DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

Unit 10
Core Curriculum, ESV
The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

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Psalm 100

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(v.1) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

(v.2) Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

(v.3) Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

(v.4) Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

And His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

(v.5) For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

And His faithfulness to all generations.

May this curriculum help you to be manufacturers of noisy joy unto the LORD (v.1). To sing (v.2), to know (v.3), and to worship Him with thanksgiving and praise (v.4), that the witness of His great faithfulness might continue through all generations (v.5).

The LORD is amazing! He's not like anyone else!

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Deep Down Detective Curriculum Resources

These Deep Down Detectives resources are available as free, digital downloads at praisefactory.org, or for purchase as hard copies through amazon.com.

About Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum Book, ESV/NIV for each unit

The Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book contains the curriculum introduction, the lesson plans, stories, music, activities and take home sheets for each Bible Truth in a unit.

Other Deep Down Detectives Resources

There are four other companion resources for each of the sixteen Deep Down Detectives units:

Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (Small Format Storyboard Pictures) for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use with storyboards at least 24" x 36" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids, ESV/NIV (with Large Format Storyboard Pictures) for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides colorful storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures to cut out and use as you tell each story. These storyboard pictures are for use withstoryboards at least 36" x 48" in size.

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids with Story Scenes, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides large, colorful signs of the key concepts used in the unit. It also provides easy-to-use colorful scenes that you hold up in sequence as you tell the story. The story text for each scene in printed on the back of each scene. There are ten scenes per story.

Deep Down Detectives Fundamentals, ESV/NIV for each unit

This resource provides the key concepts, the story and small versions of the Story Scene pictures, discussion questions and five activity sheets. No lesson plan. Just the core truths. This is a great, basic resource for use at home or informal teaching situations.

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Other Resources in the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum

Deep Down Detectives is the second in a family of three, inter-related curriculums:

- Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's)
- Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade)
- PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade)

Each curriculum teaches the same biblical themes, but are presented in greater depth as the children grow and develop. Together, the curriculums work like an expanding spiral of truth that returns to reinforce the same truths with each curriculum, yet leading the children to deeper understanding with each step up.

Learn more about these curriculums as well as other resources and ideas for reaching children with the gospel at: www.praisefactory.org.

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Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives

Get It



Order the <u>Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version</u> (or download it from the website in the Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section). It will be your easiest, most visual way to learn about this curriculum. Order/download the <u>Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book (ESV/NIV)</u>. Choose one of the <u>Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books to use. There are Story Scene Pictures (simplest to prepare and use) or the Small Format/Large Format Storyboard (flannelgraph) pictures.</u>

Tour It....Three Times

- 1. Read through the whole Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version book once.
 - Learn how the Praise Factory family of curriculum is related to each other. Pay special attention to the section on Deep Down Detectives.
- 2. Go back and read through just the section on Deep Down Detectives in the Tour book again.
- 3. Now go back and read the Deep Down Detectives section of the Tour book a third time, only this time, get out your two resource books (Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and, Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books) and follow along.

This will help see how the curriculum flows and where to find each of the resources visualized in the Tour Book.

Rip It Up



The <u>Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book</u> is meant to be taken apart. These will be made into your visual aids and story pictures used in each lesson.

You May Want to Second It



The **Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book** contains resources you will probably want to photocopy--such as, the lesson plans, the crafts/take home sheets, and the music for the songs. **For this reason, you might want to print out a second copy (from online) or buy a second copy of this book.** This will allow you to take apart one copy for easy photocopying and still have another one intact for reference. Or, you can photocopy a copy from your original and keep that on hand.

Choose It



Choose how you want to use the curriculum resources with your kids and your setting. There is a questionaire and other resources in the Getting Started section of the praisefactory.org website that can help you make the best custom fit for your situation. You may want to follow the curriculum as written and use them all. Or, you may want to pick and choose. Do what is best for your situation.

Prepare It and Protect It



Cut out and laminate the Big Question Box resources (Big Question and Answer; the Bible Truth Unit Concepts; the Bible Truth; the Bible Verse; and, Listening Assignment signs) as well as the storyboard pictures or Story Scenes from the **Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book.** Stick velcro on the back of the storyboard pictures to get them ready to be used in story-telling and in the Story Review game. **More information about making durable storyboard pictures/Story Scenes can be found in Appendix E of the Core Curriculum and Visual Aid books.**

Download It



Download the **zip file of unit songs** from the website.

Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives, continued

Make It... Before You Get Started



There are a few more Deep Down Detectives resources that you need to make/buy before you use the curriculum. You need to purchase/make a **Big Question Box; a DDD "Bible" folder; and a flannelgraph storyboard**. Directions for making these are found in the **back of the Core Curriculum books in Appendix E.**

Are You Game?



Deep Down Detectives is a very active curriculum, with a number of different games suggested for each lesson. The good news is that they are used in a rotation throughout the curriculum. That means once you make these games, you store them and use them over and over (and for years to come!).

While you only need to make whatever games you choose to use with each lesson, **I strongly recommend that you make all the games before you start using the curriculum.** Get the prep work over with at the beginning and coast your way through years of enjoyment!

Store them in ziploc bags or baskets and pull them out when needed. So simple! Your teachers will love how easy it is to have an engaging learning session with so little work for them to do! Happy teachers are more likely to be repeat teachers! A full list of the games and the supplies needed to make them can be found in the back of the Core Curriculum books in Appendix B with the instructions for all the games.

Session Prep



Prepare the curriculum for your teachers. Largely, this will mean making copies of the lesson plan, the crafts and take home sheets...especially if you have already assembled the games. We give the teachers a **basket of curriculum and materials they will use to teach the class each session.** This has worked very well for us.

Don't Ignore It, Store It!



This is a curriculum that keeps on giving, year after year. If you do a good job of storing the curriculum, it will serve your church well and at little cost for many years. We store the resources for each unit in **manilla envelopes and magazine storage boxes.**

Learn More



There are many more resources online that may help you customize the curriculum to fit your learning situation. These are listed online in the Further Resources section, as well as in the Getting Started section at the Praise Factory website.

Two you might especially want to look at are:

- **From the Ground Up** (Making a Great Start in Children's Ministry and with the Praise Factory Family of Curriculum)
- Classroom Management Suggestions for Teaching Preschoolers

These are available for download or to order through Amazon.com.

See It in Action

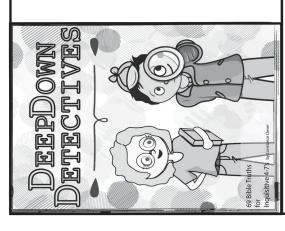


Three times a year (the third Saturday/Sunday of March, May and September), we hold a free lunch, learn-and-look workshop and observation time here at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

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On the Saturday, we gather for lunch and talk philosophy, child protection policy, encouraging parents, dealing with discipline issues, etc. and, of course, curriculum. After finishing up our group session, we are happy to talk to individual churches about their particular situations. Then on Sunday, we offer an opportunity to see Deep Down Detectives and the other Praise Factory curriculum in action in our classes. The registration form for these workshops can be found on the Praise Factory website.

This (and the Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version book) is great to give to church leaders or other prospective teachers who want to know more.



DEEP DOWN

designed for ages 4-6, often used with ages 3-7

the second of 3 curriculums in the Praise Factory family

downloads and hard-copies available through www.praisefactory.org

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES... AT A GLANCE

- Teaches the 16 Biblical (theological) themes used in all three Praise Factory curriculums, but in greater depth than in Hide 'n' Seek Kids. Each of these themes is presented as a "Big Question and Answer."
- Each theme is taught as a series of Bible truths that develop the theme. There are 70 Bible truths in all.
- There is one Bible story and one Bible verse for each of the 70 Bible truths. All of the Bible verses are set to music, which can be a great aid in learning and remembering them.
- There are three sessions of curriculum per Bible truth. Use as few or as many as you want. Each is jam-packed with activities.
- The multiple sessions give children the time they need to really learn each truth. The new activities keep the learning fresh each session.

 The curriculum for each Bible truth comes with a fully-scripted lesson plan, beautiful storyboard pictures, games, crafts, take-home sheets,
- The curriculum is flexible and is easily adaptable to many different teaching settings.

and lots of music.

Both downloads and hard copies available.

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES SESSION OVERVIEW

Session Format: Circle Times, Free Play and Your Choice of Activities

Each session is structured around Circle Time and Free Play Time. Circle Times are used to introduce and review the concept, Bible verse, Bible story, and the ACTS prayer. (A prayer including Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication related to the Bible truth they are learning.) Free play is not only enjoyable, but also helps to replenish attention spans and prepare the children for more group listening later in the session. Every session also includes lots of response activities that you may choose to use during free play time to add as much reinforcement as best suits your children. Each Deep Down Detectives session follows the same four-part format, as described here:

PART 1: Getting Started

A time to welcome the children to the class, enjoy free play, music, and/or play a Bible verse game.

PART 2: Opening Circle Time

The children are gathered together for their primary teaching time. The Big Question and Bible Truth (and related songs) are introduced. A listening assignment* is given, the Bible story told, then the listening assignment answered at the end of story time.

PART 3: Free Play/Activity Time

The children participate in free play and/or response activities.

PART 4: Closing Circle Time

The children gather together for a brief review of what they have learned and a closing prayer. Teachers give out take home sheets as children are dismissed.

*As with the other two Praise Factory curriculums, Deep Down Detectives has a few detective-ish elements to it. (1) There is the "Big Question Briefcase" that contains the key concept visual aids and the Bible storyboard pictures that the teacher uses as he teachers. And (2), Each story is called "The Case of the" and comes with "Detective Dan's Listening Assignments." These are listening assignments to be solved as the children listen to the story. There are 3 different listening assignments-one for each of the 3 sessions of curriculum included with each Deep Down Detectives Bible Truth. These questions are especially good for use with three-year-olds or older preschoolers.

Session Length

The resources for each Deep Down Detectives session—as described in the lesson plan—are designed for a 60 to 90 minutes session. However, they can be easily tailored to fit a shorter or longer session.

Note: *If desired, you can start out each of the 16 units of Deep Down Detectives with one session (or more) from Hide 'n' Seek Kids curriculum. This creates a nice introduction to the over-arching theme for each unit. It would also add 16 or more sessions to the curriculum.

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Unit 1:	The God Who Reveals Himself Q: How Can I Know What God Is Like? A: He Shows Me What He's Like!	1. By the Heart He Gave Me to Know and Love Him 2. In Everything I See All Around Me 3. In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God 4. Through His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ	Unit 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us Q: What Did Jesus Come to Do? A: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!	1. He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us 2. He Never, Ever Disobeyed God 3. He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things 4. He Died on the Cross for His People's Sins 5. He Rose from the Dead 6. He Went Up to Rule in Heaven
Unit 2:	God's Wonderful Word, the Bible Q: What's So Special about the Bible? A: It Alone Is God's Word!	1. God Made Sure It Was Written Down Just Right 2. It Tells Us about God and His Plans 3. God Uses It to Save His People	Unit 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God Q: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? A: He Changes Their Hearts!	The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church
I pi ·	The Good News of God the Gospal	4. God Uses It to Change His People	Unit 11:The God Who Saves O: How Can We Be Saved?	When We Trust in Jesus as Our Own Savior When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away
Unit 3:	The Good News of God, the Gospel Q: What Is the Gospel?	God Made Us and We Should Obey Him We Have All Disobeyed God and	Q: How Can We Be Saved? A: It Is God's Free Gift!	When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Awa from Them When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts
	A: Salvation though Faith in Jesus Christ!	Deserve His Punishment 3. God Sent Jesus to Pay for God's People's Sins 4. God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus	Unit 12: God's People Live for Him Q: How Should God's People Live? A: They Should Live Like Jesus!	By Asking God for His Help By Loving Him Most of All By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Thomas
Unit 4:	The God Like None Other Q: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? A: He's Not Like Anyone Else!	 He Is a Glorious Spirit He Is the One, True God He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, but Three Persons He Is Everywhere, All the Time He Knows Everything There Is to Know 		4. By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants 5. By Learning God's Word and Obeying It 6. By Saying "No" to Disobeying God 7. By Telling the Good News of Jesus 8. By Making Much of God
		 He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through 	Unit 13: The Sustaining God Q: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?	God Alone Sustains His People God the Father Promises to Help His People J. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for Him
Unit 5:	God, the Good Creator Q: Can You Tell Me What God Made? A: God Made All Things Good!	1. He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth 2. He Made People in a Special Way	A: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!	The Holy Spirit Works Inside God's People The Word of God Feeds God's People God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other
Unit 6:	Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful Q: How Did Bad Things Come into God's Good World? A: Bad Things Came Through Sin!	1. When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God 2. When It Spread to the Whole World	Unit 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers Q: How Does God Want Us to Pray? A: Every Night and Day!	He Wants Us to Praise Him He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him He Wants Us to Thank Him He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things
Unit 11		1. When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them 2. When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior 3. When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts	Unit 15: God's People Gather Together Q: Why Do God's People Go to Church? A: To Worship God and Love One	By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death By Learning from God's Word, the Bible By Caring for Each Other's Needs By Carling What God Has Done and Praying By Postsian Book With Teach Code By Carling What God Has Done and Praying By Postsian Book With Teach
Unit 8:	Unit 8: The God Who Loves Q: What Is God's Love for His People Like?	1. He Gave His Son, Jesus to Save Them	Another	Jesus 6. By Remembering Jesus Died to Save Them
	A: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!	3. He Uses Their Sadnesses for Good 4. He Will Never Stop Loving His People	Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King Q: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? A: God Will Make Everything New!	Lesus Will Judge All People Fairly God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan**. Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the Storyboard (flannelgraph) Pictures or Story Scene Pictures.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.

- 2. Get out your storyboard. Put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder. Or, put your Story Scenes in order, if using this resource instead.
- 3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
- 4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Resource

The extra-depth information starts here! This section will describe important features of the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. Look at each resource in the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aid books as you read below. This first section takes a look at the major resources used in presenting the curriculum.

Scripted Lesson Plan



Found in the Core Curriculum books

There are **three lessons of curriculum** provided for each Bible Truth. Since much of the text is the same for all three lessons, **only one lesson plan is needed**. The different activities for each lesson are noted where they occur. The lesson plans are fully-scripted. This helps even the most inexperienced teacher to know what to say and do. They train your teachers in what to say and do, every step of the way. Notice **the green squares with numbers** found in the left side bar of the lesson plan. These are references to the visual aids the teacher can use with the children as she teaches.

Visual Aid Key Concept Signs



Resources found in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books Visual aids are very important in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum. They help the children learn, and keep them focused and interested. Visual aids also help even the newest teacher teach with greater ease. All of the visual aids are used with the **Big Question Box/Briefcase and are revealed as the lesson progresses.** They include the Big Question and Answer sign, the Unit Bible Truths sign, the Bible Truth sign, the Bible Verse sign, the Listening Assignments (used as the children listen to the Bible story), and the storyboard pictures/story scenes used to tell the Bible story. **These Visual Aids are found in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book for each unit.**

Big Question Box/ Briefcase



Directions for making this are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books **The Big Question Box/Briefcase** is a simple box with a lid that you buy or make; or, you can use a briefcase with a combination lock (kids love this!). Inside the Big Question Box/Briefcase are the props for key teaching concepts (Big Question and Answer; Unit Bible Truths, the Bible Truth concept, the Bible verse and Bible story. While not absolutely necessary, the Big Question Box adds a lot of interest to the lesson.

Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder



Directions for making this are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aids books The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder is a large, homemade folder **made from a 22" x 28" piece of poster board.** Images for the front and back of this mock Bible can be glued in place. 8.5" x 11" front and back cover images are included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids in the back. Larger versions of the front and back covers are found online for download with the resources for each unit.

Inside this over-sized folder, the teacher places the Bible Verse, the Listening Assignment for the Bible story, the text to the Bible story and the storyboard pictures. The point of this Bible folder is for children to begin to grasp that the truths they are learning come from the Bible.

Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Resource

Two, Colorful
Ways to Present
the Story:
Story Scenes
OR
Storyboard
(Flannelgraph)
Pictures



Directions for making these are found in the back of the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and in the Visual Aids books

Beautiful pictures have been created to help you bring the story alive.

The Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids and Story Scenes Book for each unit is the easiest way to access these pictures. Ten, colorful, 11'x 17" scenes with text on back can be held up as you tell the story. Each comes as two, 8.5" x 11" sheets which are taped together to create each 11" x 17" scene. Quick to prepare. Easy to use.

Or, you can use the **Storyboard Pictures**, which are individual, flannelgraph pieces that you put up on a felt storyboard as you tell the story. There are **two**, **different sizes of storyboard pictures** you can choose from. **The pictures in the Deep Down Detectives Small Format Visual Aids books fit on 24" x 36" to 36" x 48" storyboards**. Plenty for a smaller class or home setting. Or, for **larger classroom settings**, choose **The pictures in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids (Large Format Storyboard pictures) books work best on a storyboard that is AT LEAST 36" x 48".**

Those with less prep time or with less experience teaching may feel more at ease with the Storybook Scenes. The storyboard pictures do take time to cut out and laminate. You do need to take time to learn to tell the story with them. But, the children love watching the story unfold as you put up the storyboard pictures. And, they can take an active role in helping put them up, which is of great, educational benefit. We (CHBC) actually use both. We love to tell the story with the Story Scenes; then, we have the children review the story by reconstructing it with the Storyboard Pictures. They are like a big puzzle that kids love to put together. Either or both are all great options.

Deep Down Detectives Music



Songs for each unit found in the back of the Core Curriculum book

Lyrics and sheet music for the songs used with each unit are actually included within the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books in Appendix A.

Deep Down Detectives Audio mp3's



Resources found online only with the resources for each unit

The audio music for each unit is **included in a zip file** found on the Praise Factory website with the resources for each Deep Down Detectives unit.

Download the zip file from the website to a desired location on your computer. Open the zip file by choosing the "extract" option (often shows up when you right click your mouse over the file.) Once they are extracted, you can access them.

You also can play the songs right off of the website from the Deep Down Detectives "Just Music" section.

Learning More about Deep Down Detectives Curriculum, by Activity

This section describes the activities offered in the Deep Down Detectives curriculum, in order of use. Look at them in the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum and Visual Aids books as you read below.

Intake Activities

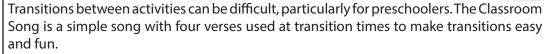


These are activities that help the children settle in their class and get ready for learning. They are open-ended so that any child can join in as they are checked into class. **Younger children** typically do a free time activity.

Older children typically play a Bible Verse Memory Game or take part in the Sing-along Music Time. Adding the Music, Movement & Memory Activity to the singing can be especially enjoyable for these children.

Both the **Bible Verse Memory Game** and the **Music, Movement & Memory Activity** are some of the games included in the Response Activities section of the lesson plan. There are three sets of these games suggested, enough for a new set of game for each of the three lessons included with each Bible Truth. **Game directions are found in Appendix B of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.**

The Classroom Song





Verse 1: The Gathering Verse invites the children to gather together to worship God.

Verse 2: The Go and Play Verse dismisses the children to play time.

Verse 3: Time to Go & Tell Verse transitions the children to Closing Circle Time,. It is used not only to help them remember what they have learned in class, but also to go and tell others what they've learned

Verse 4: What's Our Big News Verse asks the children to think about what they will go and tell others as they are dismissed.

The lyrics to the Classroom Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. An audio version of each verse is included in the unit music.

The Deep Down Detectives Theme Song



Circle Time opens with the curriculum theme song. It reminds the children what their learning time is about. The lyrics to the Classroom Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The song audio included with the rest of the unit songs.

The Classroom Rules Song



A major challenge and important goal with preschoolers is teaching them how to act in a more formal, group teaching setting. Remember this and do not let yourself become frustrated. Your work with the children now will make way for easier teaching as they get older. Reviewing simple and clear classroom rules, then praying for God's help with the children is a great way to start every session During the rest of the session, you may want to refer back to the rules, praising the children when they are keeping them well or reminding them of the rules when addressing problems.

The Classroom Rules Song provides a simple, fun to sing/say chant of class rules. It helps remind children of the behavior expected of them in class.

The lyrics to the Classroom Rules Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is included in the unit music.

Prayers



Two prayers are used in each session: an Opening Prayer and an Unit ACTS prayer.

The Opening Prayer stays the same for every session of Deep Down Detectives. It is a prayer asking for God's help to keep the class rules and to learn about Him.

The Opening Prayer can be introduced with the "Let's Pray!" Song/rhyme.

The ACTS Prayer changes with each Bible Truth. It is called an ACTS prayer because it incorporates four elements of prayer: Adoration (praising God for who He is); Confession (asking forgiveness for our sins); Thanksgiving (thanking God for what He's done, especially through Jesus); and, Supplication (asking God to do great things). It centers around the Bible Truth the children are learning. The ACTS prayer for each Bible Truth can be introduced by the **ACTS Prayer Song**, which helps familiarize the children with the four elements of prayer represented by A,C,T, and S.

The lyrics to "Let's Pray" and the "ACTS Prayer Song" are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for these songs is in the unit music.

The Big Question & Answer



The Big Question Box Song



The Big Question and Answer is introduced by the use of a 8 ½"x 11" two-sided **Big Question** and **Answer sign.** This sign is hidden in **The Big Question Box/Briefcase**, a simple box with a lid you can buy or make; or, a briefcase. (Suggestions for making or buying one included in the Core Curriculum books in Appendix E).

The children sing/say the **Big Question Box/Briefcase Song**, then the teacher or a designated child opens the box/briefcase and gives it to the teacher to hold up and read to the children. The teacher and children then sing the **Big Q & A Song**: the Big Question and Answer set to the tune of a familiar nursery rhyme.

The words to the Big Question Box Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is included the unit music.

Big Question Action Rhyme and Song



The meaning of the Big Question and Answer is explained by use of an action rhyme. The action rhyme includes actions that you can do as you say it. Use as few or as many of the actions as you deem appropriate for your children.

Or, you can sing the **Big Question Song**, which incorporates the same concepts into a song.

The lyrics to the Big Question Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

Unit Bible Truths



Having learned the Big Question and Answer for the unit, now it's time to introduce the Bible Truths about this Big Question that the children will be learning. The teacher holds up the **Unit Bible Truths sign** that show all the Bible Truths in the unit. (There are anywhere from two to eight truths in a unit). He tells the class that these are the truths they will be learning about the Big Question, one by one. This helps the children to group the truths together and review what they are as they progress through the unit.

The Bible Truth Clue Sign



Having shown the children all the Bible Truths, the teacher is now ready to focus in on the one of the Bible Truths. The teacher/designated child will take the **Bible Truth Clue sign out of the Big Question Box/Briefcase** and show it to the class. At first, he only shows them the words on the top of the sign (use one hand to cover up the answer along the sign's bottom). He reads the words along the top, emphasizing the word that is missing. The class listens to the clue hint and works together to come up with the missing word. The teacher reveals the answer, then reads the meaning of the Bible Truth off of the back of the sign (or from the lesson plan.) There are three lessons for each Bible Truth, allowing the children to learn and master the concept before moving onto the next one.

The Bible Chant



The kids prepare to hear teaching from the Bible by singing/saying **the Bible Chant Song.** This is a simple jingle that reminds the kids that the Bible is very special because it alone is God's Word.

