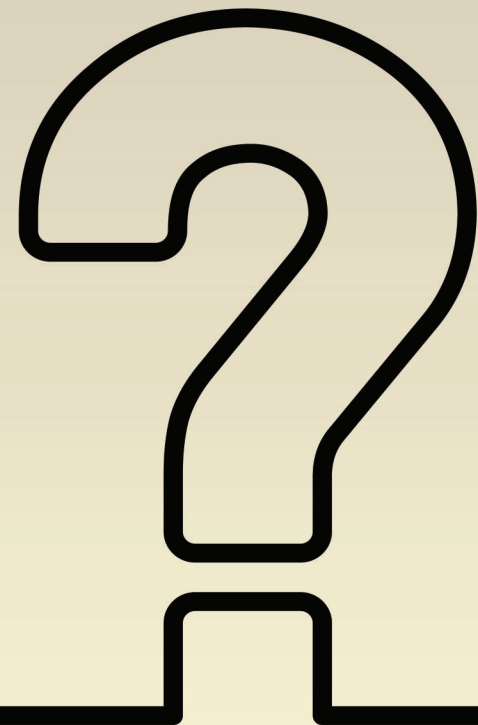
Simple Song

Why do God's people go to church?

Go to church? Go to church?

Why do God's people go to church?

To worship God and to love one another!



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

Big Question #15 Tell Me More Song Why Do God's People Go to Church?

Refrain

Why do God's people go to church?
To worship God and love one another.
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To worship God and love one another.

Verse 1

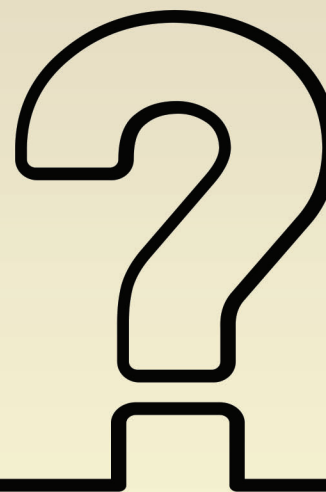
God's people gather to worship God.
To sing His praises and pray.
They listen to preaching,
From God's Word, the Bible,
To better love Him each day.

Refrain

Verse 2

God's people gather to love one another,
In acts of kindness and grace.
They love one another,
Like sisters and brothers,
Helping all to live God's way.

Refrain

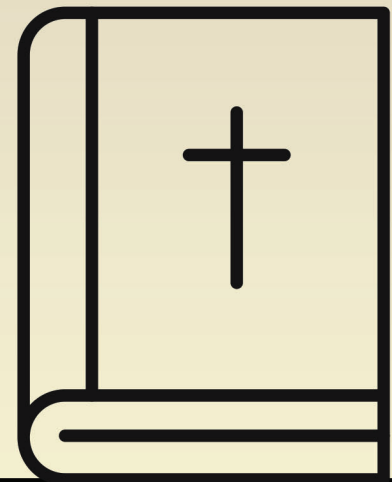


Here's a song to help us dig even deeper into our Big Question.

Big Question #15, Bible Truth | Bible Verse Song:

He Has Given Us a New Birth: | Peter 1:3

He has given us a new birth,
Into a living hope,
He has given us a new birth,
Into a living hope,
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
He has given us a new birth,
Into a living hope,
He has given us a new birth,
Into a living hope.
First Peter One, three.



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

Big Question #15 Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Verse 1

Brethren, we have met to worship,
And adore the Lord, our God.
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?

Big Question #15 Praise Song

Praise the Lord Together

Praise the Lord together saying:

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!"

Praise the Lord together saying:

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" repeat

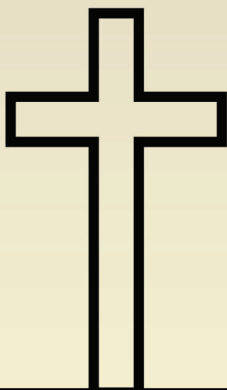


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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.

