



Detective Dan's Big Question Box



Big Question #15, Bible Truth 5
The Case of the Up and Down Sign



"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 fifth of six missions in this Big Question. Look for your clue in my ID card. 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 BAPTIZING PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN AND LIVE FOR ????.

ACTS
2:38

IDENTITY CARD



NAME
Detective Dan

Hint: "The name of God's
Son. Starts with "J" and
rhymes with "sneezes."

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 Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for ????. Acts 2:38."
Hint: "The name of God's Son. Starts with "J" and rhymes with "sneezes."

Acts 2:38

**“Repent
and be
baptized**

**in the name
of Jesus
Christ.”**



Repent, Repent And
Be Baptized
Acts 2:38-39

The kids knew what to do next. They opened their Bible to Acts 2:38, and read: “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.”



Just then, Detective Dan walked in. "Kids! Have you figured out this fifth truth about why God's people go to church?" he asked. "We think so! When God's people gather together, they baptize new believers who have turned from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior."



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ACTS
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BY BAPTIZING PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN AND LIVE FOR JESUS.

"Our Big Question is: Why Do God's People Go to Church? And the answer is: To Worship God and Love One Another... By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for JESUS" "Great job, kids! You did it!"



Big Question 15
Tell Me More
Song



"Jesus told His disciples to baptize all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Baptism is a picture of the new life that begins when someone becomes a Christian. God has forgiven their sins and made them His people. He's filled their hearts with His Holy Spirit and made them new. They're leaving their old life behind and beginning a new life of living for Jesus. We can become one of God's people, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."



Bible Chant
Song

"The Case of the Up and Down Sign"

Matthew 28; Acts 1-2, 8:35-36, 10:47, 16:14-15, 31-34



"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 Up and Down Sign.' Listen for who went up and down in the water as a special sign."

"The Case of the Up and Down Sign" Matthew 28; Acts 1-2, 8:35-36, 10:47, 16:14-15, 31-34

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older kids



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What did Jesus tell new believers to do as a sign of their new life in God?
2. Why did they go up and down in the water when they did this special sign?

Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Acts 2:38, ESV

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

1. Who repented of their sins? How did their lives look different?
2. What did they do as a sign that their lives had changed?

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

Something to Grow Into



I. "WAIT in Jerusalem until you receive the Holy Spirit," Jesus told His disciples. "Then, GO tell the world about Me. Teach them what I've taught you. Baptize these new believers. This tells everyone these are God's people and My disciples," Jesus said. Then, He went up to heaven to rule.



2. The disciples went to Jerusalem and waited ten days, when suddenly “Whoosh,” there was a sound like a great wind in the room. Then, “Sparkle, sparkle,” something that looked like flames of fire appeared over their heads. Then, Holy Spirit came quietly into the hearts of the believers.



3. Now, it was time to GO and tell about Jesus. Peter shared the good news with a crowd in Jerusalem. "Turn from your sins. Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" he urged. "Be baptized as a sign that God has forgiven you and your new life in Him." Over 3000 people repented and believed that day.



4. What a happy, new beginning this was for these people. Their old life of sin was gone, and new life in Jesus begun. It was time to be baptized. One by one, Peter led each new believer into the water, saying "I baptize you in the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."



5. Then, Peter carefully lowered each believer down into the water, and back up again. Down into the water was a picture of their old life gone and their sins forgiven through Jesus. Up out of the water, was a picture of their new life with God begun and would go on forever.



6. Baptism was a big step for these believers. It didn't save them from their sins or make them God's people. But baptism showed everyone: "This person is a follower of Jesus. Watch them! They will show you what Jesus is like and how God wants us to live, loving Him and loving one another."



7. Baptism was a sign of another very happy gift from God, too: the gift of a new family. God had made these new believers a part of His family, the Church. Now, they were God's children, and all the other believers were their new, adopted brothers and sisters through Jesus.



8. Jerusalem was just the beginning of Jesus' "Go." There was the rest of the world to tell. So, Philip went to nearby Samaria. "Turn from your sins! Trust in Jesus as your Savior! Be baptized as a sign that God has forgiven you and you've begun a new life for Him," he urged the people.



9. Many turned from their sins, trusted in Jesus as their Savior, and were baptized. Philip gathered them together into a new, little church of believers. They worshipped God and cared for each other's needs. Oh, how the Church in Samaria was growing and enjoying new life in Jesus!



10. But Samaria wasn't the whole world. So, away went people like Paul, Barnabas, Timothy and Titus to places farther away. "Turn from your sins! Trust in Jesus as your Savior! Be baptized as a sign that God has forgiven you and you are living a new life for Him," they urged everyone.



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12. Even today, God's people are still obeying Jesus' "Go". They'll keep on sharing the good news of Jesus, and keep on baptizing those who believe, until Jesus comes back. Then, God's people will be gathered together as one, big family, to live with God forever. That will be Perfect Wonderfulness!

"The Case of the Up and Down Sign"

Q: "Who went up and down in the water as a special sign?"

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

By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for Jesus!.

A: "Everyone who repented of their sins and put their trust in Jesus."