The lyrics to the Bible Chant are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder



After singing the Bible Chant song, the teacher/designated child pulls out the **Deep Down Detectives**"Bible" Folder from the Big Question Box/Briefcase. As explained previously, the point of this Bible folder is for children to begin to grasp that the truths they are learning come from the Bible. The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder is a large, homemade folder made from a 22" x 28" piece of poster board. Images for the front and back of this mock Bible can be glued in place. Inside this over-sized folder, the teacher places the Bible Verse, the Listening Assignment for the Bible story, the text to the Bible story and the storyboard pictures.

The Bible Verse and Song



The first thing that the teachers pulls out of the "Bible" folder in the Bible verse.

Only one Bible verse is taught with each Bible truth. This gives the children three lessons to really learn the verse and its meaning--not just hear it and forget it. The Bible verse is reinforced even more through **the Bible Verse Song.** This song is used as part of the regular teaching time in Circle Time, as well as in the **Music, Movement and Memory activities,** described next. These activities provide even more opportunities for learning the verse.

The lyrics to the Bible Verse Song are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

The Bible Story and Resources





Only one Bible story is used in each Bible truth. Instead of tiring of hearing the same story for three lessons, the children are delighted to have a chance to master it.

Optional actions/questions are woven into the story text. Two different types of colorful resources help you bring the story alive. **Choose the easier-to-prepare Story Scenes** (Ten, picture scenes to use in sequence as you tell the story. **Or, the Storyboard (Flannelgraph) Pictures.** (These are individual, flannelgraph pieces that you put up on a felt storyboard as you tell the story.) These come in two sizes of pictures to suit small or large classroom needs.

These resources can be found in the **Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books.**

Directions for making a homemade storyboard board and for making durable storyboard pictures/story scenes are found in the back of the Core Curriculum and Visual Aid books.

Bible Story Listening Assignments



While the same Bible story is used for all three lessons, there is a different "listening assignment" for each lesson. These are called "Detective Dan's Listening Assignments." (These listening assignments will probably be too much for two year olds; can be useful in developing a three year olds listening skills; and, are great for children older than this. You can read the listening assignment from the lesson plan; or, you can use the Listening Assignment signs included in the Visual Aids book.

Finish your story time by answering the listening assignment; sharing the gospel, and praying the ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) prayer; and, two response songs.

Story Response Songs



There is a hymn and a praise song that you may choose to close Opening Circle Time with. Each unit features a different pair of response songs, related to the unit Big Question and Answer. This gives the children many lessons to learn these songs. A short unit tie-in description is included with each song.

The words to these two songs are included in the lesson plan. Large format lyrics and sheet music are included in Appendix A of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. The audio for this song is in the unit music.

Response Activities: Games and Crafts



After Opening Circle Time, the children can either enjoy free play (see Core Curriculum Appendix D for suggestions) or one of the many game or craft activities. The games and crafts are all created to help reinforce the truths the children have just learned in Circle Time. These are all created to help reinforce the truths the children have just learned in Circle Time.

There are three, different games suggested for each lesson: the Bible Verse Game, the Bible Story Game, and the Music, Movement & Memory Activity. And, there is a simple coloring craft/take home sheet for each of the three lessons, as well as three extra crafts that can be used at any time.

Because there are so many response activities, some teachers like to incorporate some of them as Intake Activities at the beginning of a session.

Let's look at each of these activities, starting on the next page.

Response Activities: Games



The Bible Verse Game



The Bible Story
Review Game



Music, Movement & Memory Activity



Response Activities: Crafts

Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets



When Opening Circle Time ends, the children can either enjoy free play or one of the many game or craft activities. The games are referenced in the lesson plans, but are listed in Appendix B at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Curriculum book. The crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Curriculum book.

Let's look at the games, then the crafts.

The Bible Verse Game helps the children learn the Bible verse and think about what it means. The Bible verse games are referenced in the curriculum, but listed in Appendix B in each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

The **Bible Story Review Game** helps the children think about what they learned in the story. It uses the **Storyboard Pictures** from the Bible story. **The Bible Story games are referenced in the curriculum, but listed in Appendix B in each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.**

The Music, Movement & Memory Activities have the children do certain movement or use simple homemade (or store bought) musical instruments, as they sing songs or say the Bible verse. A simple hymn and praise song as well as the Bible Verse Songs and Big Question Song are suggested for use. A short blurb describing how each song ties in with the Bible Truth concept is given. The Music, Movement & Memory Activities are referenced in the curriculum, but listed in Appendix B in each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

The lyrics and sheet music to these songs are included in the Core Curriculum books. The audio for these songs is found with each unit's music.

All three of these activities are part of a **collection of games that can be assembled ahead of time, then stored** for use throughout the curriculum on a rotation basis. This makes it easy to keep each lesson active and fun, but with less prep work. A **complete list of supplies need to make the games is included in later in this chapter and in Appendix B of each Core Curriculum book.**

There are both coloring pages/take home sheets as well as a few extra crafts available with each Bible Truth. The crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

A coloring page is provided for each of a Bible Truth's three lessons. On the back of each page are the key concepts, a few questions; an ACTS prayer; and, a song/s for parents to use with their children that act as a take home sheet. There is a different emphasis for each lesson's coloring sheet that corresponds with the listening assignment for the lesson:

Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The Bible Truth

Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The Bible Verse

Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: The ACTS Prayer

While these are simple, coloring sheets, they can be easily turned into something more. Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc. for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc.

Response **Activities:** Crafts

Extra Crafts



With each Bible Truth, there are three extra crafts included for use at any time.

These are a Go-and-Tell Craft; a Bible Story Coloring Picture and a Bible Story Puzzle (which is the Storyboard Picture Placement page from the story, which you can cut out into the appropriate number of puzzle pieces for your children, then re-assembled by them).

Like the other crafts in the curriculum, these extra crafts are referenced in the lesson plan, but instructions and any pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

Response **Activities:** Discussion Sheet

The discussion sheet contains questions about the key concepts used in the Bible Truth. These can be used to spark good conversation as the children are coloring. They can also be used as part of the games and other activities to add even more depth.



They are most appropriate for use with children ages 3 and up.

Take Home Resources

Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets

There is a different coloring page/take home sheet for each of the three lessons provided for every Bible Truth. Each take home sheet has a slightly different emphasis, but they all include the key concepts and a few questions. They also tell parents where they can find the full script to Bible story and other resources on the Praise Factory website (in the Parents' Resource section for the curriculum), if they want to use them at home with their children.



The front side is the coloring page and the back side is the take home sheet. The coloring pages/take home sheets are referenced in the lesson plan, but the pages to be photocopied are found in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book.

Take Home Version of the **Bible Story**

There is also a take home version of the story that you can give out along with the take home sheets. This is also available online in the Deep Down Detectives parents' resources section.



This version of the Bible story is referenced in the lesson plan, but is included in Appendix C at the back of each Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum book. It is also available online in the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resource section, as parents are reminded on each take home sheet along the bottom.

Music Resources

Lyrics and Sheet Music



Lyrics and sheet music for the songs used with each Bible Truth are included within the Deep Down Detectives Core Curriculum books.

Each lesson plan includes the lyrics to the core songs used with each Bible Truth. Large format lyrics and sheet music for the songs is included in Appendix A of each Core Curriculum book.

Frequently, the lesson plan references extra songs. The lyrics and sheet music to these extra songs are only found in Appendix A with the other unit songs.

audio mp3's of the songs

The songs can be downloaded from the praisefactory.org website. There are 16 zip files of mp3s of songs, one for each of the 16 Deep Down Detectives units.

Customizing the Curriculum: Know Yourself to Know What You Need

A good, curriculum custom-fit starts with thinking carefully about those involved. Here are six, key factors to consider. (The Children's Ministry Questionnaire will guide you through these issues in much greater depth.)



Your Children's Abilities

- + readers/pre-readers?
- + age groupings in the same class
- + attention span
- + exposure to the gospel?
- + etc.



Your Teachers' Agility

- + teaching experience
- + experience with children
- + classroom experience
- + their own spiritual maturity
- + etc.



Your Time Capacity

- + Thirty minutes or one hour?
- + Once a week/five days a week?
- + A camp session/a V.B.S
- + School year/a full year?
- + etc.



Who are we?

What do we need?







What can we do?

What should we do?









Your Teaching Locality

- + Home, church or school?
- + Urban, suburban or rural?
- + Storage space available?
- + Classroom size?
- + etc.



Your Ministry Priorities

- + Who gives you spiritual oversight?
- + What do they want you to teach?
- + Are they willing to look over the curriculum/help find and screen teachers?

+ etc.



Your Practicalities

- + What is your budget?
- + Who will prepare the curriculum?
- + How much time do they have?
- + Is there anyone willing/able to oversee the start up and implementation of a new curriculum?

Customizing the Curriculum: Build-Your-Own-Curriculum Sandwich



You've thought about who you are, what you need, what you can do, and what you can should do. Now it's time to customize your own curriculum version. We like to think of this process as similar to creating your favorite sandwich. Start with what you know has to be there, then add in extras until you get just what you want. You might be a "meat-only" sandwich, needing only the very basics of the curriculum. Or, you want "the works"--the whole curriculum, just as it is written. Many people use something in between. The important thing is to keep in mind the specifics of your teachers; your children; your time constraints; and, your ministry situation. Then build your own version of Deep Down Detectives that works best for you. Bon appetit!

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1. Start with the Meat: Core Curriculum	Resources: Big Question and Answer Bible Truth Bible Verse Bible Story	These are the backbone of biblical truth for the curriculum. You really only have to have these. Everything else is extra!		
2. Choose Your Cheese: Response Activities	Resources: Bible Memory Game Bible Story Review Game Music, Movement & Memory Crafts	Response activities are second in importance only to the "meat." They are enjoyable, handson activities that help the children learn and retain the "meat" of biblical truths.		
3. Add the Lettuce: Intake Activities	Resources: Free Play Activity Centers Unit Songs Bible Memory Game	Intake Activities are a nice addition to your curriculum "sandwich", but you don't have to have them. They often help the children settle better in class and prepare them for learning.		
4. Throw on Extra Veggies: Zesty Extras	Resources: Deep Down Detectives Song Classroom Rules Chant The Big Question Box Song The Bible Song Let's Pray Song ACTS Prayer Song	These are few extras that add zest to the curriculum. The Classroom Rules Song is especially helpful for reminding the children of expected classroom behavior in a fun way.		
5. Spread on Condiments: Transitions	Resources: The Classroom Song (4 verses)	Harnessing the transition points in your curriculum can make teaching much easier for your teachers and actually fun for your kids. The Deep Down Detectives curriculum uses music to structure and teach the children through every transition.		
6. Choose Your Bread: Curriculum Presentation Features	Resources: Big Question Box/Briefcase Storyboard Flannelgraph Pictures or Story Scenes	These are resources that are used to present the curriculum to the children. They help keep the children focus and make the learning more visual and interactive.		
7. Prepare It for Carry Out Take Home Resources	Resources: Coloring Sheet/Take Home Sheet for each lesson Take Home version of each	Take home resources are a great way for parents to know what their children are learning and to provide them with a tool for further discussion.		

story

Common Customizations: Age Groups

Having considered these questions, put this information to work to build your version of the curriculum.

Here are some ways we have customized the curriculum or seen it customized by others:

CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group	
2 year olds	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: You are doing well just to get these children to begin to sit as a group. Build up to this, as they get adjusted to a classroom setting. Set your expectations LOW! Helping the children learn how to be a group prepares them for learning more later and even more being able to join in the church service better. This, by itself, is a job well-done.

NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

All three lessons for sure! Repetition is great for these kids!

But, if you go at this rate, you will not get very far through the 70 Bible Truths in a year. Consider using Hide 'n' Seek Kids instead.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM: Opening Activity Time:

- Free play time as they come to class
- · You can have unit music playing in the background
- Use the Classroom Songs to begin to teach them about transitions

Opening Circle Time:

- Use the Big Question Box/Briefcase
- Teach them the Big Question
- Sing the Big Question Song (short, nursery rhyme version)
- Teach them the Bible Truth
- Tell them the Bible Verse (maybe sing the song)
- Tell the Bible story, using the storyboard
- Do not expect these children to be able to do the listening assignment.
- End with the ACTS prayer or an even shorter prayer, if attention is lagging.

Response Activity Time:

- Dismiss to free play time.
- You can have unit music playing in the background.
- Offer the coloring sheet/take home sheet craft after they have played for a while.
- You MIGHT be able to weave a few of the discussion questions into your conversations
 with the children as they play or do their coloring sheet... but don't count on it. It's just
 fine if they don't! They are only two years old!

Closing Circle Time:

- Use the Classroom Songs to gather them back together.
- Ask them the Big Question and Answer, tell them the Bible Truth, and sing the short Big Question Song again.
- End with the ACTS prayer or an even shorter prayer, if attention is lagging.

Dismissal:

- Give out the take home version of the Bible Story, the day you start a new Bible Truth.
- Give out coloring sheet/take home sheet for the lesson.

Common Customizations: Age Groups

CUSTOMIZE BY: Age Group

3 year olds

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

This age group can enjoy much of this curriculum.

NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

All three lessons for sure! Repetition is great for these kids!

But, if you go at this rate, you will not get very far through the 70 Bible Truths in a year. Consider using Hide 'n' Seek Kids instead.

HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:

As written, except...

the listening questions will be a new concept to this children of this age. This is the new skill you will be working on to give the children. It may take a while to get them used to holding on to a question or two as they listen. You might even want to remind them of the questions as you read the story. (This is another way we help these children prepare to gather with the congregation and be ready to learn from a sermon. And, be careful not to overwhelm them with too many discussion questions. Choose a few and repeat them when playing the games. Add in more as they master the answers to your initial ones.

4-5 year olds OR 2-5 year olds

as one class

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

4-5 year olds:

The concepts of the curriculum were especially created with this age group in mind.

2-5 year olds as one class: You are combining children with fairly different developmental abilities. While one teacher is teaching, the other teacher may need to be quietly tending to the 2 year olds as their attention span fades.

NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

These children will do best with 2-3 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. We do two concepts per month of Sundays. That 2 lessons from Bible Truth, then 2 lessons from the next Bible Truth. Or, in months with five Sundays, you would choose to do 2 lessons from one Bible Truth and 3 lessons from the next. **You will complete the curriculum in about 2 1/2 years at this rate.**

HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:

As written. You can introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with children.

And, for those who have combined 2-5 year olds, having the children do the suggested actions that go with the full, Big Question Songs can be a great chance for the little 2-year-olds to get some wiggles out.

Common Customizations: Age Groups

CUSTOMI	ΖE	BY:
Age Grou	p	

pre-K & K

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

The concepts of the curriculum were especially created with this age group in mind.

NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

These children will do best with 2 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. We do two concepts per month of Sundays. That 2 lessons from Bible Truth, then 2 lessons from the next Bible Truth. Or, in months with five Sundays, you would choose to do 2 lessons from one Bible Truth and 3 lessons from the next. You will complete the curriculum in about 2 1/2 years at this rate.

HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:

As written. You can introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with children.

K-2nd grade

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

The concepts of the curriculum can still very good for this age group, but you are bumping up against its outer limits. I would move on to Praise Factory Investigators, if I was using Deep Down Detectives with the preschoolers. However, if this curriculum is being introduced with this age group, it will be great for them.

NUMBER OF LESSONS OF A BIBLE TRUTH USED:

These older children will do best with 1 to 2 lessons of the three included with each Bible Truth. You will probably bore them if you repeat beyond this point.

HOW TO USE THE CURRICULUM:

Definitely introduce the longer, full Big Question Songs, not just the short nursery songs with this group.

I would either do:

two, full lessons per Bible Truth;

OR,

I would do one full lesson per Bible Truth, then use the Opening Activity time of the next session to review the previous session's concepts by playing the Bible Story game/Bible Verse Review Game/singing the songs). I would then introduce the next Bible Truth concepts in Opening Circle Time.

Common Customizations: Teaching Situations

CUSTOMIZE BY: Teaching Situation

How to Structure the Curriculum

Single Session

One, 60-90 minute session on a lesson, in one day, once a week examples: Sunday School, Church Hour, Mid-week programs As written. If you do not really have 60 minutes of actual teaching time, you will need to choose what not to use. Choose what you think is most important to have in your session, then continue to add in elements until you have filled up your time budget.

Double Session

Two 60-90 minute sessions, on the same lesson, in one day, once a week examples: Sunday School PLUS Church Hour OR, Sunday Morning PLUS Sunday Evening OR, Sunday Morning PLUS Wednesday Evening (This is how we use the curriculum here at CHBC)

First session of the Double:

- Use Opening Activity
- Opening Circle Time
- And choose an activity
- Fill in extra time with free play activities

snack and potty break

Second session of the Double:

- Review Opening Circle Time
- Choose another activity
- Fill in extra time with free play activities

Daycare/Schools Bible Class

Schools vary in how many days they teach Bible. Some will have a daily Bible class. Others, will have it only certain days.

Here's a suggestion for one Bible Truth a week, 5 days a week Bible class for preschoolers:

Typically, each session you will be:

- · Reminding the children of the Big Question and Bible verse;
- Telling them the Bible story (or asking them questions to review it);
- Singing the songs; and,
- Following up with a response activity.

There are three lessons in each Bible Truth, with a listening assignment for each lesson. each with a coloring page, and three games; plus, three extra crafts.

- That makes 12 activities, plus the three extra crafts. Plenty for a week of Bible classes for little preschoolers.
- You could read the story on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, using a different listening activity each time. Use the coloring sheet corresponds to the listening activity on those days.
- Then, the other two days of the week, use the games to review what they have learned.

With 16 units of 67 Bible truths, this gives you about two academic years of curriculum.

Camps, VBS and Short-term Missions Trips

Since camps, VBS and mission trips usually involve both preschoolers and elementary school children, you will do best use two or three of the Praise Factory family of curriculum to meet everyone's needs. At the end of this introduction section, we provide suggested schedules for these ministry situations. We also have included how the Bible Truths across all three curriculums line up so you can coordinate the truths you are teaching across all of the age groups/curriculums.

Maiden Voyage: Testing Out the Curriculum

Making a Test Run

At last it's time to try out the curriculum on your kids. As mentioned before, our favorite way to try out a new curriculum is with a smaller group of children (of the more-likely-to be-well-behaved variety), when there is an opportunity to do so. This gives the curriculum its best test-run. Ideally, you want to give any curriculum a few sessions trial period. New curriculum is new curriculum. Teachers will be getting used to it as will the kids.

You may choose to dive in the deep end and introduce the whole curriculum to the children at once. As you introduce the curriculum to your children, also remember that everything will be new to them at first. New ideas and structures use up a lot more attention and energy than when they are familiar and routine...and it takes time for them to become routine. Be patient! Expect this!

Or, you may take the gradual approach, deciding on lesson elements to introduce gradually, then adding more in as you go. Think about the routine the children are used to in your classroom already. What works? What doesn't work? Slot Deep Down Detectives resources into the parts of your current framework that work best with your children, then gradually build from there.

For example, you might want to start with just the Bible story and Bible verse the first lesson, adding other elements the second lesson, and so on. Also, realize that the children will be doing a lot more watching and a lot less direct participation at first as they are learning the routine.

Give yourself and the children a few lessons to settle into the routine before deciding what is the right amount of activities to include each week. As the children get used to the lesson routine, you will find the children have more attention and energy to devote to the learning activities.

Evaluate and Adjust It

As you test-run the curriculum, you will probably want to evaluate and make changes. Reflect on how the teaching session goes, after each of your test runs and make any necessary changes. As you get closer to a good fit, add in more conditions like the typical classroom--such as your crazier kids, etc.. See how the curriculum works with these new elements. Make more changes until you feel good about your fit.

The Real Launch: Implementing the Curriculum in Your Situation

Sign Post It

Once you have figured out what works best for your children and those teaching the curriculum, put sign posts in place in the classroom. If you found that certain activities work better in a certain part of the room (such as games or craft time), put up a sign on the wall near that area indicating that. Or, put down a rug where you want to have Circle Time.

Choose and Train Your Load-Bearers

If the curriculum follows a set time schedule, display the schedule on the wall in large print so a teacher can with just a glance know what he/she should be doing.

Signpost where you store your curriculum resources (games, curriculum, music, craft supplies, etc), too, so that even the newest teacher can easily find what he/she needs.

Once you feel that you have adjusted the curriculum to a good fit for teacher and children, begin to train others in how to teach it, too. Ideally, this starts as a mentoring experience between you and another teacher (preferably two). You are looking for people who are willing to learn the curriculum inside-out until they can teach it well themselves and can later train others in it, too. I call these teachers, "load-bearers," because they will share the weight of implementing the new curriculum.

First, have your load-bearers come observe you as you teach the curriculum. Have them read the introductory materials and the curriculum lesson plan before they observe. After class, de-brief with them about the session. Have them continue to come for a number of session, gradually handing over the teaching responsibilities until they are comfortable and confident.

Bring the Parents Up to Speed

Make sure to include parents in your launch! Communicate with them about the change in curriculum that is happening. Hold a meeting. Send out an email. Hand out the Deep Down Detectives flyer (pgs. 7-8, Core Curriculum books). Ask them to parents. Invite their feedback. Make them your partners, after all, it is them and their kids you hope to help.

Add Others

With your load-bearers in place and confident in the curriculum, you can now begin to look for more potential teachers to be trained. The load-bearers will then follow the same steps as you took with them: having them observe, then gradually take teaching responsibilities, de-briefing after each session. Continue until they are confident.

Want to See More?

Three times a year (the third Saturday/Sunday of March, May and September), we hold a free lunch, learn-and-look workshop and observation time here at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, we gather for lunch and talk philosophy; child protection policy; encouraging parents; recruiting teachers; dealing with discipline issues; etc; and, of course, curriculum. After finishing up our group session, we are happy to talk to individual churches about their particular situations.

Then on Sunday, we offer an opportunity to see Deep Down Detectives and the other Praise Factory curriculum in action in our classes. This can be a great way to help others understand and get excited about the curriculum.

The registration form for these workshops can be found on the Praise Factory website.

Protect Your Investment: Tips on Storing the Curriculum for Future Use

This is a curriculum that keeps on giving year after year. Everything is re-used. If you do a good job storing the curriculum, it will serve your church well and at little cost for many years.

Here are two ideas to help you:

Idea #1: If you are teaching only a small group of children:



Lesson plan, story, and other paper resources you can re-use



CDs, Song Track Lists, Lyrics & Sheet Music

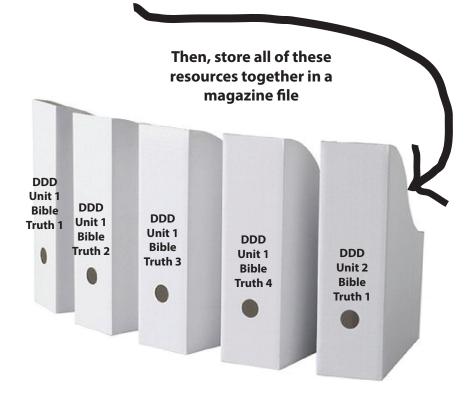


Bible Story Pictures, Pictures Key, & Placement Guide



Crafts and Take Home Sheets (paper resources you will have to photo copy again)





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Idea #2: If you are teaching a large group of children (like we do at CHBC), you may want to have a separate envelope for each resource type.

