



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #15, Bible Truth 2
The Case of the Faithful Leader



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



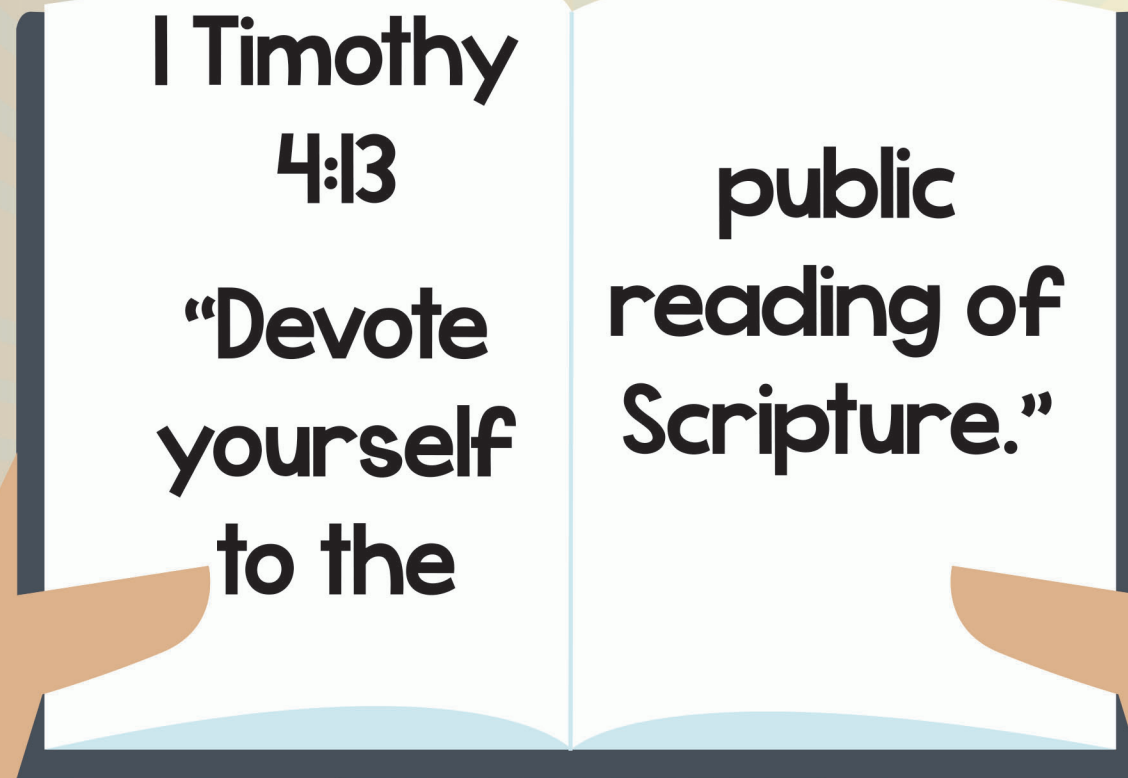
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Q: WHY DO GOD'S PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH?
A: TO WORSHIP GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER...
BY LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD, THE ????.

1 TIMOTHY
4:13

Hint: "The name of God's
Word. Starts with "B" and
rhymes with "tribal."

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 Learning from God's Word, the ????. 1 Timothy 4:13." Hint: "The name of God's Word. Starts with "B" and rhymes with "tribal."



The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to 1 Timothy 4:13, and read: “Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this second truth about why God's people go to church?" he asked. "We think so! Scripture is another word for the Bible. When God's people gather together, they always learn from the Bible. It alone is God's Word."



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"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Go to Church? And the answer is: To Worship God and Love One Another... By Learning from God's Word, the BIBLE." "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 15
Tell Me More
Song



“God’s people gather together to learn from the Bible, God’s Word. They listen to the pastor explain it to them and help them know God and how to obey Him. But that’s not all! The Bible is not just words that God’s people listen to and learn from. God’s Word is powerful! The Holy Spirit works inside of people as they hear God’s Word. He uses it to help them turn away from their sins, trust in Jesus as their Savior, and live for Him. This is how we become God’s people. ”



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Faithful Leader"

Acts 16:1; 1 & 2 Timothy



"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 Faithful Leader.' Listen for what Timothy kept reading to the believers in Ephesus to help them know God and live for Him."