"The Case of the Up and Down Sign" Matthew 28; Acts 1-2, 8:35-36, 10:47, 16:14-15, 31-34

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What did Jesus tell new believers to do as a sign of their new life in God?
To be baptized.
2. Why did they go up and down in the water when they did this special sign?
They went down in the water to remember that their sins had been buried down in the grave with Jesus. They went up, out of the water to remember that God had forgiven their sins and was giving them new life with Jesus who rose up from the dead. Jesus had beaten sin and death for them!

For You and Me:

When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, a day will come when we, too, will be baptized. It will be a wonderful day of showing that we are turning from our old life of living for ourselves, and have begun a new life of living for God, by the help of His Holy Spirit.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Acts 2:38, ESV

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

1. Who repented of their sins? How did their lives look different?

The new believers repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit lived inside of them. He helped them to love God and live for Him, instead of living their old way.

2. What did they do as a sign that their lives had changed? They were baptized so the world could know they were choosing to live as followers of Jesus.

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Something to Grow Into

Why Do God's People Go to Church?
To Worship God and Love One Another...
By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for Jesus!

The Gospel

We all disobey God and deserve His punishment. But God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, then on the cross, He gave it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave. He had beaten sin and death for God's people!

Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior receive God's forgiveness. They are His people, and He fills their hearts with His Holy Spirit. They want to love Him and live for Him. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

If we do, there will come a special day when we get to be baptized and share the story of how God worked in our lives and saved us. Ask God to help you do this!

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 sending Jesus that we might be Your people.

Thank You for giving new life to us when we become Your people.

Work in our hearts. 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

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Something to Grow Into

A Prayer

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A We praise You, God, for saving Your people, the Church, through Jesus. He is why we can become Your people.

C God, we know that we can never become Your people on our own. We have all turned away from You and Your good ways. We need a Savior!

T God, thank You for providing the way for us to become Your people through Jesus. Thank You for giving a new life to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him. Thank You for giving us baptism to help us remember the new way of life You give to all who do this.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to one day be able to stand before God's people and tell the story of how You saved us. Help us to trust our leaders to know when we are ready to be baptized and when we need to still wait and grow.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



ACTS Prayer Song





“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

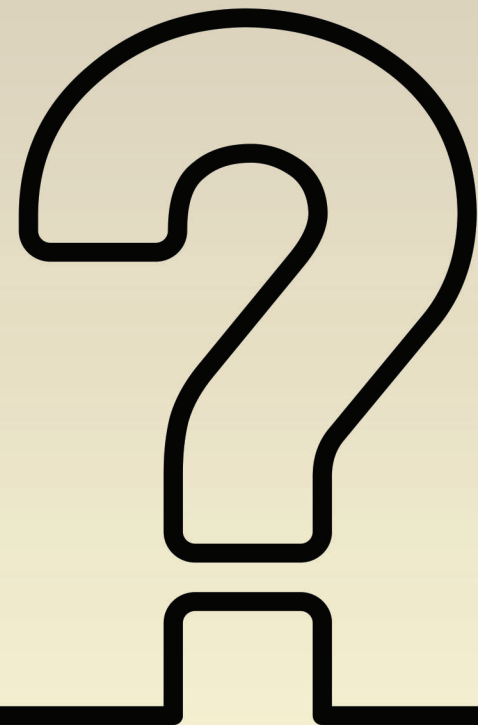
Simple Song

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

Verse 1

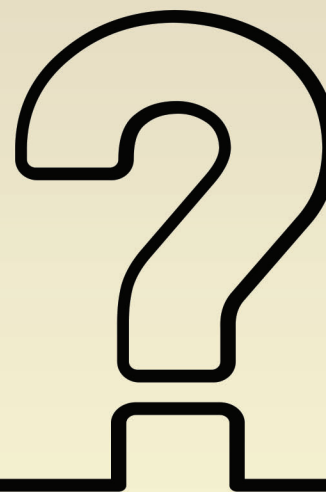
God's people gather to worship God.
To sing His praises and pray.
They listen to preaching,
From God's Word, the Bible,
To better love Him each day.

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.

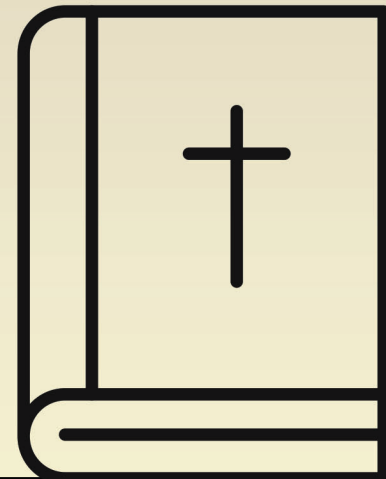
Refrain



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

Big Question #15, Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song:
Repent, Repent and Be Baptized: Acts 2:38-39

Repent, repent and be baptized,
Ev'ry one of you,
In the name of Jesus Christ,
For forgiveness of your sins.
You will receive the Holy Spirit, the promise is for all,
For all the Lord our God calls,
For all the Lord calls.
Acts Two, thirty-eight and nine.



"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

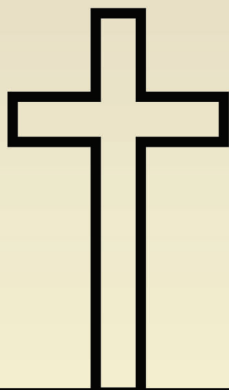


"Let's praise the Lord for loving people like us more than we could ever deserve!"

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.