Copies of Unit Lesson Plan, and Story with Listening Assignments



CDs, Song Track Lists, Lyrics & Sheet Music



Bible Story Pictures, Pictures Key and Placement Guide



Discussion Sheet



Visual aids, (except for Bible Storyboard Pics)



Craft/Take Home Sheet 1



Craft/Take Home Sheet 2



Craft/Take Home Sheet 3



Extra Craft 1

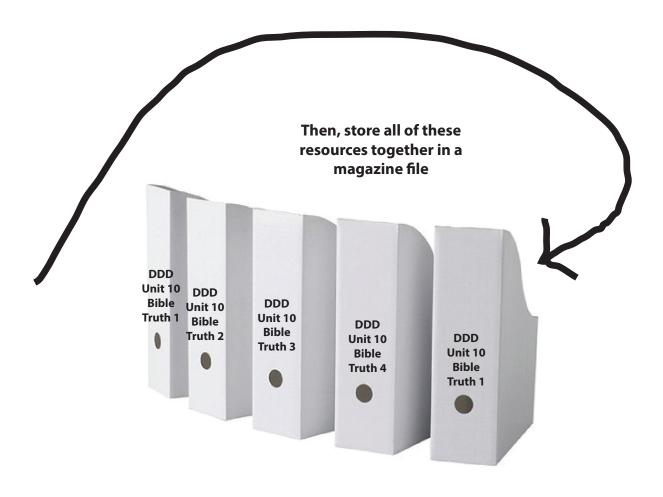


Extra Craft 2



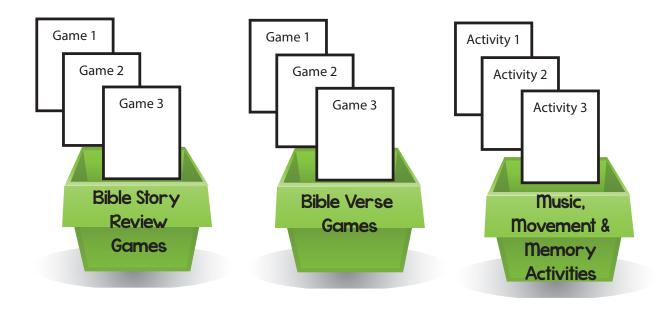
Extra Craft 3





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Store your games in separate ziploc bags and put them in bins.:



Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games

Deep Down Detectives uses many games. The good news is, they are simply made and they are re-used throughout the whole curriculum. Make sure you save the games you make and it will save you a lot of time later.

This is the full list of the games and the supplies needed in the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum. While you only need to make whatever games you choose to use with each lesson, **I strongly recommend that you make** all the games before you start using the curriculum. Get the prep work over with at the beginning and coast your way through years of enjoyment! Store them in ziploc bags or baskets and pull them out when needed. So simple!

THIS LIST IS ALSO INCLUDED IN APPENDIX B: GAMES

Bible Verse Games

Lily Pad Jump

- · Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

Animal Cube

- Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

Simon Says How

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker

Bean Bag Catch

- 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

Slap, Clap and Stack

10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

Freeze 'n' Say

Music and CD/Tape player

Fill 'er Up

- 1 bean bag per child
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.
- Cardboard box or laundry basket
- Carpet squares, 1 per child

Loud and Soft, Big and Little

none

Bible Verse Games

Roll'n' Toss

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- 1 bouncy ball per 2 children

Duck, Duck, Goose

none

Deep Down Detective Mission Madness Practice

 Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

Block Clapping

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

Meet, Greet, and Keep It Up

- 16 oz cups, 1 per child (with some extras)
- 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children
- Masking tape

Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

Music, Movement & Memory

Thumping Drums

- 1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

Say, Spring Up and Shout

Bean bags, one per child

Freeze Frame

Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

Egg Shakers

- Empty Easter eggs
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

Jingle Bell Hands

- 16" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops

Sing, Dance, and Fall Down

Optional: Bean bags, one per child

Big Voice, Little Voice

none

Bottle Shakers

- 1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

March 'n' Say

• Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

Clap, Tap and Say

none

Lullabies, Bells and Lions

Bell

Music, Movement & Memory

Musical Squares

Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)

Block Clappers

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

Story Review Games

Going Fishing

- One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole
- Yarn
- Paper clip per fishing pole
- Rope
- Two chairs
- Blanket
- Box/bucket/container
- Bucket

Pony Express

- Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
- Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
- Basket
- Cowboy hat
- Stick horse or a broom

Fix Up the Mix Up

None

Can You Remember?

Index cards

Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt

- Variety of interesting items that have one or more places to hide a storyboard picture
- Detective Hat
- 4 False Clues (included on the next page)
- CD Player and Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

Clothespin Line Up and Drop

- Rope
- Clothespins, the hinged type
- Shoe box
- Tape

Who's in the Basket?

- Blanket
- Basket

Run to the Grocery Store

- Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart
- Empty food cartons

Story Review Games

Treasure Hunt

- 10 small lidded plastic containers or boxes (like from a jewelry store) or wooden, hinged boxes from a craft store
- Various decorating supplies, such as fake craft jewels, glitter, glitter glue, foil paper, gold spray paint
- glue

Take Me Through the Tunnel

- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

Missing in Action

None

Who's Inside?

10 different containers with lids

Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks

- Two shoe boxes
- 6' or so of rope
- Optional: Engineer's hat

VBS, Camps and other Programs

Programs like camps, VBS and short-term missions Children's Ministry usually involve such a wide, age-range of children that it's best to use two or three curriculums, instead of just one, to meet everyone's learning level. This is easy to do with the Praise Factory family of curriculum, since you are using the same, sixteen Big Question Units in all three curriculums.

There are so many ways to do these programs. Here are the most common ones I've heard of:

- One, half day
- One, full day
- One evening
- Friday Night-Saturday
- Five, half days
- Five, full days
- · Five evenings in a row
- Five one-day evenings (such as five Wednesday nights in a row)
- Two, five-day weeks in a row

Although these programs take place at many different times, they typically run one of three, standard lengths of time:

- 1 1/2 hour programs
- 2 1/2 hour programs
- 6 hour programs

Here are session suggestions for each of these three lengths of programs:

NOTE: I have put some place holder times in schedules. You change them to your actual times.

1 1/2 Hour Multi- Age Programs

1 1/2 Hour Program (for 2 year olds):

- 9:00 Free Play/Activity Centers
- 9:15 Opening Circle Time (Singing, Big Question, Bible Verse and Bible Story)
- 9:30 Free Play/Activity Centers
- 9:45 Activities: Game, Craft and/or Music
- 10:20 Closing Circle Time
- 10:30 Dismissal

1 1/2 Hour Program (for ages 3-5):

Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives Session, as written

1 1/2 Hour Program (for elementary age kids):

Praise Factory Investigators Session, as written

VBS, Camps and other Programs: 1 1/2 Hour Schedule

1 1/2 Hour Program (for 2 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (9:15 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:30 Activity Centers
- 9:40 Clean Up Toys
- 9:45 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 10:05 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 10:15 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break
- 10:25 Clean Up Toys
- 10:30 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 10:40 Snack Time
- 10:50 Closing Time/Take Home Sheet/Coloring Time (Ask them the Closing Time questions as they are coloring at the tables)
- 11:00 Parents come

1 1/2 Hour Program (for 3-preK 5 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (9:15 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:30 Activity Centers
- 9:40 Clean Up Toys
- 9:45 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 10:05 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 10:15 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break
- 10:25 Clean Up Toys
- 10:30 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 10:40 Snack Time
- 10:50 Closing Time/Take Home Sheet/Coloring Time (Ask them the Closing Time questions as they are coloring at the tables)
- 11:00 Parents come

1 1/2 Hour Program--elementary school (Praise Factory Investigators)

- 9:00 Opening Large Group Time: Welcome, Singing
- 9:15 Opening Large Group Time: Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activities (Discussion and Games/Music/Craft Activities) If desired, each small group can prepare their activity for Small Group Presentations in Closing Large Group.
- 10:15 Closing Large Group Time: Small Group Presentations and/or Singing
- 10:30 Dismissal

VBS, Camps and other Programs: 2 1/2 Hour Schedule

2 1/2 Hour Program (for 2 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (8:45 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:00 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:10 Clean Up Toys
- 9:15 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 9:25 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:35 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 9:45 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break 2
- 9:55 Clean Up Toys
- 10:00 Snack Time
- 10:10 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 10:20 Activity Centers (second set)
- 10:30 Clean Up Toys
- 10:45 Craft Time (one of the extra crafts)
- 10:55 Play with Toys /Check Diapers/Potty Break 2
- 11:00 Clean up Toys
- 11:05 Active Indoor/Outdoor Play
- 11:25 Closing Time Circle Time
- 11: 15 Coloring Time/Take Home Sheet
- 11:30 Parents come

2 1/2 Hour Program (for 3-preK 5 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

- (8:45 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:00 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:15 Clean Up Toys
- 9:20 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 9:40 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 9:55 Activity Centers (first set)
- 10:10 Clean Up Toys
- 10:15 Potty Break/Wash Hands
- 10:25 Snack Time
- 10:35 Active Indoor/Outdoor Play OR Activity Centers (second set)
- 10:50 Clean Up Toys
- 10:55 Memory Verse Time: Music, Movement & Memory; Bible Verse Review Game
- 11:10 Closing Time Circle Time
- 11:20 Coloring Time/Take Home Sheet
- 11:30 Parents come

2 1/2 Hour Program--elementary school (Praise Factory Investigators)

- 9:00 Opening Large Group Time: Welcome, Singing
- 9:15 Opening Large Group Time: Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activity 1: Discussion and Craft Activity
- 10:15 Active Outdoor/Indoor Play
- 10:30 Snack (Story-related snack) ACTS and Discussion Time (related to activity they are about to do 10:45 Small Group Activity 2: (Prepare this one for presentation to the rest of the children during Closing Large Group Time, if desired)
- 11:15: Closing Large Group Time: Small Group Presentations and/or Singing
- 11:30 Dismissal

VBS, Camps and other Programs: 6 Hour Schedule

6 Hour (Full Day) Program (for 3-preK 5 year olds): (Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives)

Use one Bible Truth and Bible story for the whole day's session. Afternoon provides an opportunity for reinforcement.

Morning Schedule

- 8:45 Early Arriver Activity a few puzzles or paper and crayons on a table)
- 9:00 Activity Centers (first set)
- 9:15 Clean Up Toys
- 9:20 Opening Circle Time (Add actions to songs to make this time more active)
- 9:50 Active Indoor/Outdoor Play (Playground or organized games)
- 10:30 Potty Break/Wash Hands/Snack Time
- 10:45 Music, Movement & Memory Game and Singing
- 11:00 Craft Time (Use one of the Extra Crafts)
- 11:30 Activity Centers (second set)
- 12:00 1:00 Lunch and Play Time/Rest Time

Afternoon Schedule

- 1:00 Bible Story Review & Bible Verse Review (repeat story and storyboard or use games to review)
- 1: 20 Craft Time (Use one of the take home sheet coloring activities of the Extra Crafts)
- 1:40 Activity Centers (second set)
- 2:00 Snack and Potty Break
- 2:30 Closing Circle Time Review/Singing
- 2:40 Free play, games, possibility outdoors
- 3:00 Dismissal

6 Hour (Full Day) Program--elementary school (Praise Factory Investigators)

Use two stories from same Bible Truth: one in the morning, one in the afternoon.

- 8:45 Greet children and parents as they arrive
- 9:00 Small Group Time: Introduce Big Question, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, etc.
- 9:15 Large Group Singing and Bible Story
- 9:45 Small Group Activity 1: Bible Truth Game
- 10:15 Small Group Activity 2: Craft
- 10:45 Snack and ACTS Prayer Time
- 11:00 Outdoor Fun Active Game 1
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play Time

Afternoon Schedule

- 1:00 Large Group Singing and Second Story (Other Bible Story or Story of the Saints)
- 1:30 Small Group Activity 1: Presentation Activity (Choose a different activity for each small group to work on during this time. They will present it to the rest of the children at the end of the session, if desired.)
- 2:15 Snack Time
- 2:30 Closing Large Group Time: Small Group Presentations and/or Singing
- 3:00 Dismissal

VBS, Camps and other Programs: Choosing Curriculum

You've figured out how many sessions your program will run and how long each session will last. Next, you need to figure out which curriculum you want to use. We suggest using Hide 'n' Seek Kids and/or Deep Down Detectives with your pre-schoolers and Praise Factory Investigators for your elementary school kids.

Find a unit you want to become the theme of your VBS. Choose the Bible Truths you want to teach. The charts of the following pages should help you see how the Bible Truths match up in the three curriculums. You've got tons of resources within each concept to fill up your schedule.

Here's a reminder of what you have in each:

Each Hide 'n' Seek Kids unit has:

- There is just one Bible Story and one Bible verse per unit.
- There are 5 lessons of curriculum in each unit.
- There is tons of music.
- The activities in each of the 5 lessons include:
 - 1 Bible Story Review Game
 - 1 Bible Verse Game
 - 1 Music, Movement & Memory Activity (especially good for Bible Memory)
 - 1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home Sheet
 - There are also 3 extra crafts

Each Deep Down Detective unit has:

- There are multiple Bible truths within each unit.
- There are three lessons of curriculum, per Bible Truth, within each unit.
- There is one Bible story for each Bible Truth.
- There are 3 lessons of curriculum for each Bible Truth.
- There is tons of music
- The activities in each of the 3 lessons include:
 - 1 Bible Story Review Game
 - 1 Bible Verse Game
 - 1 Music, Movement & Memory Activity (especially good for Bible Memory)
 - 1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home Sheet
 - There are also 3 extra crafts

Each Praise Factory Investigators unit has:

- Multiple Bible truths within it.
- There are three lessons of curriculum, per Bible Truth
- There are 3 stories for each Bible Truth: 1 Old Testament, 1 New Testament, and one Church History/missions.
- There are 3 lessons of curriculum for each Bible Truth--one for each of the three stories.
- There is tons of music.
- Each of the 3 lessons includes:
 - 1 Bible Story Review Game with Discussion Questions
 - 1 Bible Verse Game with Discussion Ouestions
 - 1 Bible Truth Game with Discussion Ouestions
 - 1 Craft with Discussion Questions
 - 1 Bible Verse Game with Discussion Questions
 - 1 Bible Verse Song with Discussion Questions, Sign Language and Song Game
 - 1 Hymn with Discussion Questions, Sign Language and Song Game
 - 1 Story-related Snack
 - 1 Take home sheet with the key concepts, the story and some discussion questions

Bible Trutl	hs that Match Up Across	the Curriculums
Hide 'n' Seek Kids	Deep Down Detectives	Praise Factory Investigators
Unit 1: The God Who Reveals Himself Q: How Can I Know What God Is Like?	By the Heart He Gave Me to Know and Love Him	1. God Made Our Hearts to Know and Love Him
A: He Shows Me What He's Like!	2. In Everything I See All Around Me	2. God's Creations Tell Us about Him
	included in DDD Unit 1 Bible Truth 3, below	(3. God Spoke to His People through Prophets Long Ago)
	3. In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God	4. God Speaks through His Word, the Bible
	4. Through His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ	5. God Reveals Himself Most Completely through His Son, Jesus
Unit 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible Q: What's So Special about the Bible?	God Made Sure It Was Written Down Just Right	God Inspired Many People to Write Down His Word Perfectly
A: It Alone Is God's Word!	2. It Tells Us about God and His Plans	God's Word Tells God's Way and Plans for His People, Past, Present and Future
	3. God Uses It to Save His People	3. God Uses His Word to Save His People
	4. God Uses It to Change His People	4. God Uses His Word to Change His People
Unit 3: The Good News of God,	1. God Made Us and We Should Obey Him	1. God Is the Good Creator and King of the World
the Gospel Q: What Is the Gospel?	We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His Punishment	All Have Rejected God and Deserve His Eternal Punishment
A: Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!	3. God Sent Jesus to Pay for God's People's Sins	3. God Sent Jesus to Bear the Punishment for Sin
	God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus as Their Savior	4. God Saves Those Who Repent and Trust in Jesus
	1. He Is a Glorious Spirit	1. The LORD is a Glorious Spirit
Unit 4: The God Like None Other Q: Can Anybody Tell Me What the	2. He Is the One, True God	2. The LORD is the Only True God
LORD Is Like? A: He's Not Like Anyone Else!	3. He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons	3. The LORD Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons
	4. He Is Everywhere, All the Time	4. The LORD Is Everywhere, All the Time
	5. He Knows Everything There Is to Know	5. The LORD Knows Everything There Is to Know
	6. He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good	6. The LORD is Holy
	7. He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do	7. The LORD is Omnipotent
	8. He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through	8. The LORD is Faithful
	included in DDD Unit 4 Bible Truth 2, above	9. The LORD's Names Tell Us About Him
Unit 5: God, the Good Creator	He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth	1. God Created All Things Good in the Beginning
Q: Can You Tell Me What God Made? A: God Made All Things Good!	2. God Made People in a Special Way	2. God Created People Good in the Beginning
	included in DDD Unit 5 Bible Truth 1, above	3. God Created the World to Praise and Glorify Him
	included in DDD Unit 5 Bible Truth 1, above	4. God's Plans For His Creation Are Good and Unfailing
Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful	1. When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God	Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning
Q: How Did Bad Things Come into God's Good World? A: Bad Things Came Through Sin!	included in DDD Unit 6 Bible Truth 1, above	2. God Treated the First Sinners with Justice and Mercy
3 3	2. When It Spread to the Whole World	3. All People Are Born Sinful, All People Need God's Mercy
Unit 7: The Law-Giving God	1. They are Written in the Bible, God's Word	1. God's Laws Are Written in the Bible
Q; What Are God's Laws Like? A: God's Laws Are Perfect!	included in DDD Unit 7 Bible Truth 2, below	God Created Us Perfect Law Keepers, But We Are All Lawbreakers
	included in DDD Unit 7 Bible Truth 2, below	3. God Gave Us His Laws to Convict Us of Our Sin that We Might Be Saved
	2. They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us	Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly to Save God's People by His Grace
	3. They Tell Us How to Love God and Others	5. The Heart of God's Law is Love

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Hide 'n' Seek Kids	Deep Down Detectives	Praise Factory Investigators
Unit 8: The God Who Loves Q: What Is God's Love for His People Like?	included in DDD Unit 8, Bible Truth 1, below	1. God Blesses All People with Many Good Gifts
A: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!	included in DDD Unit 8, Bible Truth 4, below	2. God Loved His People Before They Loved Him
	1. He Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them	3. God Showed the Depths of His Love by Giving His Son to Save His People
	2. He Always Takes Care of Them	4. God Loves His People by Caring for Their Needs
	3. He Uses Their Sadnesses for Good	5. God Uses Everything in His People's Lives for Their Good and His Glory
	4. He Will Never Stop Loving His People	6. God Will Never Stop Loving His People
Unit 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel,	1. He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us	1. Jesus, the Servant King
God with Us	2. He Never, Ever Disobeyed God	2. Jesus, the Obedient Son
Q: What Did Jesus Come to Do? A: Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!	3. He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things	3. Jesus, the Amazing Teacher
	included in DDD Unit Bible Truth 3, above	4. Jesus, the Ruler of All Creation
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, above	5. Jesus, the Lord over Life and Death
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 4, below	6. Jesus, the Forgiver of Sins
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 2, above	7. Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 1	8. Jesus, the Glory of God
	4. He Died on the Cross for God's People's Sins	9. Jesus, the Ransom for Sinners
	5. He Rose from the Dead	10. Jesus, the Conqueror of Death
	included in DDD Unit 9, Bible Truth 5, above	11. Jesus, the Firstborn of the Resurrection
Unit 10: The Holy Spirit:	6. He Went Up to Rule in Heaven	12. Jesus, the Reigning Son in Heaven
The Indwelling God	1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People	1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People
Q: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?	2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage	2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage
A: He Changes Their Hearts!	3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom	3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom
	4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church	4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church
Jnit 11: The God Who Saves Q: How Can We Be Saved?	When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them	1. God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins
A: It Is God's Free Gift!	included in DDD Unit 11, Bible Truth 2,below	2. Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved
	2. When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior	3. We Must Trust Jesus as Our Savior
	3. When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts	4. The Holy Spirit Changes Our Hearts so We Can Be Saved
Jnit 12: God's People Live for Him	1. By Asking God for His Help	1. God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus
Q: How Should God's People Live? A: They Should Live Like Jesus!	2. By Loving Him Most of All	2. God's People Love Him with All Themselves
,	3. By Loving Other People As God Has Loved Them	3. God's People Love Others
	4. By Trusting God and Being Happy With What He Wants	4. God's People Trust Him
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 8, below	5. God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 5, below	6. God's People Obey Him
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 5, below	7. God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them
	5. By Learning God's Word and Obeying It	8. God's People Read His Word, the Bible
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 2, above	9. God's People Think about Him
	6. By Saying "No" to Disobeying God	10. God's People Say "No" to Temptation
	7. By Telling the Good News of Jesus	11. God's People Tell Others about Him
	included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 4, above included in DDD Unit 12 Bible Truth 4, above	12. God's People Suffer According to His Plan13. God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home
	8. By Making Much of God	14. God's People Delight in His Glory

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Hide 'n' Seek Kids	Deep Down Detectives	Praise Factory Investigators
Unit 13: The Sustaining God	1. God, Alone, Sustains God's People	1. God, Alone, Sustains God's People
Q: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? A: It Is God's Sustaining Grace!	2. God the Father Promises to Help His People	2. God the Father Promises to Help His People
	3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need	3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need
	4. The Holy Spirit Works in God's People	4. The Holy Spirit Works in God's People
	5. The Word of God Feeds God's People	5. The Word of God Feeds God's People
	6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other	6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other
Unit 14: The God Who Delights in Our	1. God Wants Us to Praise Him	1. God Delights in Our Adoration of Him
Prayers	2. God Wants Us to Confess Our Sins	2. God Delights in Our Humble Confession of Sin
Q: How Does God Want Us to Pray? A: Every Night and Day!	3. God Wants Us to Thank Him	3. God Delights in Our Thanksgiving to Him
A. Every Night and Day.	4. God Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things	4. God Delights in Our Supplications to Him
	included in DDD Unit 14 Bible Truth 4, above	5. God Always Answers Prayers
	included in DDD Unit 14 Bible Truth 4, above	6. Jesus Is Why God Answers God's People's Prayers
Unit 15: God's People Gather Together Q: Why Do God's People Go to Church?	1. By Praising God for Jesus'Win over Death	God's People Gather Together for a Special, Weekly Worship Day
A: To Worship God and Love One	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 2, below	2. God's People Are Led by Godly Leaders
Another!	2. By Learning from God's Word, the Bible	3. God's People Gather to Hear God's Word
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 3, below	4. God's People Are Called the Body of Christ
	3. By Caring for Each Other's Needs	5. God's People Love One Another with a Covenant Love
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 3, above	6. God's People Gather to Give
	4. By Telling What God Has Done and Praying	7. God's People Gather for Fellowship
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 4, above	8. God's People Invite Others to Gather with Them
	included in DDD Unit 15 Bible Truth 4, above	9. God's People Gather to Pray
	5. By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for Jesus	10. God's People Proclaim Their New Life in Christ through Baptism
	6. By Remembering Jesus Died to Save Them	God's People Celebrate Christ's Redeeming Sacrifice for Them
Unit 16: Jesus, the Returning King Q: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back?	1. Jesus Will Judge All People Fairly	1. King Jesus Will Return to End the World
A: God Will Make Everything New!	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	2. King Jesus Will Return When God's Work on Earth is Done
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	3. When King Jesus Returns, God's People Will Be Made Like Him
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	4. King Jesus Will Return to Bring the Wicked to Just and Final Punishment
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 1, above	5. King Jesus Will Return to Judge God's People, Too
	included in DDD Unit 16 Bible Truth 2, below	6. King Jesus Will Be United with His Bride, God's People Forever
	2. God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever	7. King Jesus Will Reign Forever

DEEP DOWN DECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 10, Bible Truth 1:

What Does the Holy Spirit
Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts
to Be Like Jesus...