"The Case of the Faithful Leader" Acts 16:1, 1 & 2 Timothy

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the pastor chosen to care for the believers in Ephesus?
2. What did Paul tell him to be faithful to do for those believers?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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1 Timothy 4:13, ESV

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

1. Whom did Paul write to when he was in prison and about to die?
2. What did Paul tell this person to be faithful to do for the believers in Ephesus?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. Paul was an old man, soon to die. He was in jail in Rome for telling people about Jesus, and now they planned to kill him. Paul made the best of the little time he had left. He shared the good news of Jesus with his guards. He prayed and wrote letters to little churches of believers.



2. How Paul loved those churches of believers! Many of them had become Christians through Paul sharing the good news of Jesus with them. He had taught them to gather each week to worship God and love one another. Soon, there were churches of these new Christians all over.

DEACONS



3. Paul also helped these churches choose godly leaders. Some leaders were called “deacons.” They spent extra time caring for the needs of others in the church. Men like Stephen made sure everyone had enough to eat. Women like Phoebe spent their days serving others, too.



5. A young man named Timothy would become one of these godly pastors. Paul met Timothy on one of his traveling trips and Timothy became his helper. Timothy helped care for Paul's needs as Paul shared the good news of Jesus. He was just the helper Paul needed.



6. But most of all, it was Timothy's love that made him such a good helper for Paul. Timothy loved God, Paul, and God's people so much that he put them first, instead of himself. After a while, Paul treated Timothy not just as a helper, or good friend, but like Timothy was his very own son.



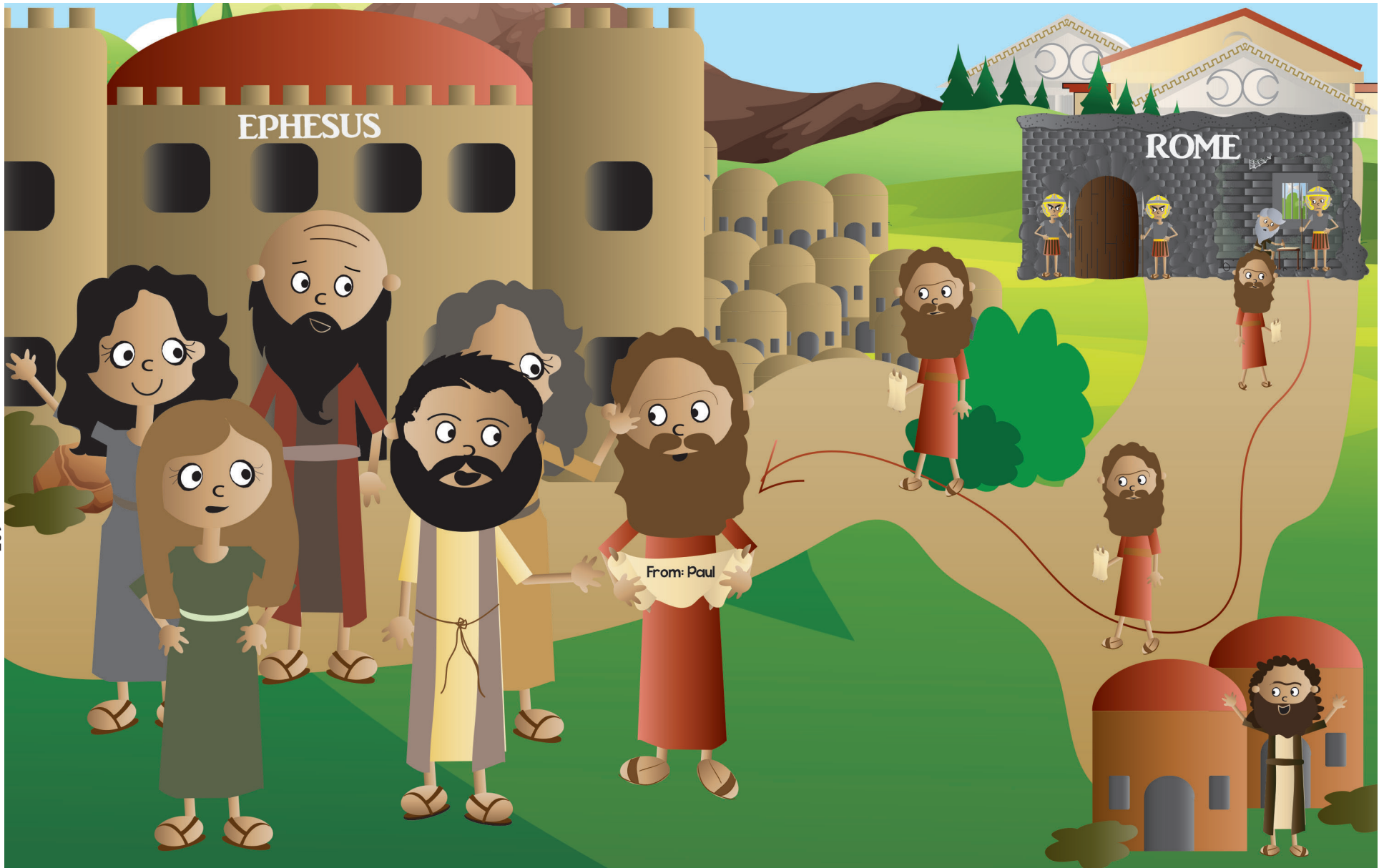
7. Timothy was a big help to Paul, but Paul was a big help to Timothy, too. As Timothy travelled with Paul, he learned about God and His Word, and how to care for God's people. God was preparing Timothy to be a pastor --exactly what he was about to need in the big city of Ephesus.