The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan**. Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the Storyboard (flannelgraph) Pictures or Story Scene Pictures.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



- 1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.
- 2. Get out your storyboard. Put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder. Or, put your Story Scenes in order, if using this resource instead.
- 3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
- 4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

UNIT OVERVIEW

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In this unit we will learn four truths about God's Holy Spirit.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

ANSWER: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

OPTIONAL Big Question 10 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 10 Material)

Story: The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26-27, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Bible Verse: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 10: THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE INDWELLING GOD

- 12 Big Q & A 10 Song
- 13 Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
- 15 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 16 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV
- 18 Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1
- 19 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart to Be Like Jesus...

Bible Truth 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

- 20 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV
- 21 Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV (other version)
- 22 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV

Bible Truth 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

- 24 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV
- 25 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

- 27 Bible Verse: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

- 30 Bible Verse: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV
- 32 Extra Song: God's One Big Plan

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 1 Concept: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

God is one God, but three Persons: God the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand.

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and live for God more and more.

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people--to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom and helps them love Him and live for Him, too! God can do this in our hearts, also!

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- **T** Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **5** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story

The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

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Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 1

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV

Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse: What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV

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1. GETTING STAR	IED 		
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Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include childre	en as tney join the class:	
Free Play Time			
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activi	ties suggested in Appendix [
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 10:		
Music Time	Big Q & A 10 Song	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Big Question 10 Song	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1.	
yrics and sheet music,	Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
Appendix A	I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
	A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
	Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 10	
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
	You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Big Question 10 Hymn:		
	The Church's One Foundation, v.1	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Big Question 10 Praise Song:		
	Create in Me a Clean Heart	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse Song:		
	The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2	
	Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:		
	Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2	
	Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:		
	I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2.	
	Bible Truth 1 Extra Bible Verse Song:		
	What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2	
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.		
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Fill 'er Up		
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Lily Pad Jump		
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little		
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response <i>i</i>	Activities	
	E TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	ictivities.	
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Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Cir	cle Time.	
yrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 10, track	
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,		
пррепакт	Let's gather together to worship God,		
	Let's gather together to worship God,		
	Come gather here with me!		
Welcome to	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joi	ined us! Detectives are people	
Deep Down	who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detective		
Detectives	questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."		
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Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 p.2 use with all THREE lessons 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Deep Down **Detectives** Theme Song

lyrics and sheet music,

Appendix A

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

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!

Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Classroom Rules Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 5

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 7

Shh, be guiet 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.

Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands, Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

use with all THREE lessons

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Reveal the Big Question

Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A "Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 8

We've got a big box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case, There's no time to waste, Come on, kids, let's open it up!

The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
*found in the DDD Unit 10
Visual Aids. ESV Book

Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 10:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? and the Answer is:

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

Big Question Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Big Question Songs

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Q & A 10 Song

(adapted version of "Pop! Goes the Weasel)

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

What does the Holy Spirit do, Inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart! DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12

use with all THREE lessons

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!"

Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme/Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Refrain What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,

He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Place hand on heart

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people,

He helps them love God and others always. Refrain point up to heaven and out to others

make prayer hands and bow head

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. Refrain

hold up your arms and flex your muscles

make an open Bible with your two palms

Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

use with all THREE lessons

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **FOUR** Bible truths that all tell us more about the Holy Spirit.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

Bible Truth Clue

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit ????? in God's People!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What's the opposite of being dead? This word starts with the letter "L" and it rhymes with "gives." Can you guess? It's "Lives."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit <u>LIVES</u> in God's People!"

Bible Truth Meaning

And here is what this Bible Truth means: (read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

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DDD ESV Songs 10, track 9

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Verse

The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

The 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!

Bible Verse

DDD 10.1 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL Place verse in take out AID



Visual Aids, ESV Book





Folder *found in the DDD Unit 10

DDD Bible

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us:

1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Bible Verse Meaning

What does that mean?

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Bible Verse Song

lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 21;

I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 22;

What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 23 We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

A Temple of the Holy Spirit

Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
Whom you have from God,
Whom you have from God.
First Corinthians Chapter Six, verse nineteen.

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 20

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TIME, continued
"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dar wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"
NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the
Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.
"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today. Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:
Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to find out: 1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to have happen? 2. When happened inside of them when it did happen?
Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" A temple is a special place where we worship God. I need to find out: 1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? 2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God?
Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment: I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. They are: a praying disciple, the world, a cow, the Ten Commandments, a violin, and the Holy Spirit in a heart. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. I need to figure out: 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? 2. What did the disciples keep asking God to send them? Why did they want God to send Him so much?
Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions." Bible Story: The Case of the Eager Waiters Acts 1-2 Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the Storyboard Pictures/holding up the Story Scenes as you tell it. Then have the children answer the listening assignment, present the gospel and lead in prayer. *Answers to questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

The Church's One Foundation

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18

Hymn

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

Tie-in: "Church is the Bible word for God's people. How did God's people become God's people? It's all because God sent Jesus. Jesus came from heaven to live a perfect life, then give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. With His very own blood He paid for all of their sins. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and went back up to heaven. He had beaten sin and death for them. Now they could be God's people! Jesus went up to heaven, but He leave God's people alone. He left His Word for them to read. And, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in their hearts so they might know God and love Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. What a wonderful day that will be! They will be as happy as a groom with His bride, happily married at last. You and I can be part of God's Church, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

Praise Song

Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Tie-in: "We all have hearts that choose disobey God. We have all broken the special closeness with God that He created us to enjoy. But it does not have to stay that way. We can ask God to work in our hearts and give us a new heart--a clean heart--that knows and loves Him. God loves to answer these prayers by sending His Holy Spirit to change our heart and make it new. Yes! God's Holy Spirit does wonderful things in our heart that we could never do on our own!

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)

Transition to Activities

Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

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3. TAKING ACTION	I: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)	
Response Activities	Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning	
Bible Verse Memory Game	Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game he instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Use the Di	
game directions, Appendix B	 Lesson 1 Game: Fill 'er Up Lesson 2 Game: Lily Pad Jump Lesson 3 Game: Loud and Soft, Big and Little 	Discussion Questions
Music, Movement & Memory Activity	A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Jingle Bell Hands Lesson 2 Activity: Big Voice, Little Voice	Discussion Questions for Activities
game directions, Appendix B	Lesson 3 Activity: Sing, Dance and Fall Down deeper learning	Discussion Questions
Bible Story Review Game	A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. Lesson 1 Game: Run to the Grocery Store Lesson 2 Game: Who's in the Basket? Use the Discussion Sheet with this	Discussion Questions for Activities
game directions, Appendix B	Lesson 3 Game: Going Fishing activity for even deeper learning deeper learning	Discussion Questions
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets in Appendix C	A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson assignment questions and a song for parents to their children. NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishmen jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps,	use with ats, such a , etc. Make
	cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc.	Discussion Questions for Activities
	 Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer 	Discussion
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Extra Crafts:	These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:	Discussion Questions for Activities
Big Question Craft in Appendix C	the Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time.	Discussion
Bible Verse Craft in Appendix C	The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the B	Questions ible truth
Bible Story Puzzle in Appendix C	they are learning. The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can b and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.	e cut ou
Free Play Activities	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appe	endix D.
ideas in Appendix D		

Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons **p.11 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME** (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time) **Transition to** Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and **Closing Circle** ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time. Classroom Song, Classroom Song, verse 3 DDD ESV Songs 10, track 3 verse 3 It's time to get ready to go and tell, lyrics and sheet music, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Appendix A Come gather here with me. **Closing Circle Time** When children are settled in the circle, say: "It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to Classroom Song, verse 4 go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!" lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Classroom Song, verse 4 DDD ESV Songs 10, track 4 So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now? "Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned! **Big News to Tell** First of all, can you tell me the answer to our **Big Question: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do Big Question 10 in God's People?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture. VISUAL AID Say the answer with me: "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus..." #1 (If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 12,13 *found in the DDD Unit Visual Aids, ESV Book And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*. lyrics and sheet music, The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People! Appendix A Big Question 10, "And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? **Bible Truth 1** VISUAL AID #3

Big Question 10 Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse

VISUAL AID



*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

We learned: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

What This Means:

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 20

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4. CLOSING CIRCLE	·	
Closing ACTS Prayer Time	Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.	
ACTS Prayer Chant	And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!	
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	ACTS Prayer Chant 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. DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 10,11 That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.	
Closing ACTS Prayer	"Let's pray!"	
	Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.	
	A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.	
	C God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!	
	T Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.	
	S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more.	
	In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.	
5. TAKING IT HOME	(Take Home Sheet)	
Clean up and Dismissal	"Now it's time to work together and clean up." Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.	
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets	Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.	

(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.) in Appendix C You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, **Bible Story to** each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can **Take-Home** download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website. in Appendix C

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

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Place story in

older



of BQB

The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and prepare storyboard figures/Story Scenes, if using. (In Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard figures/Story Scenes, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues/hold up Story Scenes as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)

"Our story is called: The Case of the Eager Waiters. Here is your listening assignment..." Read the assignment for your lesson using Detective Dan's Listening Assignment sign or the text below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to have happen?
- 2. When happened inside of them when it did happen?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" A temple is a special place where we worship God.

I need to find out:

- 1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live?
- 2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a praying disciple, the world, a cow, the Ten Commandments, a violin, and the Holy Spirit in a heart. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What did the disciples keep asking God to send them? Why did they want God to send Him so much?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer. Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Eager Waiters Acts 1-2

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture. Tip: Stack pictures in numerical before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture. OR, if using the Story Scenes to tell the story, disregard the storyboard picture references listed below.

(SB1, SB2)"Go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift!" Jesus told His disciples, after He died on the cross and rose from the dead. "I'm going home to heaven now, but I won't leave you alone," He said. "I will ask the Father and He will send you a gift. It's good that I'm going so you can have this gift!" Jesus promised them.

What kind of gift would Jesus ask His Father to send His disciples?

Do you know what the gift was?

What gift could be better than having Jesus right BESIDE them each day? (SB3) The gift of God, the Holy Spirit living INSIDE them! Wow! What a gift!

"The Holy Spirit will come and live inside you," Jesus said. "(SB4) He will give you power to be my witnesses to the whole world. He will help you, comfort you, guide you and give you courage," He promised them.

(SB5) Up, up, up, went Jesus. Through the clouds and up to heaven to rule as king. And where did the disciples go? (SB6) They headed to Jerusalem, just as Jesus told them to. And as they went, they spread the news to (SB7) the other believers, "(SB8) Wait in Jerusalem with us for the gift of the Holy Spirit," they told everyone. (SB9) So, all the believers gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. They prayed and waited; and, waited and prayed.

(SB10) One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine days passed, but still no Holy Spirit! Had God forgotten? Had He changed His mind?

What do you think? Does God ever NOT keep His promises?

NO, God NEVER breaks His promises! And no, He hadn't forgotten His promise! He was waiting for Day Ten to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people. It was all part of His perfect plan to tell the world about Jesus.

Why Day Ten? Because Day Ten was a very special celebration day in Jerusalem, called the Day of Pentecost. (SB11) Thousands of Jews from all over the world came Jerusalem to thank God for giving them His Ten, Big Rules—the Ten Commandments.

On the Day of Pentecost, Jerusalem was so crowded it seemed like it would burst! And that was exactly how God wanted it to be when He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people! He wanted everyone to know what was happening!

So right then, on the morning of (SB12) Day Ten, the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers who had been praying and waiting in that house--all one hundred and twenty of them!

(SB13) "Whoosh" came from heaven a sound like a mighty wind that filled the whole house. (SB14) "Crackle, Sparkle" came down something that looked like fire and rested on each of them. Then quietly and powerfully, (SB15) the Holy Spirit came to live in the heart of all of them. He filled them with God's joy, peace and power! They were so happy! (SB16) They burst out of that house and ran into the streets in joy!

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

But that's not all the Holy Spirit did in those first disciples. (SB17) He also made them able to speak in other languages that they had never learned before! Why would God do that?

Can you guess?

So that these disciples could go out and begin telling the people of the world about Jesus—starting with all those Jews from around the world who were there in Jerusalem that very morning!

(SB18) Not just Israelites, but Romans and Greeks, Egyptians and Arabs, Africans and Asians suddenly heard the good news of Jesus in their very own language. Everyone was amazed!

(SB19) "What was going on! How can these people speak their languages? What gift is this?" many wondered. Others laughed and made fun of them.

Can you tell me what gift it was? You know the answer, even if these people didn't!

(SB20) The Holy Spirit worked in Peter's heart, making him bold and giving him wise words from God's Word to speak. "These people are speaking your languages by God's Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "God has sent Him to live inside of all who follow Jesus. Come, turn away from your sin, trust in Jesus as your Savior and be baptized. God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside you, too," he promised them.

What would these people do? Would they believe Peter's words? Would they keep laughing and walk away?

What do you think?

Many DIDN'T walk away, but BELIEVED! (SB21) Over three thousand people turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that very day.

And who came to live inside the hearts of those three thousand new believers that day? I bet you know.

Can you tell me?

(SB22) God's Holy Spirit, just as Peter had told them He would. He filled them with God's joy, peace and power! These new disciples were so happy! Now they could know God in their hearts!

Already, God's Holy Spirit had begun to do amazing things in God's people. God's plan to tell the world the good news of Jesus was happening! And this was only the beginning! How many more wonderful things would God's Holy Spirit do!

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

- 1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to have happen? Jesus' disciples were waiting for God to send them the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts.
- 2. When happened inside of them when it did happen? The Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and gave them boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

A temple is a special place where we worship God.
I need to find out:

- Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God? He came to live in their hearts. He helped them know and love God, and love others, too. This is how we worship God, by living this way.

For You and Me

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a praying disciple, the world, a cow, the Ten Commandments, a violin, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The praying disciple, the world, the Ten Commandments, and the Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The cow and the violin do not.

2. What did the disciples keep asking God to send them? Why did they want God to send Him so much? The Holy Spirit. They wanted to know and love God more through the Holy Spirit. They wanted Him to help them live for God.

For You and Me:

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! What wonderful changes He brought inside of them! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

Closing ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- C God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- **T** Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!

Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people. But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. *choose a few*

Discussion

Questions

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their heart!
- 2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? The Holy Spirit.
- 3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? Jesus.
- 4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? Their whole lives.
- 5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? God.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? God's laws.
- 7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? *He comforts them and helps them to be brave.*
- 8. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE TRUTH

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

Meaning

God is one God, but three Persons: God the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and live for God more and more. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people--to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom and helps them love Him and live for Him, too! God can do this in our hearts, also!

Discussion Questions

- 1. How many Gods are there? Just one God.
- 2. How many Persons are there in the one God and who are they? *Three: God, the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.*
- 3. What has God always delighted in? The togetherness between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 4. What did Jesus do after He died on the cross and rose from the dead? He spent time with His disciples teaching them many things.
- 5. What did Jesus promise His disciples before He went to heaven? That He would not leave them all alone. He would send to them the Holy Spirit to live inside of them.
- 6. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do? *Make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and live for Him more and more.*
- 7. How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our heart? God will give us His Holy Spirit to live in our heart when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

THE GOSPEL

God's Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in God's good news, the gospel? What is that good news? We have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins! How sad! But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people, by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us and fill us with His Holy Spirit, too! It is His promise to us!

BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

1. What is a temple? A special place where people worship God. A place that is supposed to be holy, set apart and devoted to God.

choose a few

- 2. What part of our bodies did God make to be the temple of His Holy Spirit? Our hearts. Not the heart that pumps blood through our bodies. But heart that we cannot see, where our spirit is.
- 3. What is so special about having the Holy Spirit dwell right inside us, rather than in some temple or place of worship that we might go to? It means that God's people can always know close fellowship with God. He is always with them, right inside their hearts.
- 4. Who is the "you" the verse is talking about? Is it everyone or just a certain group of people? Paul is the person who wrote these words. He sent them to other believers. These words are written about the bodies of believers being a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Why do believers in Jesus have the Holy Spirit in their bodies, but not other people? *Because the Holy Spirit is a gift received from God to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their own Savior. We must be saved by Jesus if we are to receive the Holy Spirit.*
- 6. Who do believers receive the Holy Spirit from? From God.
- 7. How can we be receive God's Holy Spirit? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God gives His Holy Spirit to all who do.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Eager Waiters choose a few

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who did Jesus promise would come and help them when He left? God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. Where would the Holy Spirit live? *Inside of them, in their hearts.*
- 3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do right before He went up to heaven? *To go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit*.
- 4. What special things did God do when He sent them the Holy Spirit that first time? He filled the room with a strong wind and had something that looked like fire appear over their heads! Wow!
- 5. What good news did the disciples tell others after the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts? They told others how they could have Jesus as their Savior and could also receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.
- 6. How can we become one of God's people? How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our hearts? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.

DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 10, Bible Truth 2:

What Does the Holy Spirit
Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts
to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Gives
God's People Courage!

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan**. Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the Storyboard (flannelgraph) Pictures or Story Scene Pictures.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



- 1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.
- 2. Get out your storyboard. Put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder. Or, put your Story Scenes in order, if using this resource instead.
- 3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
- 4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

UNIT OVERVIEW

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In this unit we will learn four truths about God's Holy Spirit.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

ANSWER: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

OPTIONAL Big Question 10 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 10 Material)

Story: The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26-27, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2 Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within *Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4* Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Bible Verse: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 10: THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE INDWELLING GOD

- 12 Big Q & A 10 Song
- 13 Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
- 15 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 16 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV
- 18 Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1
- 19 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart to Be Like Jesus...

Bible Truth 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

- 20 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV
- 21 Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV (other version)
- 22 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV

Bible Truth 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

- 24 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV
- 25 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

- 27 Bible Verse: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

- 30 Bible Verse: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV
- 32 Extra Song: God's One Big Plan

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Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And, that one day God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever.

God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Meaning

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV

Lesson Plan: Big	Question 10, Bible Truth 2 use with all THF	REE lessons p.
1. GETTING STAR	TED	
Intake Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include child	dren as they join the class:
Free Play Time suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play act	tivities suggested in Appendix [
OR Sing-along Music Time lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 10: Big Q & A 10 Song Big Question 10 Song Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse Song: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Meon p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in	
OR Bible Verse Memory Game instructions found in	Lesson 1 Game: Freeze 'n' Say Lesson 2 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice Lesson 3 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	
Appendix B 2. OPENING CIRCI	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Respon ETIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	nse Activities.
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for	Circle Time.
yrics and sheet music, Appendix A	The Classroom Song, verse 1 Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!	DDD ESV Songs 10, track

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Welcome to Deep Down Detectives	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joined us! Detectives are people who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."	

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2. OPENING CIRCL	E TIME, continued		
Deep Down Detectives	"Let's sing our Deep Down Detective	s Theme Song."	
Theme Song	Deep Down Detectives Theme Son We're Deep Down Detectives,	DDD ESV Son	gs 10, track 5
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	diggin' deep in God's Word, For truths about God and His plans fo	or this world,	
	We're seeking to love Him, with all of We're Deep Down Detectives! Come on! Let's start!		
Classroom Rules Song	There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."		
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Classroom Rules Song Shh, be quiet while someone is talkir Raise your hand, if you have somethi Don't touch your friend, sitting besid Obey your teachers, Be kind as you p These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules, They help us worship God and love of These are our classroom rules.	ng to say, e you, lay.	gs 10, track 6
Opening Prayer Time	"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."		
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Let's Pray 1-2-3! Fold your hands, Bow your head, Close your eyes. Let's pray! (repeat)	DDD ESV Song	gs 10, track 7
	"Let's pray:"		
	Opening Prayer		

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Reveal the Big Question

Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A "Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 8

We've got a big box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case, There's no time to waste, Come on, kids, let's open it up!

The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side *found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids. ESV Book Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 10:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? and the Answer is:

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

Big Question Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Big Question Songs

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Q & A 10 Song

(adapted version of "Pop! Goes the Weasel)

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

What does the Holy Spirit do, Inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart! DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!"

Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme/ Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

big Question to Action Knyme/ Jong

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, Place hand on heart He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people,
He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,
He puts love in the hearts of God's people,

make prayer hands and bow head

He helps them love God and others always. Refrain point up to heaven and out to others

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain* hold up your arms and flex your muscles

make an open Bible with your two palms

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **FOUR** Bible truths that all tell us more about the Holy Spirit.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

Bible Truth Clue

VISUAL take out





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Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about the Holy Spirit. It's this one: "The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People." (point to picture as you identify the Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People ????!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What's another word for "Brave"? This word starts with the letter "C."

Can you guess? It's "Courage."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is: (uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Gives God's People COURAGE!"

Bible Truth Meaning

And here is what this Bible Truth means: (read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And, that one day God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever.

God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 9

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Verse

The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

The 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!

Bible Verse

DDD 10.2 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

Place VISUAL verse in take out AID







DDD Bible Folder

*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

2 Timothy 1:6,7 tells us:

2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

…fan into flame the gift of God…for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and. love and self-control."

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Bible Verse Meaning

What does that mean?

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Bible Verse Song

We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

lyrics and sheet music,

Fan into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 24

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You might also enjoy:

And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 25;

Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 26 Fan into flame your faith, The gift of God,

Fan into flame your faith,

The gift of God,

For God gave us a spirit not of fear But of power and love and self-control. Second Timothy One, six and seven. DDD Unit 10. Bible Truth 2 Lesson Plan--Use All Three Lessons **Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2** use with all THREE lessons **8.**d 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued **Getting into** "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan the Case wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listening Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. **Assignments** "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Bible Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it of BQB to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below: VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** I need to know: #5 1. Who was very afraid, like a Scaredy Cat? 2. Why didn't they stay Scaredy Cats? Who changed them? DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV VISUAL AID **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** #6 Our Bible Verse is 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV:fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV I need to know: 1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why? 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? What did these men become bold to do? **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. #7A.B.C They are: a servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. *Listening Assignment #3 I need to know: includes the Assignment 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures* 2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter? DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV *Then say,* "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can **Tell the Bible Story** hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see Place story if we can answer all the questions." & pics in take out **Bible Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat** Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2 of BQB Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the Storyboard Pictures/holding up the Story Scenes as DDD Unit 10

Visual Aids, ESV

you tell it. Then have the children answer the listening assignment, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book

Answers to questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

The Church's One Foundation

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18

Hymn

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By Spirit and the Word;
From heav'n He came a sought her,
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

Tie-in: "Church is the Bible word for God's people. How did God's people become God's people? It's all because God sent Jesus. Jesus came from heaven to live a perfect life, then give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. With His very own blood He paid for all of their sins. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and went back up to heaven. He had beaten sin and death for them. Now they could be God's people! Jesus went up to heaven, but He leave God's people alone. He left His Word for them to read. And, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in their hearts so they might know God and love Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. What a wonderful day that will be! They will be as happy as a groom with His bride, happily married at last. You and I can be part of God's Church, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

Praise Song

Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Tie-in: "We all have hearts that choose disobey God. We have all broken the special closeness with God that He created us to enjoy. But it does not have to stay that way. We can ask God to work in our hearts and give us a new heart--a clean heart--that knows and loves Him. God loves to answer these prayers by sending His Holy Spirit to change our heart and make it new. Yes! God's Holy Spirit does wonderful things in our heart that we could never do on our own!

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)

Transition to Activities

Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

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3. TAKING ACTION	: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)	
Response Activities	Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning	
Bible Verse Memory Game	Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse g instead (or as a repeat).	ame her
game directions, Appendix B	 Lesson 1 Game: Freeze 'n' Say Lesson 2 Game: Detective Mission Madness Practice Lesson 3 Game: Duck, Duck, Goose 	Discussion Questions
Music, Movement & Memory Activity game directions, Appendix B	A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Bottle Shakers Lesson 2 Activity: March 'n' Say Lesson 3 Activity: Clap, Tap and Say	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions
Bible Story Review Game game directions, Appendix B	A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. • Lesson 1 Game: Pony Express • Lesson 2 Game: Who's Inside? • Lesson 3 Game: Fix Up the Mix Up	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions Question
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets in Appendix C	A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to their children. NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishmer jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out to portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer	use wit nts, such a , etc. Mak
Extra Crafts:	These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:	Discussion Questions
Big Question Craft in Appendix C Bible Verse Craft in Appendix C	The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time.	Discussion Questions
Bible Story Puzzle in Appendix C	The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the B they are learning. The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.	
Free Play Activities ideas in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in App	endix D.

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4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time)

Transition to

Closing Circle

Classroom Song, verse 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

Classroom Song, verse 3

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

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Closing Circle Time

When children are settled in the circle, say:

Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and...it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

Classroom Song, verse 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 4

Big News to Tell

Big Question 10

VISUAL AID



*found in DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music,

Appendix A Big Question 10, **Bible Truth 2**



"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do **in God's People?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus..."

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 12,13

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture.*

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

Big Question 10, **Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse**

VISUAL



*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

We learned: 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV: "...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives. But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 24

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4. CLOSING CIRCL	E TIME, continued		
Closing ACTS	Let's ask God to help us to remem	ber this and even tell others this good news	. Let's get ready and

ACTS

Prayer Time

pray our ACTS prayer.

Prayer Chant lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

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.

ACTS Prayer Chant Song

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 10,11

Closing ACTS Prayer

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

5. TAKING IT HOME (Take Home Sheet)

Clean up and Dismissal	"Now it's time to work together and clean up." Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.	
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets	Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.	
in Appendix C	(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)	
Bible Story to Take-Home	You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.	

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Place story in



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Bible Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and prepare storyboard figures/Story Scenes, if using. (In Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard figures/Story Scenes, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues/hold up Story Scenes as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)

"Our story is called: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scats. Here is your listening assignment..." Read the assignment for your lesson using Detective Dan's Listening Assignment sign or the text below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

- 1. Who was very afraid, like a Scaredy Cat?
- 2. Why didn't they stay Scaredy Cats? Who changed them?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV:

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

I need to know:

- 1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? What did these men become bold to do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture. Tip: Stack pictures in numerical before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture. OR, if using the Story Scenes to tell the story, disregard the storyboard picture references listed below.

One evening, (SB1) Peter, John, and Jesus' other disciples walked with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Under the olive trees, Jesus shared His sad news with them. "My enemies are coming to arrest me and kill me. You will all run away and leave Me," He told them. "But after I rise from the dead, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter heard Jesus' words, but he refused to believe Him. (SB2) "No! Even if everyone else runs away and leaves you, I won't," Peter told Jesus. Peter was sure he would never do something as terrible as leave Jesus!

But Jesus knew the truth. "(SB3) Peter, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you'll say you never knew Me THREE times! God's enemy, Satan, wants to crush you, Peter, but I have prayed that your faith won't fail. When you turn back, encourage the others," Jesus told him.

Peter heard Jesus' words again, but he still refused to believe. "It's not true!" Peter insisted. "I won't leave You, even if they put me in jail and kill me along with You!" The other disciples agreed with Peter. "We would never leave You, Jesus. We will stay with You no matter what!" they promised.

But Jesus' words made the disciples sad. They hated to think that Jesus would be killed by His enemies. They hated to think that they might all leave Him!

Jesus knew this and comforted them. "Don't be worried," Jesus told them. "I'm going to heaven to make a place for you to live with Me forever! I'm going to ask God, My Father, to send Someone very special to help You. I won't leave you alone!" Jesus promised them.

Who was this special Someone who would help them? Do you know?

Can you tell me who?

Jesus was sending God, Himself, to live inside them-- God, the Holy Spirit!

"(SB4) Yes, the Holy Spirit will come live inside of you and He will help you," Jesus told His disciples. "It's better for you that I go so that He can come and live inside of you," He told them.

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. (SB5) Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' closest disciples went to Jesus' enemies. Judas loved money and when they offered him thirty, silver coins to help them catch Jesus, he agreed.

"(SB6) March, march, march," Jesus and the other disciples heard men coming! The light of their blazing torches and lanterns lit up the darkness, revealing a BIG crowd of men, armed with swords and clubs."(SB7) Rabbi, teacher," Judas exclaimed, going up to Jesus and giving Him the usual, brotherly kiss. This was the sign the crowd of soldiers was waiting for. Now they knew who Jesus was. (SB8) They seized and arrested Him.

"Judas, will you really turn Me over to My enemies with a kiss?" Jesus said to him. "If you are looking for Me, then let these My disciples go free," Jesus told the crowd.

(SB9) Peter and the other disciples could see what was happening. What would they do? Would they run like Jesus said they would, or would they be arrested with Him and maybe die, too?

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

Peter had another idea. He would fight! (SB10) He took his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, who served Jesus' most powerful and most important enemy-- the high priest! Peter wouldn't let this crowd wouldn't take away Jesus or themselves without a struggle!

"No, put your sword away, Peter," Jesus exclaimed. "Will I run away from what God, My Father, has planned? No, I will not! I will do it, even though it will be very hard!" (SB11) Then Jesus reached out and healed the very ear Peter had just cut off! Amazing!

Now Peter's "fight" quickly turned to "fear"! Now he understood. Jesus would not fight! Jesus was choosing to die!

"Oh, no, we don't want to be arrested! Oh, no, we don't want to be hurt! Oh, no, we don't want to die!" Peter and the other disciples thought. And they die with Him they would, if they didn't act quickly! So off they ran, away through the olive trees and into the darkness, leaving Jesus all alone. (Remove SB9)

(SB12) From the safety of the darkness, Peter and John watched the crowd leave with Jesus. Back to Jerusalem through the city gates, up its dark streets, and to the (SB13) high priest's house, the crowd took Him. There, Jesus' enemies waited to accuse Jesus and set up His death.

(SB14) Peter and John snuck along after the crowd, sticking to the shadows. They wanted to know what happened to Jesus, but they didn't want to be noticed. At last, Peter decided it was safe. He went up the fire to warm himself.

And then Peter WAS noticed! "(SB15) You there! YOU were with Jesus. YOU are one of His followers," a servant girl exclaimed when she saw him. Peter panicked. Oh, no! now the soldiers might come for him and kill him, he feared. What would Peter say? Would he tell the truth or lie to protect himself?

What do you think Peter would do?

"(SB16) No, I wasn't! I swear I never knew Him!" Peter lied to the servant girl and the others...not just one or two times, but THREE times!

"(SB17) Cock-a-doodle-doo!" Peter heard the rooster crow, then (SB18) he ran away and cried. It all happened just as Jesus had said it would. Maybe he loved Jesus, but he didn't have the courage to suffer and die with Him.

The next day, (SB19) Jesus was nailed to a cross at Golgotha. There, He suffered and died. He was buried in a cave grave later that day. How very, very sad Peter and the other disciples were! Sad that their teacher was gone! Sad that their hopes were gone that Jesus was the Messiah, the Savior sent from God. And sad that they had not even stood by Him, but had run away. (SB20) Now they huddled in fear in a house in Jerusalem. They didn't want Jesus' enemies to find them. They didn't want to be next to die! Was this the end of the story for Jesus and for Peter and the other disciples? Jesus was dead and all His disciples had run away like scaredly cats. It certainly looked like the end.

But wasn't the end, was it? For while on Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in that cave grave, everything changed on Day Three. Can you remember what happened?

Do you remember?

(SB21) Jesus rose up from the dead! He had suffered and died on that cross for the sins of God's people, but He had WON! Now He rose up to life in VICTORY! Yay!

Jesus appeared to (SB22) the women who came to the cave grave that morning! "I'm alive," He told them. "Go, tell Peter and the other disciples!"

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Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

When Peter and John heard the women's story, (SB23) they ran to the cave grave to see for themselves. Yes, there was the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' dead body lying in a pile on the ground. There was the cloth that had been on Jesus' face, now nicely folded up by itself. Could the women's story really be true?

John believed Jesus had risen from the dead, but Peter still could not. Together, they went back to the house where the other disciples were. They locked the door and hid. How scared they were of Jesus' enemies! Maybe Jesus WAS alive, but His disciples were still just scaredy cats.

Yet this would not be the sad end of Jesus' disciples! Jesus had prayed and promised them something. Do you remember what it was?

Do you remember?

Jesus had prayed for His disciples' faith (especially Peter's) to not fail... and it didn't! Jesus' prayers for us are always answered with a "yes"! Peter may have sinned against Jesus, and they may have all been very scared, but they were still loved by God and kept by Him.

(Put SB24 on top of SB20, or replace it) That evening, Jesus suddenly appeared to them in their locked up house. He knew right where they were and no locks could keep Him out!

"I'm alive!" Jesus exclaimed, showing them the scars on His hands and feet. It was Jesus! He really was alive! He had really beaten sin and death for God's people! They were so happy!

Over the next 40 days, (SB25) Jesus taught Peter and the others things they needed to know from the Bible. He was preparing them for God's Big Plan for them-- to go to all the world to tell others how they can be saved from their sins, too.

But Peter and the others needed more than teaching to be able to obey God's plan for them. The same enemies who killed Jesus would try to hurt them, if they shared the good news of Jesus. Once more, they would run away like scaredy cats, if they tried to live for God on their own. They needed that powerful gift that Jesus had promised them. The gift that would come and live inside of them. Can you remember what the powerful gift was?

Can you remember?

It was God's Holy Spirit! "(SB26) Go back to Jerusalem and wait for the gift," Jesus told them as He went up to heaven. "(SB27) I will send you the Holy Spirit there," He said. "He will give you the courage to do all of God's plan for you," He promised.

So back to Jerusalem they went and prayed and waited. Then, at last, (SB28) the Holy Spirit came! God sent Him to live inside of the hearts of those first believers, including Peter. He gave them peace and joy in God...and He gave them POWER and COURAGE! Peter and the other disciples were changed people. No longer were they scared to speak up for Jesus in front of Jesus' enemies or anyone else. Here was the Helper they needed to live boldly for Jesus the rest of their lives!

Why, even on that very day the Holy Spirit first came to live inside them, (SB29) He gave Peter courage to boldly preach God's Word to a crowd of thousands of people! (SB30)"Turn away from your sins! Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" Peter exclaimed. "Then you, too, will receive this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit that God has given us," he told them. And that's what three thousand people did that day! They turned away from their sins, trust in Jesus as their Savior, and (SB31) knew the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

Oh, what changes the Holy Spirit had made in Peter and the others. No longer scaredy cats! Now as brave followers of Jesus, they would live the rest of their lives boldly for God.

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to know:

- **1. Who was very afraid, like a Scaredy Cat?** Peter and Jesus' other disciples.
- **2.** Why didn't they stay Scaredy Cats? Who changed them? Jesus prayed for Peter and the others. The Holy Spirit came to live inside of them all. He changed their heart and gave them boldness to tell others about Jesus.

For You and Me

Like Jesus' disciples, we all need Jesus to help us. We need Him to pray for us and we need the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to boldly live for God. How can the Holy Spirit come to live in our hearts? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer these prayers!

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV:

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

I need to know:

- 1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why? Peter and the other disciples were. They were afraid the soldiers would arrest them and kill them.
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? What did these men become bold to do? The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to be bold to live for God and to tell others about God, even if enemies threatened to hurt them. That's boldness!

For You and Me

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. He will come to live inside us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not.
- 2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter? Jesus prayed for Peter to be kept safe and to keep on believing in Jesus, even when God's enemy, Satan, would tempt him to be act like he didn't know Jesus and run away.

For You and Me

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. We may, too. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. And He will come to live inside us and help us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!

What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit was to Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples! He helped them have courage to live their lives for God. He helped them boldly tell others the good news of Jesus.

Peter and Jesus' other disciples needed Jesus to be their Savior. They needed the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts... and so do we! You see, we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins. God would have been perfectly fair to His punish us for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But He is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment in our place. Yes, for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior, God will forgive their sins. He makes them His and they will enjoy special closeness with Him now as His special people, with His Holy Spirit living inside. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise! Ask Him to help you!

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!

Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people. But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their heart!
- 2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? The Holy Spirit.
- 3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? Jesus.

choose a few

- 4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? Their whole lives.
- 5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? God.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? God's laws.
- 7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? *He comforts them and helps them to be brave.*
- 8. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE TRUTH

Meaning

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And, that one day God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What kinds of things does God give His people? Many good things.
- 2. What does God call His people to do? He calls them to do many things, even very difficult things.
- 3. What did God promise to do to help His people? He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to live in them and to help them.

choose a few

- 4. Who does the Holy Spirit live in? He lives in every believer.
- 5. What does the Holy Spirit help believers do? *Everything He calls them to do, even very difficult things that they would never have the courage to do on their own.*
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they go through hard things? *To keep trusting in God and joyfully endure the hard things.*
- 7. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they face enemies who want to harm them? *To boldly face them and do what is right*.
- 8. What are some of God's promises that the Holy Spirit encourages believers with? That God will use everything that happens to them for their good and His glory. That one day God will bring them home to live with Him forever.
- 9. Can God's Holy Spirit give us courage to live for God, too? How? Yes! When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

P.2

Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

THE GOSPEL

God's Holy Spirit lives gives inside of God's people, giving them courage to live for Him. How can we become God's people? By believing the gospel! What's the gospel? We have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins! How sad! But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people, by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us and fill us with His Holy Spirit, too! It is His promise to us!

BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." -- 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Meaning

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives. But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 1. Who does God give as a gift to live inside His people? His Holy Spirit.
- 2. What does the Holy Spirit help God's people do instead of fear? Power, love and self-control.
- 3. What can God's people do to grow in their love for God, especially when it is hard to keep on living for God? They can ask God's Holy Spirit to help them and give them more power, love and self-control.
- 4. What does God's Holy Spirit give God's people power to do? To keep on living for God.
- 5. What is the self-control that God's Holy Spirit gives? To say "no" to disobeying God.
- 6. Who do God's people depend on for more courage to live for God? God's Holy Spirit.
- 7. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat

Discussion Questions

- 1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen when His enemies came to arrest Him? *They would all leave Him*.
- 2. What happened when Jesus' enemies came to arrest Him? His disciples did leave Him.

choose a few

- 3. What happened when a servant girl recognized Peter after Jesus had been arrested? *Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus three times*.
- 4. What did Jesus' disciples do after Jesus died on the cross and was buried? They hid from Jesus' enemies, hoping they would not come and kill them, too.
- 5. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? To some women and to His disciples.
- 6. What did Jesus tell His disciples was God's plan for them after He went home to heaven? To tell the whole world how they could be saved through Him (Jesus).
- 7. Who did Jesus promise to send to help them obey God's plan for them? God's Holy Spirit.
- 8. How did God's Holy Spirit change the disciples when He came to live inside of them? *He gave them peace and joy and boldness.*
- 9. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, the Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us live for God, too.

DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 10, Bible Truth 3:

What Does the Holy Spirit

Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts

to Be Like Jesus...

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan**. Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the Storyboard (flannelgraph) Pictures or Story Scene Pictures.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



- 1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.
- 2. Get out your storyboard. Put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder. Or, put your Story Scenes in order, if using this resource instead.
- 3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
- 4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

UNIT OVERVIEW

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In this unit we will learn four truths about God's Holy Spirit.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

ANSWER: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

OPTIONAL Big Question 10 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 10 Material)

Story: The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26-27, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within *Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4* Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Bible Verse: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 10: THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE INDWELLING GOD

- 12 Big Q & A 10 Song
- 13 Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
- 15 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 16 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV
- 18 Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1
- 19 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart to Be Like Jesus...

Bible Truth 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

- 20 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV
- 21 Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV (other version)
- 22 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV

Bible Truth 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

- 24 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV
- 25 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

- 27 Bible Verse: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

- 30 Bible Verse: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV
- 32 Extra Song: God's One Big Plan

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Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him.

How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray.

This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together in churches: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out.

There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Meaning

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- **T** Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

Bible Truth 3 Story

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Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 3

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse : If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV (other version)

Lesson Plan: Big	Question 10, Bible Truth 3	use with all THREE lessons p.	
1. GETTING STAR	TED		
Intake Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to inc	clude children as they join the class:	
Free Play Time			
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix		
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Sor	ngs 10:	
Music Time	Big Q & A 10 Song	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Big Question 10 Song	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
lyrics and sheet music,	Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
Appendix A	I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ES	V DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:		
	A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD 551/5 40 / 14	
	Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD FSV Compos 10 two styl	
	You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
	Big Question 10 Praise Song:	DDD ESV Soligs TO, track T	
	Create in Me a Clean Heart	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1	
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	I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2	
	Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song:		
	If Any of You James 1:5, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2	
	Bible Truth 3 Extra Bible Verse Song:	3 ,	
	If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2	
	Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Memory Activity. These activities are listed on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appendix B.		
	on p. 10 or this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructi	ons touna in Appenaix B.	
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack		
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How		
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss		
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities.		
2. OPENING CIRCI	LE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible	estory)	
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the ch	ildren for Circle Time.	
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	The Classroom Song, verse 1 Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God,	DDD ESV Songs 10, track	

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lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	The Classroom Song, verse 1 Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1
Welcome to Deep Down Detectives	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joined us! Detectives are people who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."	

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A 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!

we're Deep Down Detecti

Come on! Let's start!

Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Classroom Rules Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 7

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.

Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands, Bow your head, Close your eyes. Let's pray! *(repeat)*

"Let's pray:"

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Reveal the Big Question

Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A "Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 8

We've got a big box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case, There's no time to waste, Come on, kids, let's open it up!

The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
*found in the DDD Unit 10
Visual Aids. ESV Book

Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 10:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? and the Answer is:

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

Big Question Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Big Question Songs

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 10 Song

(adapted version of "Pop! Goes the Weasel)

Big Q & A 10 Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

What does the Holy Spirit do, Inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart! DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!"

Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme/Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS) Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Place hand on heart

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people, He helps them love God and others always. Refrain point up to heaven and out to others

make prayer hands and bow head

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. Refrain

hold up your arms and flex your muscles

make an open Bible with your two palms

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **FOUR** Bible truths that all tell us more about the Holy Spirit.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

Bible Truth Clue

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned two truths about the Holy Spirit. They are: "The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People" and "The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage." (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People ????!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: This is a word for knowing the right thing to do. This word starts with the letter "w" and it (sort of) rhymes with "system."

Can you guess? It's "wisdom."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is: (uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Gives God's People WISDOM!"

Bible Truth Meaning

And here is what this Bible Truth means: (read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him.

How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray.

This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together in churches: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help them understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out.

There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 9

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Verse

The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

The 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!

Bible Verse

DDD 10.3 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

Place VISUAL verse in take out AID







DDD Bible Folder

*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Ephesians 1:17 tells us:

Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Bible Verse Meaning

What does that mean?

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Bible Verse Song

We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A I Keep Asking: Ephesians 1:17

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 27

You might also enjoy:

If Any of You James 1:5, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 28

If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 28 I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom,

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.

So that you may know Him,

You may know Him,

That you may know Him, better.

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom,

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.

Ephesians One, seventeen.

Visual Aids book

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2. OPENING CIRCLE	TIME, continued	
Getting into the Case	"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"	
Listening Assignments	NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.	
Place in take out Place in take out Counting Counting	"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today. Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:	
VISUAL AID #5 DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to know: 1. What was the "secret weapon" and where did God put it (Him)? 2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?	
# 6 DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984 "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." I need to know: 1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do?	
Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment: I found six clues, but two of them are NOT in the story. They are: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. I need to know: 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? 2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit?	
Place story & pics in take out DDD Bible Folder Of BQB DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Story text included	Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions." Bible Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4 Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the Storyboard Pictures/holding up the Story Scenes as you tell it. Then have the children answer the listening assignment, present the gospel and lead in prayer.	
in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book	*Answers to questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*	

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

The Church's One Foundation

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18

Hymn

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

Tie-in: "Church is the Bible word for God's people. How did God's people become God's people? It's all because God sent Jesus. Jesus came from heaven to live a perfect life, then give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. With His very own blood He paid for all of their sins. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and went back up to heaven. He had beaten sin and death for them. Now they could be God's people! Jesus went up to heaven, but He leave God's people alone. He left His Word for them to read. And, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in their hearts so they might know God and love Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. What a wonderful day that will be! They will be as happy as a groom with His bride, happily married at last. You and I can be part of God's Church, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

Praise Song

Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Tie-in: "We all have hearts that choose disobey God. We have all broken the special closeness with God that He created us to enjoy. But it does not have to stay that way. We can ask God to work in our hearts and give us a new heart--a clean heart--that knows and loves Him. God loves to answer these prayers by sending His Holy Spirit to change our heart and make it new. Yes! God's Holy Spirit does wonderful things in our heart that we could never do on our own!

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)

Transition to Activities

Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

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3. TAKING ACTION	: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)	
Response Activities	Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learnin	
Bible Verse Memory Game	Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here instead (or as a repeat).	
game directions, Appendix B	 Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss 	Discussion Questions
Music, Movement & Memory Activity game directions, Appendix B	A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Block Clappers Lesson 2 Activity: Lullabies, Bells and Lions Lesson 3 Activity: Musical Squares	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions
Bible Story Review Game game directions, Appendix B	A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. Lesson 1 Game: Take Me through the Tunnel Lesson 2 Game: Missing in Action Lesson 3 Game: Treasure Hunt	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets in Appendix C	A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson as the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to their children. NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishmen jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out to portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric paper foil etc. Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer	use with nts, such as , etc. Make
Extra Crafts: Big Question Craft in Appendix C Bible Verse Craft in Appendix C Bible Story Puzzle	These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible are learning.	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions ible truth
in Appendix C	The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.	
Free Play Activities ideas in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in App	endix D.