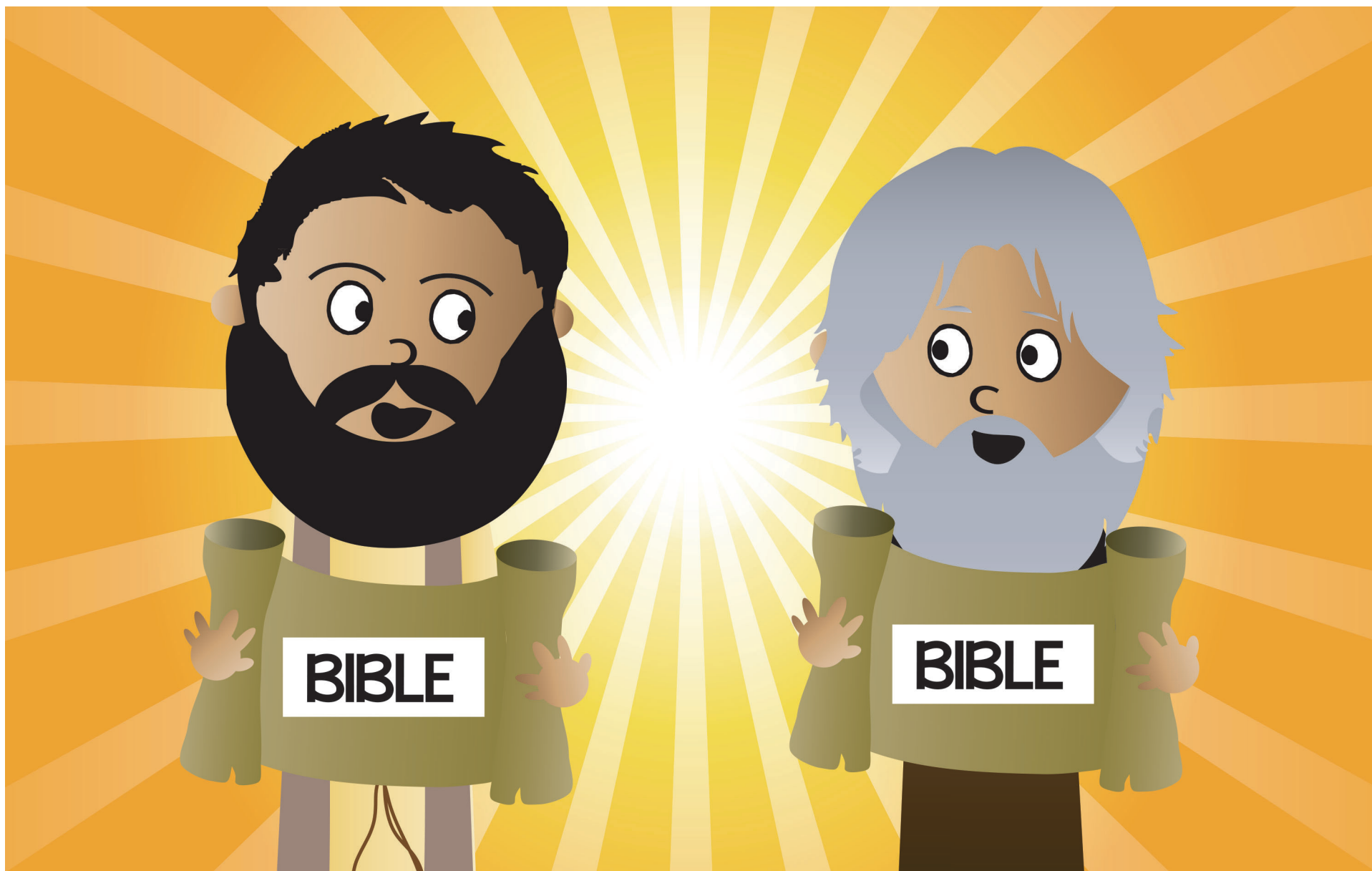
8. "Help! We have no pastor!" the believers in Ephesus told Paul. "We need a pastor to preach God's Word and lead us." Paul knew who to ask: Timothy! "Timothy, stay and be their pastor. You are young, but God will help you," Paul said. So, Timothy stayed in Ephesus, while Paul travelled on.