DDD Unit 10. Bible Truth 3 Lesson Plan--Use All Three Lessons **Lesson Plan: Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3** use with all THREE lessons p.11 **4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME** (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time) **Transition to** Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and **Closing Circle** ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time. Classroom Song, Classroom Song, verse 3 DDD ESV Songs 10, track 3 verse 3 It's time to get ready to go and tell, lyrics and sheet music, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Appendix A Come gather here with me. **Closing Circle Time** When children are settled in the circle, say: "It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to Classroom Song, go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about verse 4 God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!" lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Classroom Song, verse 4 DDD ESV Songs 10, track 4 So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now? "Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned! **Big News to Tell** First of all, can you tell me the answer to our **Big Question: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do Big Question 10 in God's People?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture. VISUAL AID Say the answer with me: "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus..." #1

*found in DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

VISUAL AID



(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.) DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 12,13

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

Big Question 10 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

VISUAL AID



*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

We learned: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

What does that mean? There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need --God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. (If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 27

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4. CLOSING CIRCLE	TIME, continued		
Closing ACTS Prayer Time	Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.		
ACTS Prayer Chant	And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!		
lyrics and sheet music,	ACTS Prayer Chant Song A, Adoration, God, we praise You! DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 10,11		
Appendix A	C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus, S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him. That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.		
Closing ACTS Prayer	"Let's pray!"		
	Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.		
	A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.		
	C God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!		
	Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.		
	S God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.		
5. TAKING IT HOME	(Take Home Sheet)		
Clean up and Dismissal	"Now it's time to work together and clean up." Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.		

Clean up and Dismissal "Now it's time to work together and clean up." Have the children join you in cleaning up the room. Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class. (Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.) Bible Story to Take-Home In Appendix C You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

use with all THREE lessons

Place story in



Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!

The Case of the Secret Weapon Within

- 2. Choose story action cues and prepare storyboard figures/Story Scenes, if using. (In Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard figures/Story Scenes, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues/hold up Story Scenes as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)

"Our story is called: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within. Here is your listening assignment… " Read the assignment for your lesson using Detective Dan's Listening Assignment sign or the text below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

- 1. What was the "secret weapon" and where did God put it (Him)?
- 2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

I need to know:

- 1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him?
- 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture. Tip: Stack pictures in numerical before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture. OR, if using the Story Scenes to tell the story, disregard the storyboard picture references listed below.

For one, two, three years, Jesus taught his followers many things.

(SB1) Some of the things Jesus taught were happy to learn about at all. "God loved the people of this world so much that He sent Me to be their Savior." Jesus told them. "Come to Me all you who are weary and I will give rest for your souls. I will save You from your sins. I will give you strength to live God's way," Jesus encouraged them. But best of all were Jesus' promises about life with God in the world to come: "I am going to prepare a place for all in heaven for all who trust in Me. All sin and sadness will be gone. We will live together in perfect happiness forever and ever," He promised.

But other things Jesus taught were not happy to hear about at all. (SB2) "I am going to suffer many things and the leaders will reject Me and kill Me," Jesus told them. "You are going to be My witnesses after I die on the cross, rise from the dead, and go to heaven. Sometimes people will hurt you like they are going to hurt Me," He warned them. "Sometimes you will be arrested, dragged before leaders and sent to jail because Me," He said. "But the one who keeps on believing in Me to the end will be saved." He promised.

This was very hard to hear! How would they ever endure these terrible things, especially if Jesus was going to leave them! Jesus told them. It would be Someone who would help them from inside their hearts.

Can you guess who?

Jesus told them who. "You won't have to do all these very hard things on your own," Jesus explained. "After I leave you and go to heaven, (SB3) I will send the Holy Spirit to come and live inside of you," He will give you wisdom. Even when you have to stand before mighty leaders and tell about Me, you don't have to worry. He will give you just the right words to say. He will speak though you! "Jesus promised.

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. The leaders did reject Him and kill Him. (SB4) Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a cave grave. Then on the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. (SB5) Jesus stayed with His disciples for forty days, teaching them many things; then, (SB6) He went up to heaven to rule.

Jesus was gone. His followers missed Him. Would He really send the Holy Spirit as He promised?

What do you think?

Yes, He did! Ten days later, (SB7) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them.

And oh, what wonderful gifts the Holy Spirit gave to Jesus' believers!

The Holy Spirit gave them wisdom to (SB8) understand God's Word and (SB9) how to love God and others. (SB10) He gave them wisdom to know just the right words to tell others good news of Jesus. And even when (SB11) they were arrested and (SB12) dragged before mighty leaders, the Holy Spirit was with them, working inside their hearts. They should have been scared...but (SB13) the Holy Spirit gave them peace and joy. He gave them just the right words to say.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

use with all THREE lessons

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Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

Those enemies of Jesus were shocked! "(SB14) These believers in Jesus haven't been to school like us. They are just plain people. How is it that they stand before us so boldly? How is it that they have so much peace and joy? How can they speak such wise words about Jesus?" they wondered.

They didn't know the answer, but we do, don't we? It was that wonderful, secret weapon of God who had come to live inside those believers. What's His name, can you remember?

Can you tell me?

The Holy Spirit! He was the one who gave these men peace and joy. He was the one who made them BOLD and WISE! How Jesus' disciples praised God and thanked Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit living in their hearts! And with His help, (SB15) they went out and kept on living for God and kept on telling others the good news of Jesus.

But the Holy Spirit wasn't JUST at work inside those first believers as they spoke about Jesus and lived for Him. (SB16) He was also at work in those who watched them and listened to them.

Yes, tens of people, hundreds of people, even THOUSANDS of people, watched and listened to those first believers in Jesus! And the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts as they watched and listened! He helped them turn away from their sins and (SB17) trust in Jesus as their Savior, too. And when they did, He came to live in their hearts to stay. Now they were God's people. Now He would be their Helper, giving them wisdom and helping them live for God!

And that's way it has been for Jesus' followers ever since those first days, long ago. The Holy Spirit has helped more and more and more people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Not just tens, hundreds or thousands of people...but now, (SB18) millions and millions of people from all over the world! So many people that you can't even count them! And the Holy Spirit has come to live inside their hearts of each and every one of them all!

God's people know that the Holy Spirit is God's good gift to them for LIFE! Yes, for the rest of their lives, the Holy Spirit will keep on living inside of God's people like this. He will continue to give them peace and joy. He will continue to give them strength to boldly live God's way every day! And, He will continue to give them God's wisdom to know how God wants them to live and how to tell others the good news of Jesus! What a wonderful gift is God's Holy Spirit!

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

- 1. What was the "secret weapon" and where did God put it (Him)? The Holy Spirit. He put it in the hearts of His people.
- **2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?** He used the Holy Spirit do to good inside His people. He used the Holy Spirit fight against their helplessness and fear after Jesus went to heaven. He helped them to know God, how He wanted them to live, and how to tell others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

- 1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? The Holy Spirit.
- 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do? To know God; to know how God wanted them to live; and, to know what to say as they told others about Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The heart, the leader, the jail and the school belong. The hat and the ball do not.

2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit? For giving them peace and joy; giving them boldness and strength to tell others about Jesus and face their enemies; and, giving them wisdom to know what to say when they did.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

What great changes the Holy Spirit made inside of Jesus' disciples long ago! Even the leaders were amazed at the wisdom God gave them through His Holy Spirit!

God can change our hearts, too, when we believe the gospel, the good news about Jesus. What is the gospel?

Well, it starts out with bad news about us. You see, we all choose to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins and He would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But what good news God has for us in Jesus! God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people. Who brings that special closeness to our hearts? God's Holy Spirit! He comes to live inside us and makes us new. He gives us peace and joy. He makes us bold to live for God. He gives us wisdom to know God and live for Him.

But best of all will be the day when God's people die and go to live with God forever. Isn't the gospel such good news!

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

Closing ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.
- God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with al response activities for deeper learning

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you

BIG QUESTION What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!

Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people. But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their heart!
- 2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? The Holy Spirit.
- 3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? *Jesus*.
- 4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? Their whole lives.
- 5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? God.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? God's laws.
- 7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? He comforts them and helps them to be brave.
- 8. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE TRUTH

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

Meaning

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him. How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray. This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together in churches: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help them understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out. There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

Discussion Questions

- 1. By whom does God give His people wisdom? By His Holy Spirit, working in their hearts.
- 2. What is wisdom? *Knowing what God wants us to do.*
- 3. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom to do? To live their lives to please God.

choose a few

- 4. How does God give His people wisdom? By the Holy Spirit, as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians and when they pray.
- 5. What is one of the reasons why God's people gather together in churches? So they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they can ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit especially use to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live? By regularly reading God's Word and praying. By gathering together in churches with other believers.
- 7. What does God always promise to give His people? The wisdom they need to live for Him.
- 8. How can we become God's people? By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

THE GOSPEL

God's Holy Spirit lives gives inside of God's people, giving them wisdom to live for Him. How can we become God's people? By believing the gospel! What's the gospel? We have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins! How sad! But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people, by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us and fill us with His Holy Spirit, too! It is His promise to us!

BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." -- Ephesians 1:17

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Meaning

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion **Questions**

choose a few

- 1. What kind of person is the "I" who keeps asking for God to give others the Holy Spirit? How do you know? It is a Christian, someone who has turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. We know this because Paul is the one who wrote these words, as we know he was a Christian. We also know this because God gives Christians new hearts that desire to know Him better. Without a new heart, all people chose to rebel against God and do things their own way.
- 2. Who does Paul keep asking? Why does he ask Him? Paul keeps asking God, the Father. God the Father is the one who gives the Holy Spirit to His people.
- 3. What does Paul want the Spirit to give God's people? Why? Wisdom and revelation so that they may know God better.
- 4. Why would Paul want God's people to know God better? *Because God is the most wonderful Person we can ever know. It is a delight to know Him better. He also knew that as God's people know God better, they will know how to better to please Him with their lives.*
- 5. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Secret Weapon Within

Discussion Questions

1. What happy things did Jesus teach His disciples? That Jesus was the Savior who would forgive their sins so that they could be God's people. That God's people would get to live with God in perfect happiness one day.

choose a few

- 2. What hard things did Jesus teach His disciples would happen? That Jesus' enemies would want to hurt them and stop them from telling others how Jesus could be their Savior.
- 3. Who did Jesus promise to send to help His disciples? God's Holy Spirit.
- 4. Where would God's Holy Spirit live? *Inside their hearts*.
- 5. How would the Holy Spirit help them when they stood before their enemies? *He would give them boldness and the right words to speak.*
- 6. What did Jesus' enemies think when they heard the disciples speak? They were amazed at their wise words. They couldn't believe men with so little schooling could speak so well.
- 7. What secret weapon did Jesus' enemies not understand was helping Jesus' disciples speak well? *The Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.*
- 8. Who else did the Holy Spirit work in as Jesus' disciples shared the good news of Jesus? *In those who listening. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
- 9. How can we have the Holy Spirit come and live in our hearts? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

DEEP DOWN DESTRECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 10, Bible Truth 4:

What Does the Holy Spirit
Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts
to Be Like Jesus...

The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)

Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

Review



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan**. Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures



Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the Storyboard (flannelgraph) Pictures or Story Scene Pictures.

Let There Be Music



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

Put the Props in Place



1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.

- 2. Get out your storyboard. Put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder. Or, put your Story Scenes in order, if using this resource instead.
- 3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
- 4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

Set Out Free Play Activities



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

Prepare Any Activities



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

Let Them Take It with Them



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

UNIT OVERVIEW

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In this unit we will learn four truths about God's Holy Spirit.

UNIT BIBLE VERSE: Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

ANSWER: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

OPTIONAL Big Question 10 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 10 Material)

Story: The Case of the Heart Helper Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26-27, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

BIBLE TRUTH 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

BIBLE TRUTH 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

(3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Bible Verse: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10 Track Numbers

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

UNIT 10: THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE INDWELLING GOD

- 12 Big Q & A 10 Song
- 13 Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
- 15 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 16 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)
- 17 Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV
- 18 Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1
- 19 Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart to Be Like Jesus...

Bible Truth 1: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

- 20 Bible Verse: The Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV
- 21 Bible Verse: Do You Not Know? 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV (other version)
- 22 Extra Bible Verse: I Will Ask the Father John 14:16-17, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: What Father Among You? Luke 11:11-13, ESV

Bible Truth 2: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

- 24 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV
- 25 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

- 27 Bible Verse: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984
- 28 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5, ESV
- 29 Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5, ESV (other version)

Bible Truth 4: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

- 30 Bible Verse: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984
- 31 Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV
- 32 Extra Song: God's One Big Plan

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts

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Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Concept: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people.

God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world.

Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church--all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church--God's people--too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Acts 9:31

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Meaning

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 4 Story

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Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 4

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song: The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse: Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Extra Song: God's One Big Plan

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1. GETTING START	TED .	
Intake		
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include child	ren as they join the class:
Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play acti	vities suggested in Appendix D
OR Sing-along	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 10:	
Music Time	Big Q & A 10 Song	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1.
lyrics and sheet music,	Big Question 10 Song	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13
Appendix A	Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD FSV. Cara and 10 transle 14
, ,	I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 14
	A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Sorigs To, track TS
	Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 16
	Extra Big Question 10 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	3
	You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 17
	Big Question 10 Hymn:	
	The Church's One Foundation, v.1	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18
	Big Question 10 Praise Song:	DDD FCV C 10 two de 10
	Create in Me a Clean Heart Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19
	The Church Was Strengthened Acts 9:31, NIV 1984	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 30
	Bible Truth 4 Extra Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs To, track St
	Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 37
	Bible Truth 4 Extra Song:	3 ,
	God's One Big Plan	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 32
	 Add more fun to Sing-along Music Time by adding a Music, Movement & Men	nory Activity. These activities are listed
	on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in	•
OR Bible Verse	Lesson 1 Game: Block Clapping	
Memory Game	Lesson 2 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up	
instructions found in Appendix B	Lesson 3 Game: Bean Bag Catch	a A setivities
	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Respons E TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)	e Activities.
2. Of LIVING CINCL		
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for C	ïrcle Time.
lyrics and sheet music,	The Classroom Song, verse 1	DDD ESV Songs 10, track 1
Appendix A	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God,	
	Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!	

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Deep Down

Detectives

who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big

questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Deep Down **Detectives** Theme Song

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

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!

Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Classroom Rules Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 7

Shh, be guiet 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.

Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands, Bow your head, Close your eyes. Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Reveal the Big Question

Introduce the Big Question Box/Briefcase

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A "Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 8

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We've got a big box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case, There's no time to waste, Come on, kids, let's open it up!

The Big Question under Investigation

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Big Question &
Answer Sign, front side
*found in the DDD Unit 10
Visual Aids. ESV Book

Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is Big Question Number 10:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? and the Answer is:

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

Big Question Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Big Question Songs

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 10 Song

(adapted version of "Pop! Goes the Weasel)

Big Q & A 10 Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

What does the Holy Spirit do, Inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart! DDD ESV Songs 10, track 12

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning about the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!"

Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

Big Question (Action Rhyme) Song

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme/Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 13

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

big Question to Action myllic, song

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Place hand on heart

(POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Verse 1

Refrain

He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people,

make prayer hands and bow head

He helps them love God and others always. Refrain point up to heaven and out to others

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain* hold up your arms and flex your muscles

make an open Bible with your two palms

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Truth

VISUAL take out





of BQB

VISUAL AID
All the Bible Truths Sign

"He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning **FOUR** Bible truths that all tell us more about the Holy Spirit.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase." Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

Bible Truth Clue

VISUAL take out





of BQB

Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID

After everyone has had a good look, say...

"Ok, we've learned three truths about the Holy Spirit. They are: "The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People," "The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage," and The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's ????!"

Hint

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What's the name for God's people, gathered together? This word starts with the letter "C" and it rhymes with "search."

Can you guess? It's "Church." So the Bible Truth we are learning today is: (uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Builds God's CHURCH!"

Bible Truth Meaning

And here is what this Bible Truth means: (read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people.

God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world.

Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church--all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church--God's people--too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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DDD ESV Songs 10, track 9

2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Learning the Bible Verse

The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

The 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!

Bible Verse

DDD 10.4 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL AID







DDD Bible Folder

*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Acts 9:31 tells us:

Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Bible Verse Meaning

What does that mean?

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Bible Verse Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

You might also enjoy:

Behold, A Great Multitude Revelation 7:9-10, ESV DDD ESV Songs 10, track 31;

God's One Big Plan DDD ESV Songs 10, track 32 We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!

The Church Was Strengthened: Acts 9:31

Then the church was strengthened and encouraged, By the Holy Spirit, by the Holy Spirit It grew in numbers, It grew in numbers,

Living in the fear,

The fear of the Lord, (repeat)

Acts Nine, thirty-one.

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 30

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2. OPENING CIRCLE				
Getting into the Case	"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"			
Listening Assignments	NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds.			
Place in take out DDD Bible Folder of BQB	"Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out today. Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below:			
VISUAL AID #5 DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to find out: 1. Who was the builder? 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?			
VISUAL AID #6 DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Acts 9:31, NIV 1984: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord." I need to find out: 1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus? 2. How did Holy Spirit help the Church grow?			
Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV	Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment: I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story. They are: a boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. I need to figure out: 1. Which four belong in our story? 2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished?			
Place story & pics in take out Place story	Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions." Bible Story: The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the Storyboard Pictures/holding up the Story Scenes as you tell it. Then have the children answer the listening assignment, present the gospel and lead in prayer. *Answers to questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*			

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing (listed with the Response Activities).

The Church's One Foundation

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 18

Hymn

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride,

With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

Tie-in: "Church is the Bible word for God's people. How did God's people become God's people? It's all because God sent Jesus. Jesus came from heaven to live a perfect life, then give it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. With His very own blood He paid for all of their sins. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and went back up to heaven. He had beaten sin and death for them. Now they could be God's people! Jesus went up to heaven, but He leave God's people alone. He left His Word for them to read. And, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in their hearts so they might know God and love Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. What a wonderful day that will be! They will be as happy as a groom with His bride, happily married at last. You and I can be part of God's Church, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

Praise Song

Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 19

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Tie-in: "We all have hearts that choose disobey God. We have all broken the special closeness with God that He created us to enjoy. But it does not have to stay that way. We can ask God to work in our hearts and give us a new heart--a clean heart--that knows and loves Him. God loves to answer these prayers by sending His Holy Spirit to change our heart and make it new. Yes! God's Holy Spirit does wonderful things in our heart that we could never do on our own!

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)

Transition to Activities

Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: either free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

Classroom Song, verse 2

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 2

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

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3. TAKING ACTION	l: Response Activities (choose from among these activities)		
Response Activities	Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning		
Bible Verse Memory Game game directions, Appendix B	Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse gainstead (or as a repeat). Lesson 1 Game: Block Clapping Lesson 2 Game: Meet, Greet and Keep It Up Lesson 3 Game: Bean Bag Catch Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning	Discussion Questions	
Music, Movement & Memory Activity game directions, Appendix B	 A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Lesson 1 Activity: Thumping Drums Lesson 2 Activity: Say, Spring Up and Shout Lesson 3 Activity: Freeze Frame 	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions	
Bible Story Review Game game directions, Appendix B	A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. Lesson 1 Game: Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks Lesson 2 Game: Can You Remember? Lesson 3 Game: Clothespin Line Up and Drop Use the Discussion Sheet with this activity for even deeper learning	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions	
Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets in Appendix C	A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each less the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to their children. NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishmen jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabric, paper, foil, etc. Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer	use with ats, such a , etc. Make	
Extra Crafts:	These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets:	Discoulant describes	
Big Question Craft in Appendix C Bible Verse Craft in Appendix C	The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time.	Discussion Questions for Activities Discussion Questions Questions	
Bible Story Puzzle in Appendix C	The Bible Story Coloring Sheet provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.		
Free Play Activities ideas in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appe	endix D.	

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4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time)

Transition to Closing Circle

Classroom Song, verse 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

Classroom Song, verse 3

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 3

Closing Circle Time

When children are settled in the circle, say:

Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

Classroom Song, verse 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 4

DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 12,13

Big News to Tell

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

Big Question 10

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First of all, can you tell me the answer to our **Big Question: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?"** Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

Say the answer with me: "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus..."

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)

*found in DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

Big Question 10, **Bible Truth 4**

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The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!"

And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

Big Question 10 Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

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*found in the DDD Unit 10 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

We learned: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

What This Means:

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 30

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4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued **Closing ACTS** Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and **Prayer Time**

ACTS Prayer Chant

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

ACTS Prayer Chant Song DDD ESV Songs 10, tracks 10,11

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.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

Closing ACTS Prayer

"Let's pray!"

pray our ACTS prayer.

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world!

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

5. TAKING IT HOME (Take Home Sheet)

Dismissal Have the children join you in cleaning up the room. Coloring Pages/ Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss **Take Home Sheets** children from class. (Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.) in Appendix C

Bible Story to Take-Home

Clean up and

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

in Appendix C

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

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Place story in

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Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!

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- 2. Choose story action cues and prepare storyboard figures/Story Scenes, if using. (In Visual Aids book)
- $3. \, Practice \, telling \, story \, with \, the \, story board \, figures/Story \, Scenes, timing \, your \, presentation. \, Shorten, if \, necessary.$

During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues/hold up Story Scenes as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)

"Our story is called: The Case of the World's Biggest Building. Here is your listening assignment... "Read the assignment for your lesson using Detective Dan's Listening Assignment sign or the text below:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was the builder?
- 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Acts 9:31, NIV 1984:

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus?
- 2. How did Holy Spirit help the Church grow?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?
- 2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

use with all THREE lessons

The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture. Tip: Stack pictures in numerical before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture. OR, if using the Story Scenes to tell the story, disregard the storyboard picture references listed below.

What do you think of when you think of a big building? (SB1) A tall tower made of lots of bricks or metal, reaching high into the sky, perhaps?

A building certainly IS that, usually. But really, a building can be most ANYTHING big that someone builds from lots of little pieces... and it might not look ANYTHING like what we first think of when we think of a building. (SB2) This is the story of God's big plan to build the biggest building in the world... and it was one of those OTHER kinds of buildings. (SB3) It would be built from billions of pieces of something that was NOTHING like wood or metal. What was the name of the big something that God planned to build? (SB4) It was called "the Church." And from what did He plan to build His Church? Do you have any idea?

Can you guess?

Are you ready for this? God was planning to build His Church from lots and lots of one kind of creature. Yes, it would be a HUGE gathering of millions, even billions of this LIVING, BREATHING creature. What kind of creature do you think God planned to use? Hmmm... would it be (SB5) kangaroos? Or rabbits? Trees or birds or bugs?

What do you think?

(SB6) Nope. God didn't plan to make His Church from any of those creatures. God's Church would be made from a creature who looked a lot like... well... US! Matter a fact, it IS us! People!

That's right! (SB7)"The Church" is God's name for all of His people, from every time and every place in the world, gathered together and living with Him forever. All of their millions and billions of hearts would be full of His love, like one, happy heart. And all of their millions and billions of mouths would be full of His praise, like one, joyful song. (SB8) Together, they would enjoy God's Perfect Wonderfulness. God's big building would be very, very special, wouldn't it?