9. Many years passed since Paul left Timothy in Ephesus. And now, alone, in jail, shivering in the cold, and soon to die, Paul wanted Timothy to come care for him. Timothy could bring Paul's warm cloak and books. He could cheer him with his company. How good it would be to see his old friend!



10. So, Paul wrote Timothy a letter and sent it off to Ephesus by messenger. Timothy opened Paul's letter, and read: "Timothy, my dear son," Paul wrote "I thank God every time I think of you. I long with tears to see you."



II. "Be a faithful pastor to the little church in Ephesus," Paul wrote. "Sometimes people won't want to hear what the Bible says. But keep teaching them what is true, no matter what. Don't forget these things!" Paul urged Timothy. "And please, come see me soon --before winter comes. Paul."



12. Did Timothy make it to Paul before he died? We don't know. But we DO know that Timothy did what Paul wanted him to do most of all: be a faithful pastor of the little church in Ephesus, teaching them and helping them live out God's Word.

"The Case of the Faithful Leader"

Q: "What did Timothy keep reading to the believers in Ephesus to help them know God and live for Him?"

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younger
kids



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

By Learning from God's Word, the Bible.

A: "God's Word, the Bible."

"The Case of the Faithful Leader" Acts 16:1, 1 & 2 Timothy

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. Who was the pastor chosen to care for the believers in Ephesus?
Timothy.

2. What did Paul tell him to be faithful to do for those believers?
Paul told Timothy to be faithful to preach God's Word to them and help them keep on loving God and living for Him.

For You and Me:

Paul encouraged Timothy to be faithful to teach God's Word to the believers who gathered together as a little church in Ephesus. By being faithful like this, God could use Timothy powerfully. Timothy could help the believers know how to keep on loving God and living for Him. When we go to church and listen to faithful teachers tell us about God's Word, God can use it to help us to love Him and live for Him, too. And the very first thing that every faithful teacher hopes and prays that you will do when you hear God's Word is to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. This is how we become God's people. It is the best, first step in loving God and living for Him.

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Go to Church?
To Worship God and Love One Another...
By Learning from God's Word, the Bible!

The Gospel

God's people love the Bible. Each time they gather together, they want to learn more from it. The Bible is how they learned they were sinners who deserved God's punishment for disobeying Him, and of God's rich mercy in sending Jesus to be our Savior. It tells how Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. And, how He rose from the dead on the third day, beating sin and death for them.

The Bible tells us how we can become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. And, how we can know and love God better, and live for Him. Ask God to use the Bible to teach you and help you do these things, too. He loves to answer this prayer!