But there was something else that would make God's Church very special. It was WHAT--or really WHO-- He would use to join all those people together. Can you guess who?

Can you quess?

It would be God, Himself. (SB9) Jesus, God's Son would make them God's people; and, God's Holy Spirit would live inside of them. He would unite all of the hearts of God's people in their love of God to enjoy Him together. What an amazing plan God had!

First come plans, next comes the work; and, that's just what God did. He began His work by (SB10) creating this wonderful world and everything in it, including those people who would make into His Church.

God is spirit, and if people were to know Him and be part of His big, beautiful Church, they would have to have a spirit, too. So that's what He gave them. God created people, alone, with (SB11) a spirit inside their bodies, so they could know and love Him. He named those first people, Adam and Eve.

God told Adam and Eve to fill the whole earth with children, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, etc. And that's what they did. These children grew up and spread out across the whole world. (SB12)Some made ships and sailed to far-away islands. (SB13) Some climbed tall mountains and made their homes near snowy peaks. (SB14) Others settled in thick jungles and forests and many, more places. They had families and made their homes throughout the whole world. They had different skin colors and spoke different languages. One day, God's beautiful Church would include some of them all. Together, they would lift up their praises to God.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

But that one day was not yet. The people of the world didn't look very much like God's beautiful Church right then. You see, from Adam and Eve on down, all people had all chosen to turn away from God and live life their own way. (SB15,SB16,SB17,SB18) Their hearts--like ours-- had become ugly, broken, and even dead to God, all because of this terrible sin. Every one of them deserved to be shut out from God's presence and to never know Him. Never, ever! How sad!

But sin wouldn't ruin God's plans to build His Church! God knew that people would rebel against Him, and so He had always made it part of His plan to rescue them and make them beautiful, Himself, through His Son, Jesus.

So at just the right time, God sent Jesus to redeem His people. Jesus would take away their sins. He would make them beautiful for God. Jesus lived a perfect life here on earth. (SB19) Then on the cross, He suffered and died. He gave up His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven.

On Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in the cave grave; but on Day Three, (SB20) Jesus rose from the dead in victory! He made the way for us to forgiven our sins and to become God's people, the Church.

(SB21) "Go into every part of the world, making disciples of all people," Jesus told His eleven disciples after He rose from the dead. It was time to begin to bring the good news of salvation to the world so that God's Church would be from every people, just as God had always planned.

THOSE disciples do ALL THIS?! How? They were so fearful, so weak! They didn't know what to say; and, there were so few of them! They could never do this big job by themselves, could they?

Do you think they could do it?

No! There was NO WAY they could do this job ALONE, but God never planned for them to. He would help them and many others carry out His plan by sending His Holy Spirit to live inside of them. He would work in their hearts as they heard God's Word. He would help them turn from their sins and trust in Jesus. He would help them grow to love God more and live for Him each day... full of boldness and full of wisdom!

(SB22) And that's just what happened. (SB23) Filled with God's Holy Spirit, the disciples went out and told the good news of Jesus to everyone who would listen! And as the disciples spoke, (SB24) the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the listeners. He helped them turn way from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, too. He changed and filled their hearts. He made these ugly, broken, sinful hearts into the new, beautiful, God-loving hearts of God's people. God's Church was becoming bigger and bigger! God's plan was coming true!

Now these new believers joined the first disciples in sharing the good news of Jesus. Further and further away they went to new parts of the world.

(SB25)Some got in ships and sailed to the far-away islands. (SB26) Others climbed over the snowy mountains. (SB27) Still others made their way through thick jungles and forests and many, more places. Everywhere they went, they shared the good news of Jesus. And everywhere they went, (SB28, SB29, SB30) the Holy Spirit worked. People turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts. God was building His Church from people of every nation and language.

On and on, (SB31, SB32) for thousands of years now, Jesus' followers have kept on telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus. On and on, the Holy Spirit has been working in their hearts of listeners, building God's Church as more and more people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

One day, God will be finished building His Church. When will that be? When the good news of Jesus has gone out to the whole world; God's plans for building His Church are completed; and, all His people are saved and filled with His Holy Spirit. And on that day, (SB33) Jesus will return here to earth. He will take away every last speck of sin in God's people. (SB34) Sin and pain, sickness and death will be gone for good! Jesus will gather them all together to live with Him in the new heaven and earth He will make for them. What a beautiful, happy sight will be God's people, the Church, then. They will be the biggest, most beautiful building that has ever been built, made up of more people than can even be counted, in a perfectly happy, new world... and they will enjoy God's Perfect Wonderfulness and praise Him FOREVER!

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

- **1. Who was the builder?** The LORD.
- 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished? His Church. It would be a huge gathering of God's people, loving Him and praising Him forever.

For You and Me:

Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy Spirit and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984:

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

- 1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus? God's Holy Spirit.
- **2.** How did Holy Spirit help the Church grow? He helped the believers be bold to tell others about Jesus and gave them words to say. He worked in the hearts of those listening and helped them put their trust in Jesus, too.

For You and Me

God's Holy Spirit can help us become a part of God's people, the Church, too. We can ask Him to work in our hearts and help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to love God and live for Him.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The boat, the kangaroo, the listening man and the big plan belong. The hamburger and the sunglasses do not.

2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished? All of God's people, the Church!

For You and Me:

Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy Spirit and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

Isn't it amazing that God chose to build His Church out of people like us! He is our good God, yet we have all chosen to disobey God. We deserve His punishment, but instead He offers to make us His people!

God sent Jesus to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never did. On the cross, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven and know special closeness with God as their Heavenly Father.

On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them, once and for all! That's how God could make sinful people like us into His dearly-loved people, the Church!

We can become God's people, too, when we when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

Closing ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- C God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world!

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!

Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people. But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their heart!
- 2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? *The Holy Spirit*.
- 3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? *Jesus.*
 - 4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? Their whole lives.
 - 5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? God.
 - 6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? God's laws.
 - 7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? *He comforts them and helps them to be brave.*
 - 8. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE TRUTH

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

Meaning

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people. God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world. Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church--all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church--God's people-too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Is a church a building? No. It's the name for all of God's people.
- 2. Who builds God's Church? The Holy Spirit, as He works in the hearts of people and gives them the gift of faith-- trusting in Jesus as their Savior.

choose a few

- 3. How does the Holy Spirit work inside someone's heart when they hear God's Word? He helps him to believe what he hears, confess and turn away from his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior.
- 4. What did God always plan for the Holy Spirit to do? God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, His Church.
- 5. What do we mean we say that we are going to church? That we are going to gather together with some of God's people to worship God, learn from His Word, and love one another.
- 6. What will it be like when God's people, the Church is in heaven together? All of God's people will at last gather together to worship God and be together forever.
- 7. How can we become part of God's Church--His dearly loved people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

THE GOSPEL

God's Holy Spirit builds God's Church as He helps people hear and believe the gospel. What is the gospel, the good news about Jesus? We have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins! How sad! But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise to us!

BIBLE TRUTH

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."--Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Meaning

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was being strengthened and who was strengthening it? The church was strengthened by God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. What is a church? A group of Christians gathering together to worship God and love one another.

choose a few

- 3. What does it mean for a church to be strengthened? Not that everyone has bigger muscles and can lift heavy things, but that their faith in God is growing stronger, they understand more of God and His Word; they are loving and knowing God more; they are becoming more obedient to His good ways; and more lovingly towards each other.
- 4. How does the Holy Spirit encourage a church? He is at work in the hearts of believers, helping them to keep saying "no" to sin; helping them to better understand God's Word; growing their faith in God; helping them become more loving and knowing God better; helping them become more obedient to God's good ways; and helping them to act more lovingly towards each other. He gives them wisdom and courage to live God's way, even when it is very hard.
- 5. How were people in the church living? What does that mean? In the fear of the Lord. It means to live to please God, in your heart, with your words and with all your life.
- 6. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the World's Biggest Building

1. Who was planning to build something very, very big? God was.

Discussion Questions

- 2. What was God planning to build? *His Church--a great gathering of people who love Him and know Him.*
- 3. What did God give people so that they could know Him and love Him? A spirit.

choose a few

- 4. What did all people do that made their hearts ugly and full of sin? They all chose to turn away from God and live life their own way.
- 5. What did God plan to do to rescue His people so that they could become His people? He sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for their sins.
- 6. Who did God send His Holy Spirit to live inside of? Those who turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.
- 7. What did the Holy Spirit help these new believers do? To live for God and boldly tell others the good news of Jesus that they might trust in Jesus as their Savior, too.
- 8. When will God's Church be finished? When the whole world has heard the good news of Jesus and His plans for His people here on earth are done.
- 9. How can we become God's dearly-loved people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

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This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

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- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
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Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

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(used every lesson
of the curriculum)

Appendix A: Music Resources: General Classroom Songs (Used Every Lesson throughout the Curriculum)
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The Classroom Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Tracks 1-4

Verse 1

Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather now with me!

Verse 2

We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God, And now it's time to play.

Verse 3

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

Verse 4

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track

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!

Words and Music: Constance Dever @2015

Classroom Rules Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track 6

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.

Let's Pray

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track 7

1-2-3!
Fold your hands,
Bow your head,
Close your eyes.
Let's pray! (repeat)

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Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track 8

The Big Question Box Song

We've got a big box,
All closed up and locked,
Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case,
There's no time to waste,
Come on, kids, let's open it up!

The Bible Chant Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track

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!

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The ACTS Prayer Song

DDD ESV Songs, Tracks 10,11

A: Adoration, God, we praise You,

C: Confession, Forgive us our sins,

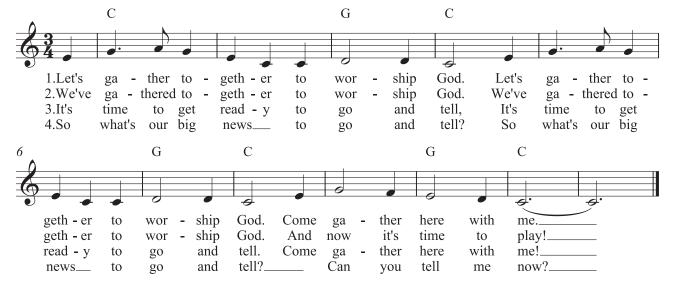
T: Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus,

S: Supplication, Help us live like Him. (repeat)

That's the A-C-T-S prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin!

The Classroom Song

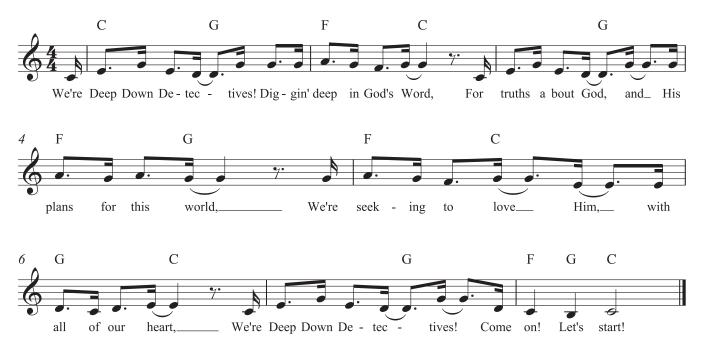
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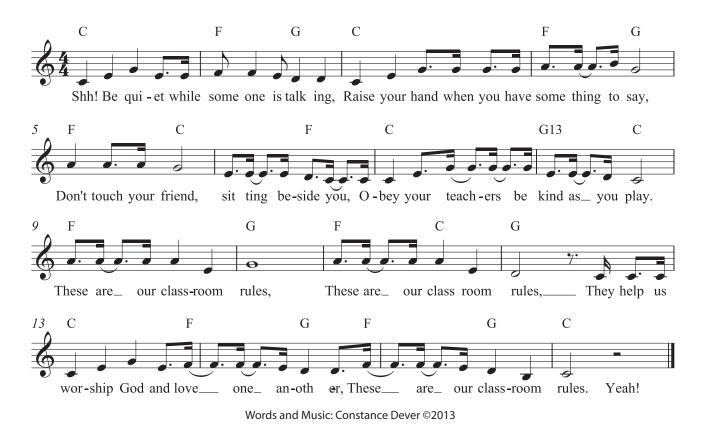
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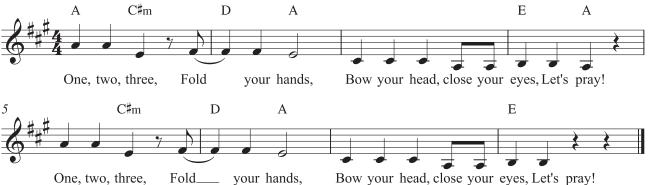
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The Classroom Rules Song

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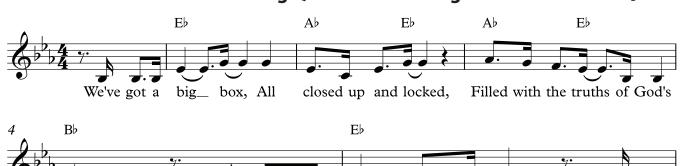






The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track 8





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The Bible Chant Song

DDD ESV Unit 10 Songs, Track 9



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A: A-do-ra tion, "God, we praise You," C: Con-fes-sion, "For-give us our sins,"



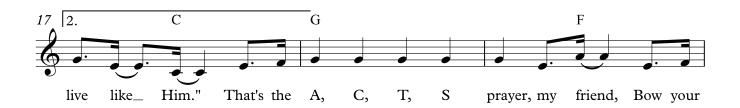
T: Thanks-giv ing, "Thank You for Je-sus, S: Sup-pli-ca-tion,"Help us live like Him."

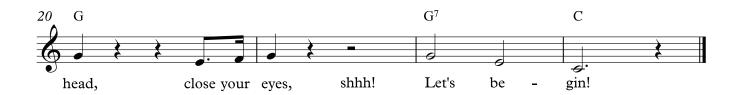


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DEEP DOWN DESCRIPTION

Curriculum Resources

Unit 10 Songs (used with all 4 Bible Truths)

Appendix A: Music Resources: Unit 10 Songs (Used with all Unit 10 Bible Truths)

Big Q & A 10 Song

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 12

What does the Holy Spirit do Inside of God's people?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
He changes their heart!

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Big Question 10 Song: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 13 What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people,
He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,
He puts love in the hearts of God's people,
He helps them love God and others always. *Refrain*

Verse 2

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain*

Unit 10 Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 14 I Will Give You a New Heart

I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit, I will put within you.
I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit, I will put within you.
Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.

Extra Unit 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 15

I will give you a new heart,
A new spirit I'll put within you.
I will give you a new heart, a new heart,
A new spirit,
I will put within you.
Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.

Unit 10 Extra Bible Verse Song: Within You

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 16

I will give you a new heart,

A new spirit,

I will put within you.

Within you, within you, within you, within you.

I will give you a new heart,

A new spirit,

I will put within you.

Within you, within you, within you, within you.

Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.

Unit 10 Extra Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 17

You shall be clean, You shall be clean,
You shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
You shall be clean, You shall be clean,
You shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
And from all your idols I will cleanse you,
And from all your idols I will cleanse you,

Refrain:

And I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit I will put within you.

I'll put my Spirit, I'll put my Spirit,
I'll put my Spirit within you.
I'll put my Spirit, I'll put my Spirit,
I'll put my Spirit within you.
And cause you to walk in my statutes,
And cause you to walk in my statutes. *Refrain*Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-five through seven.

Words: adapted from Ezekiel 36:26, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

Tie-in: We all have hearts that choose to live our own way, instead of God's good way. But it does not have to stay that way. We can ask God to work in our hearts and give us a new heart--a clean heart-- that knows and loves Him and wants to obey His good rules (His statutes). God loves to answer these prayers by sending His Holy Spirit to change our heart and make it new. Yes! God's Holy Spirit does wonderful things in our heart that we could never do on our own!

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 18

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By Spirit and the Word;
From heav'n He came a sought her,
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

Tie-in: Church is the Bible word for God's people. How did God's people become God's people? There's only one reason why: because God sent Jesus. Yes, Jesus came from heaven to suffer and die on the cross to save God's people. With His very own blood He paid for all of their sins. He rose from the dead on the third day and went back up to heaven, but did He leave God's people alone? No! He left His Word for them to read. And, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in their hearts so they might know God and love Him more and more. And, He promised to come back to earth one day to live with Him forever. What a wonderful day that will be! You and I can be part of God's Church, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

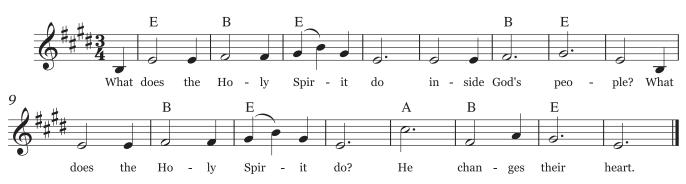
Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 19

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Words and Music: Anonymous

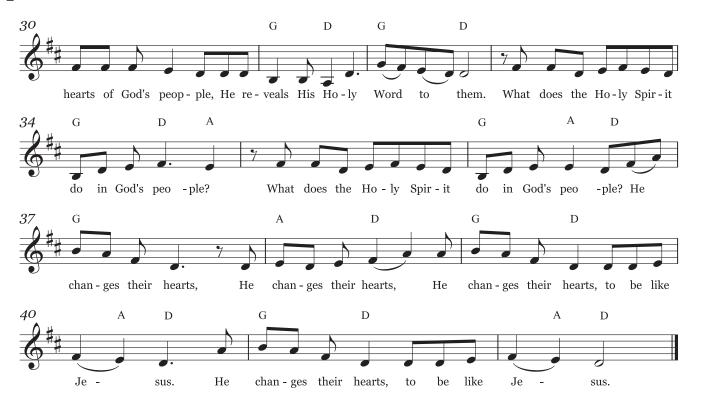
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Big Question 10 Song





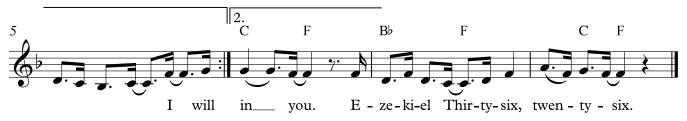
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Ezekiel 36:26: I Will Give You a New Heart

Big Question 10 Bible Verse



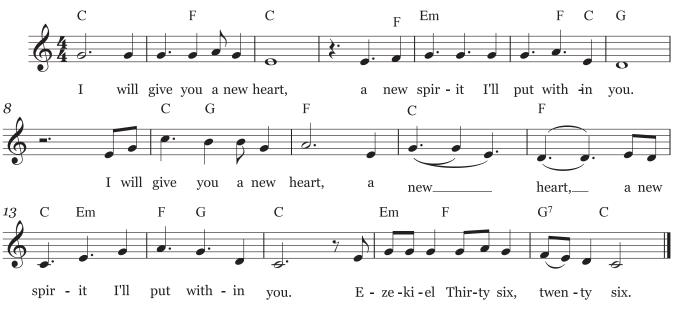


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Ezekiel 36:26 A New Heart

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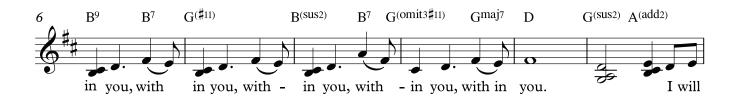
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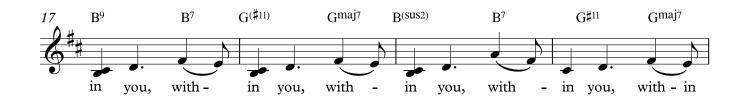
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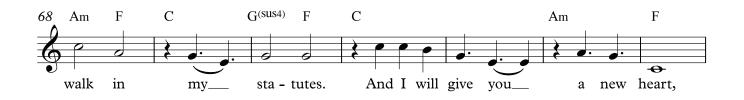


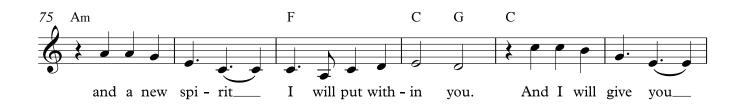
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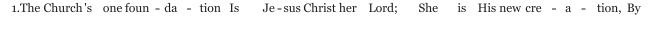


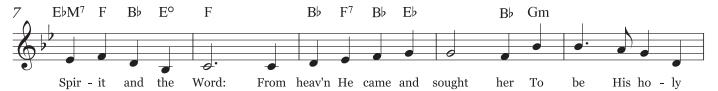


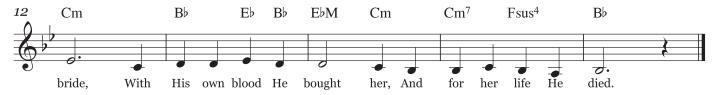


The Church's One Foundation Big Question 10 Hymn





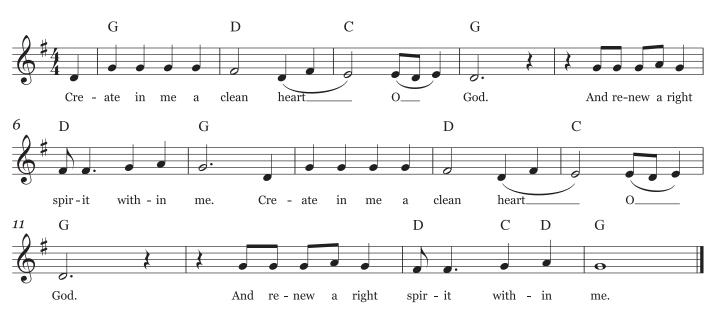




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DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 19



Words and Music: Anonymous

DEEP DOWN DESCRIPTIONS

Curriculum Resources

Unit 10 Bible Truth
Bible Verse Songs

Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 20 A Temple of the Holy Spirit

Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?
Do you not know? Do you not know?
Do you not know, that your body is a temple?

A temple of the Holy Spirit within you, A temple of the Holy Spirit within you, Whom you have from God, Whom you have from God.

First Corinthians Chapter Six, verse nineteen.

about this Bible verse:

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God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Extra Bible Verse Song: Do You Not Know?

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 21

Do you not know? *Do you not know?*Do you not know? *Do you not know?*That your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit,
Within you, Who's within you,
Whom you have from God.

Do you not know? *Do you not know?*Do you not know? *Do you not know?*That your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit,
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Extra Bible Verse Song: I Will Ask the Father

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 22

I will ask the Father,
And He will give you,
Another Helper to be with you forever,
A helper to be with you forever,
Even the Spirit of truth,
Even the Spirit of truth.

You know Him, for He dwells with you, And will be in you. Another Helper to be with you forever, A helper to be with you forever, Even the Spirit of truth, Even the Spirit of truth.

John Fourteen, sixteen and seventeen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: John 14:16-17, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2015

On the night before Jesus died on the cross, He told his disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to live inside them. Yes, He would be leaving them. After He died and rose from the dead, He would go to reign in heaven. But they would not be left alone. The Holy Spirit would help them in powerful ways. He is the Spirit of truth. He would help them know God's truth and understand what it means. He would give them the strength to do everything God wanted them to do. And He would never leave them. He would be their helper forever.

Extra Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 23 What Father Among You?

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, Will give him a serpent instead; If you, who are evil, Know how to give good gifts, Good gifts to your children.