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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 giving us Your Word that we might know You and live for You.

Thank You for giving us pastors to read and explain God's Word to us.

Work in our hearts. Help us understand Your Word. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in You as our Savior that we might be your people.

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 giving us the Bible and godly leaders to teach it to us.
- C God, sometimes we don't want to learn from the Bible. Sometimes, we don't want to listen to the pastors preach from Your Word. There are other things we would rather do. We need a Savior!
- T God, thank You for not leaving us on our own, but giving us Your Word, the Bible, to learn from and live by. Thank You for all the people in church who help us understand Your Word and live it out. Thank You for our pastors and teachers.
- S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love Your Word and learn it. Help us live it out. Help our pastors and teachers to teach us well about 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 #15

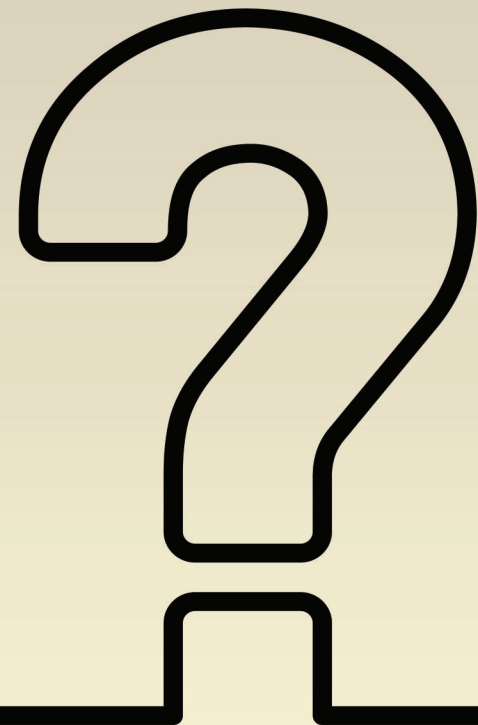
Simple Song

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

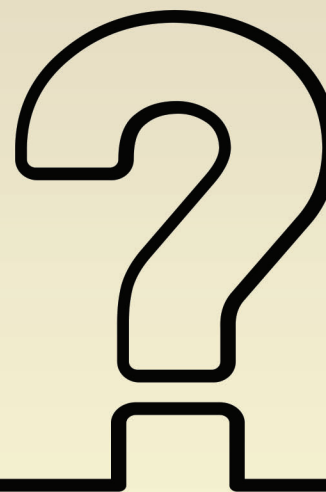
God's people gather to worship God.
To sing His praises and pray.
They listen to preaching,
From God's Word, the Bible,
To better love Him each day.

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.

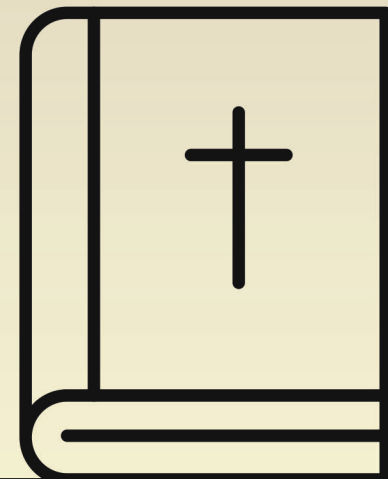
Big Question #15, Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song:

Devote Yourself: 1 Timothy 4:13

Devote yourself, devote yourself,
Devote yourself, devote yourself,
Devote yourself, devote yourself,
Devote yourself, devote yourself.

To the public reading of Scripture,
Exhortation, and teaching,
To the public reading of Scripture,
Exhortation, and teaching.

Devote yourself, devote yourself,
Devote yourself, devote yourself,
Devote yourself, devote yourself,
Devote yourself, devote yourself.
First Timothy Four, thirteen.



"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

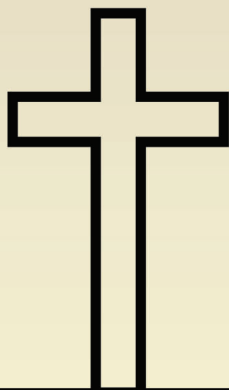


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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.