How much more, How much more,
Will the heavenly Father,
Give the Holy Spirit,
To those who ask him!
Luke Eleven, eleven through thirteen.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Luke 11:11-13, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

Our fathers and mothers love us. They love to give us good gifts and bless us, anyway that they can. They want the best for us. They want us to grow and prosper (do well in life). Maybe they are just people. Maybe they don't always know what's the best thing to give us, but they certainly do try. They give us the best gifts they know to give.

God is His people's heavenly Father. Like our fathers and mothers, He loves His people so much! He wants to give them good gifts and bless them. He wants them to grow and prosper. But unlike our fathers and mothers, God is perfect. He is all-wise, all-good and all-loving. So how much more does He know the best gifts to give His dear people! The very best gift He gives them--and loves to give them--is His Holy Spirit, living inside them. The Holy Spirit is the gift that truly keeps on giving. He will always be with them, giving them wisdom and strength to know God and to do what God wants them to do. He comforts them and helps them, every day of their life. God gives His people His Holy Spirit to live inside of them when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. But God's people go on asking God to give them more and more of the Holy Spirit each day, so they can know God even more and live for Him more fully. How God loves to answer this prayer!

A Temple of the Holy Spirit

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Do You Not Know?

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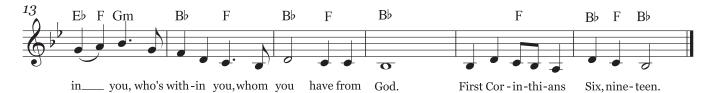
Do you not know? (Do you not know?)Do you not know?)That your bo-dy is a tem-ple of the



Ho - ly Spir-it, with - in_____ you, who's with - in you, whom you have from God.__ Do you not



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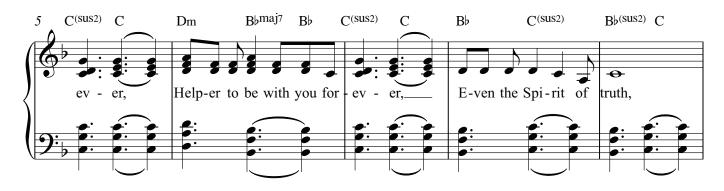


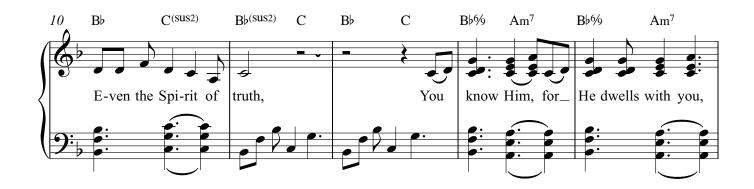
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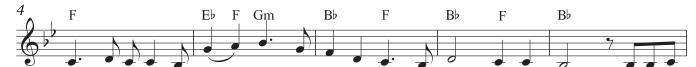
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What Father Among You?

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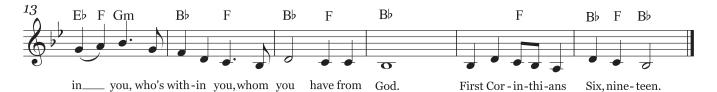
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Ho - ly Spir-it, with - in ____ you, who's with - in you, whom you have from God.__ Do you not



know? (Do you not know?) Do you not know? (Do you not know?) That your body is a tem-ple of the Ho-ly Spir-it, with



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Bible Verse Song: Fan into Flame

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 24

Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
For God gave us a spirit not of fear
But of power and love and self-control.
Second Timothy One, six and seven.

about this Bible verse:

Words: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2012

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages them to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage.

Extra Bible Verse Song: And Now, Lord

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 25

And now, Lord, look upon their threats,
And grant to your servants to continue to speak,
Your word with all boldness,
Your word with all boldness,
Your word with all boldness.

And when they had prayed,
They were all filled, With the Holy Spirit,
And continued to speak,
The word of God with boldness,
The word of God with boldness,
The word with boldness.

Acts Four, twenty-nine and thirty-one.

Extra Bible Verse Song: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 24 Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats

Now, Lord, look upon their threats, And grant to your servants to speak Your word, Speak Your word with all boldness, Speak with all boldness.

And when they had prayed
The place where they were gathered,
The place where they were gathered was shaken,
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit.
Acts Chapter Four, twenty-nine and thirty-one.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Acts 4:29,31, ESV Music: Constance Dever @2012

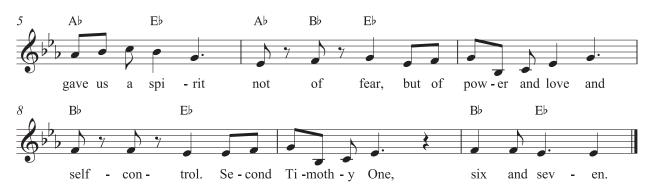
The Bible tells us God made people in the beginning. He made them in His image, that means, they reflect Him in a very special way. Of all the earthly creatures, they alone were created with a spirit, like God's Spirit, that can know and love God. God created people to be able to see God's glory in everything He made. And, He created them to care for the world He created as caretakers under Him.

Fan Into Flame

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 24

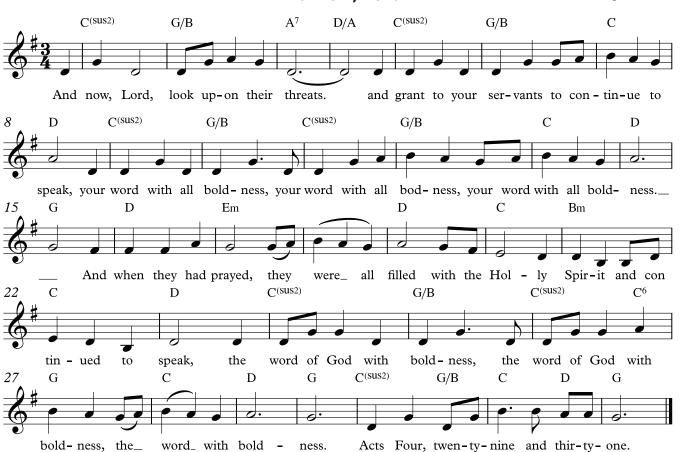


Fan in-to flame-your faith-the gift of God, fan in-to flame-your faith-the gift of God. For God



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And Now, Lord



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Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 26



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Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 27

I keep asking, that the God of our Lord Jesus, May give you, The spirit of wisdom.

I keep asking, that the God of our Lord Jesus, May give you, The spirit of wisdom,

And revelation.

So that you may know him, You may know him, So that you may know him better.

I keep asking, that the God of our Lord Jesus, May give you, The spirit of wisdom.

I keep asking, that the God of our Lord Jesus, May give you, The spirit of wisdom,

And revelation.

Ephesians One, seventeen.

about this Bible verse:

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There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He never reproaches us when they ask for wisdom. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people.

Extra Bible Verse Song: If Any of You

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 28

If any of you, If any of you, If any of you lacks wisdom, If any of you, If any of you, If any of you lacks wisdom, Let him ask God, who gives generously, Let him ask God, who gives generously, To all without reproach.

Let him ask God, who gives generously, Let him ask God, who gives generously, To all without reproach.

And it will be given him, And it will be given him, And it will be given him, It will be given him.

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Extra Bible Verse: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 29 If Any of You Lacks Wisdom

If any of you lacks wisdom,
Let him ask God,
If any of you lacks wisdom,
Let him ask God.
And it will be given, given him, given him,
And it will be given him, given him,
It will be given him.
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James One, five.

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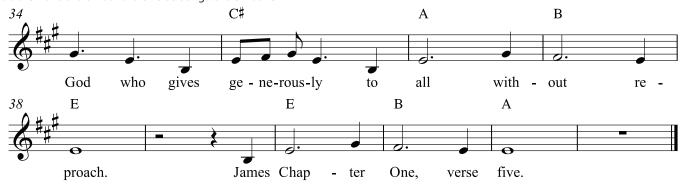
There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He never reproaches us when they ask for wisdom. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people.

I Keep Asking



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Bible Verse:

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 30

The Church Was Strengthened

Then the church was strengthened and encouraged, By the Holy Spirit, by the Holy Spirit It grew in numbers, It grew in numbers, Living in the fear, The fear of the Lord, (repeat)

Acts Nine, thirty-one.

about this Bible verse:

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The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

Extra Bible Verse: DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 31 Behold, A Great Multitude

Behold, a great multitude,
That no one could number,
From every nation, tribes, peoples and languages,
Standing before the throne,
And crying out,
"Salvation belongs to our God,
Who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, and to the Lamb,
Salvation belongs to our God."
Revelation Seven, nine and ten.

about this Bible verse:

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The Bible tells us that at the end of time, all of God's people will be gathered together before God. It will be a great multitude--so many people that we can't even count them. There will be people from every nation, every language, every background among God's people and they will all praise God for what He has done for them through Jesus. God worked in their hearts, by His Holy Spirit. He helped them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He was the willing sacrifice for their sins. His nickname is the "Lamb" because in Old Testament times it was lambs that were offered up as sacrifices for sin. Those lambs didn't take away sin. They only pointed to the day when Jesus would come and by His blood, pay for the sins of God's people. What a glorious day that will be for God's Church--all of God's people bought by Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit. Brought to live before and enjoy God forever!

DDD ESV Songs 10, Track 32

God's One, Big Plan

Verse 1

Forever God has had one, big plan,
To love a people from every land,
To love them all through Jesus Christ,
Who shed His blood to give eternal life.

Refrain

Oh, who is like the Lord our God,
Who has shown such power, such love.
No one, no one's like our God,
No one's shown such power, such love,
So for His glory, for our joy,
Let's know, let's grow, let's go,
Let's know, let's grow, let's go!

Verse 2

There's work for us in God's one, big plan,
To reach His people in every land,
Know God and His Word,
Grow like Jesus, Give, Pray.
Go to those lands,
Share the gospel today. (refrain)

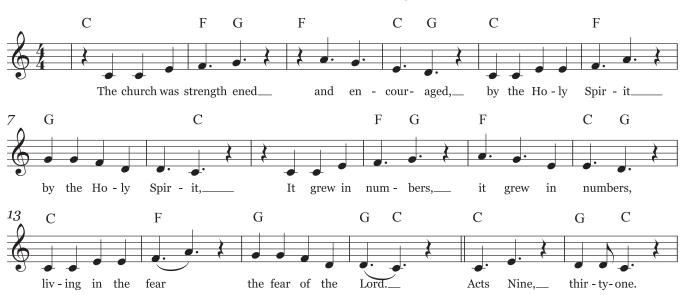
about this song:

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From before the beginning, God had a plan to love and call a people from every on earth. He would save them through Jesus: and, He would work in their hearts with His Holy Spirit, giving them the gift of repentance and faith. He would live inside each of them, comforting them and growing them in His truth and in their knowledge of Him. He has woven work for His people into this One, Big Plan of salvation of His. He has given them of telling others the good news of Jesus. He has chosen to work through their words and bringing salvation to people from every land. God's people both prepare to go and help others to go tell the good news of Jesus. They seek to know Him and study His Word. They want to live more and more like Jesus. They give money and pray for those who move to other lands to tell people about Jesus. Some, go to those other lands, themselves. In all these ways, God's people help tell others the good news of Jesus and will go on doing this until the wonderful day when Jesus comes back and brings God's kingdom forever! How wonderful that God let's His people partner with His Holy Spirit to build His Church!

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The Church Was Strengthened



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Behold, A Great Multitude



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DEEP DOWN DESTECTIVES

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Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games

Deep Down Detectives uses many games. The good news is, they are simply made and they are re-used throughout the whole curriculum. Make sure you save the games you make and it will save you a lot of time later.

This is the full list of the games and the supplies needed in the Deep Down Detectives Curriculum. I **would highly suggest you do this!** Get the prep work over with at the beginning and coast your way through years of enjoyment! Store them in ziploc bags or baskets and pull them out when needed. So simple!

THIS LIST IS ALSO INCLUDED IN INTRODUCTION

Bible Verse Games

Lily Pad Jump

- Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

Animal Cube

- · Cube-shaped cardboard box,
- paper,
- glue,
- marker

Simon Says How

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker

Bean Bag Catch

- 1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

Slap, Clap and Stack

10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

Freeze 'n' Say

Music and CD/Tape player

Fill 'er Up

- 1 bean bag per child
- NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.
- Cardboard box or laundry basket
- Carpet squares, 1 per child

Loud and Soft, Big and Little

none

Bible Verse Games

Roll'n' Toss

- Cube-shaped Cardboard box
- Paper, glue, and a marker
- 1 bouncy ball per 2 children

Duck, Duck, Goose

none

Deep Down Detective Mission Madness Practice

 Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

Block Clapping

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

Meet, Greet, and Keep It Up

- 16 oz cups, 1 per child (with some extras)
- 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children
- Masking tape

Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

Music, Movement & Memory

Thumping Drums

- 1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.
- Tape
- Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.
- Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

Say, Spring Up and Shout

Bean bags, one per child

Freeze Frame

 Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

Egg Shakers

- Empty Easter eggs
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

Jingle Bell Hands

- 1 6" piece of sturdy string
- 4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops

Sing, Dance, and Fall Down

Optional: Bean bags, one per child

Big Voice, Little Voice

none

Bottle Shakers

- 1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker
- Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

March 'n' Say

 Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

Clap, Tap and Say

none

Lullabies, Bells and Lions

Bell

Music, Movement & Memory

Musical Squares

Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)

Block Clappers

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x
 2", as found in many children's block sets

Master Supplies List for All Deep Down Detectives Games, continued

Story Review Games

Going Fishing

- One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole
- Yarn
- Paper clip per fishing pole
- Rope
- Two chairs
- Blanket
- Box/bucket/container
- Bucket

Pony Express

- Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
- Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
- Basket
- Cowboy hat
- Stick horse or a broom

Fix Up the Mix Up

None

Can You Remember?

Index cards

Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt

- Variety of interesting items that have one or more places to hide a storyboard picture
- Detective Hat
- 4 False Clues (included on the next page)
- CD Player and Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

Clothespin Line Up and Drop

- Rope
- Clothespins, the hinged type
- Shoe box
- Tape

Who's in the Basket?

- Blanket
- Basket

Run to the Grocery Store

- Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart
- Empty food cartons

Story Review Games

Treasure Hunt

- 10 small lidded plastic containers or boxes (like from a jewelry store) or wooden, hinged boxes from a craft store
- Various decorating supplies, such as fake craft jewels, glitter, glitter glue, foil paper, gold spray paint
- glue

Take Me Through the Tunnel

- Chairs or Table
- Sheet or blanket
- Box

Missing in Action

None

Who's Inside?

10 different containers with lids

Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks

- Two shoe boxes
- 6' or so of rope
- Optional: Engineer's hat

Bible Verse Game

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Duck, Duck, Goose

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

- 1. Have the children sit in a circle, cross-legged on the floor.
- 2. Choose a child to be "It". "It" will walk around behind the seated children, tapping each one on the head, the whole group recites the verse, saying one word for each head tap.
- 3. The child whose head is the last one to be tapped must get up and chase "It", hoping to tag "It" before "It" can get around the circle and sit down in the open spot in the circle.
- 4. If the child does tag "It" then he may take his place in the circle. If not, then the new child is "It." If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
- 5. Repeat as frequently as desired.

Bible Verse Game

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Slap, Clap and Stack

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

10 or 12 Blocks or other stackable objects

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

- 1. Tell the children that they are going to learn the verse while working together to make the largest stack of blocks/objects they can. After each time they say the verse, a child gets to pick out an object to put on the tower. Teacher will help them balance it in place.
- 2. Have everyone sit down in a circle around the stacking area. Say the verse together. If desired, you can add a motion the children do each time they say the verse, such as clap, stomp feet, etc. This will add movement to this game. Choose a child to pick out an object. Help the child put it in place.
- 3. Continue adding objects/blocks until all objects are used up or the tower falls down.
- 4. Repeat as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Simon Says How

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

Cube-shaped Cardboard box

Paper, glue, and a marker

Die Number and Action Chart (see below)

Preparation

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

- 1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube)
- 2. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
- 3. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.
- 4. Make a sign as follows:

1 = Head 2 = Feet

3 = Hands 4 = Hands and Feet 5 = Laying Down 6 = Eyes Closed

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

- 1. Have the children spread out facing the leader.
- 2. Tell the children that they are going to play "Simon Says How", a game in which everyone will take turns making up different actions that they will do while saying the verse.
- 3. Explain that "Simon" will roll the die and make up actions that use the parts of the body that correspond to the number on the chart. Everyone else will then recite the verse while standing still. Then challenge them to recite it again while doing the actions "Simon" made up at the same time.
- 4. Simon will then choose another person to be Simon in his place. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet for possible

questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Roll'n' Toss

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum
Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)
Cube-shaped Cardboard box
Paper, glue, and a marker
1 bouncy ball per 2 children

Preparation

- 1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube)
- 2. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
- 3. Write different actions on each side of the cube: Roll, Bounce, Overhand Toss, Close Eyes and Roll, Backwards Roll (through legs), Underhand Toss.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

1. Have the children spread out facing the leader.

- 1. Tell the children they will be throwing a ball to a partner in the different ways you have written on the cube (show them the cube).
- 2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 9-12' apart (whatever seems to be a good tossing/rolling distance for your children).
- 3. Give out the ball to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.)
- 4. Practice each of the different ball actions, then begin the game.
- 5. Have everyone say the verse together. Toss the cube and tell everyone what the motion will be. At your signal, have one partner roll, toss, etc. the ball to the other. After all the partners have received the balls and everyone is back in line. Have everyone say the verse together, then toss the cube again. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few rolls. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Block Clapping

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Show the children the clapping blocks and tell them: "We are going to use our Bible verse to play a game. But first, we need to practice saying the verse." (Practice saying it a couple of times).
- 2. Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without saying the verse), then quiet them.
- 3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try saying our verse and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in reciting the verse and clapping with each word. Or, you can have the children clap the blocks together a certain number of times, then say the verse after the last clap. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse before repeating. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
- 4. Repeat as frequently as desired.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Meet, Greet and Keep It Up

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) 16 oz. cups, 1 per child (with some extras) 2 pieces of rope as long as a line of children Masking tape

Preparation

- 1. Line up the 2 pieces of rope about 6' apart.
- 2. Put down a piece of masking tape the same length as the ropes, running parallel to the ropes midway between the 2 ropes.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Split the children into partners. Have them stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other about 6' apart.
- 2. Tell the children they will be meeting and greeting their partners with a handshake at the masking tape in the middle, then turning around and going back to their place along the rope. Have them practice this.
- 3. Now tell them, that they will also be balancing a cup on their head while they do this.
- 4. Give out a cup to everyone. Have them practice balancing the cup on their heads.
- 5. Now play the game. Have everyone say the verse together. Then have them put the cups on their heads. At your signal, have them walk to the middle, greet their partner with a handshake, turn around and go back—trying to keep the cup balanced on their head the whole time. (There is no penalty for cups falling off.)
- 6. Have everyone settle back in place in the line, with the cups off their heads. Say the verse together again, put the cups back on their heads, then walk to greet partner again, etc.
- 7. You can move the ropes back gradually so the children can try to do it from further and further apart.
- 8. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few turns. See the Deep Down Detective Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Bean Bag Catch

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

1 bean bag per every 2 children (or every child)

NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Pair the children with a partner.
- 2. Have the children stand in two long lines, with their partners facing each other at arm's length apart.
- 3. Give out a bean bag to each person in one of the long lines. (Partners will not have one.) Have everyone say the verse together, then throw the bean bag to their partners, trying to catch the bean bag. (NOTE: no one is "out" if they don't catch it.)
- 4. Have both lines of children take a step back.
- 5. Say the verse altogether again, then throw the bean bags again.
- 6. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Animal Cube

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) Cube-shaped cardboard box Paper, glue, and a marker

Preparation

1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube) Draw a simple animal picture on each piece of paper. Possibilities would be: rabbit, monkey, elephant, bird, fish, and a horse. Glue each picture onto each side of the cube.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

- 1. Tell the children they will be playing a game in which they must move like six different animals. Have them practice the movements for each of the animals on your cube. (Rabbit: leaping; monkey: scratching under arms and saying "ooh-ooh, ahh-ahh"; Elephant: swinging arms like a trunk and making trumpet sound; Bird: flapping arms like wings; Fish: palms together, weaving them in a serpentine action, saying "blub-blub"; horse: galloping/prancing and neighing).
- 2. Show the children the cube with the animal pictures on it, just like the ones they've practiced. Tell them that you will roll the dice and everyone (at your signal) will begin making the movement for that animal. Tell them that they must stop in place and be very quiet when they hear a certain noise (such as a whistle, a bell ring, clap, etc.). Tell them that you will be watching them. And that children who are very good at listening and stopping when you say so will get a chance to toss the cube for everyone. Practice tossing the cube, making the movements and stopping with the children.
- 3. Now it's time to play the whole game. Choose a child to roll the cube and say which animal is picked and what action they will do for the animal. Have everyone say the verse, then at your cue, let the children act out the animal until you tell them to stop (a bell or whistle can be used to give the start and stop signals).
- 4. Choose another child and repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

Other Option: If children get really good at this, you can challenge them by saying the verse while they make the movement.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Fill 'er Up

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

1 Bean bag per child

NOTE: Can also fill socks with beans and tie open end to make beanbags.

Cardboard box or laundry basket

Carpet squares, 1 per child

Preparation

- 1. Put box/basket in a central location.
- 2. Place carpet squares equidistant about 2' from center box/basket. These will be for the children to sit on.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Have the children stand on a carpet square.
- 2. Tell them that they will be saying the verse, then—on your signal—they will trying to throw as many of their bean bags as they can into the box/basket target in the middle.
- 3. As they get good at throwing their bean bags in, have the children move back their carpet squares.
- 4. Repeat verse before toss. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every few tosses. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Lily Pad Jump

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) Cube-shaped cardboard box, paper, glue, marker

Preparation

Make a die out of the cardboard box as follows:

- 1. Cut the paper into the size of one side of the cube.
- 2. Use it as a pattern to make six pieces (one for each side of the cube).
- 3. Glue each piece of paper onto each side of the cube.
- 4. Write the numbers 1-6 on the each side of the cube like a die.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Tell children that they will be froggies, leaping from lily pad to lily pad. Everyone will say the verse together, then you (or a very good, well-behaved listening "froggie") will roll the die and see how many leaps all the froggies will make before them stop.
- 2. Have them practice leaping. Warn them to watch out for their other froggie friends so that no one gets hurt. Practice stopping.
- 3. Have everyone get in froggie position. Roll die and tell them how many leaps they will leap. Say the verse together. At your signal, everyone leaps as you (or you and they) count out the number of leaps together: "1, 2, 3, stop!" etc. Repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Loud and Soft, Big and Little

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

Playing the Game

- 1. Tell the children: "Let's practice our Bible verse with a game."
- 2. "First let's say our verse together," (say it a couple times).
- 3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you say it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after they repeat the verse a few times. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

NOTE: You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Freeze 'n' Say

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional) Music and CD/Tape player

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Play some of the music for the children. Tell them that they will move around the room as you tell them (marching, leaping, clapping, etc.) while they hear the music. They will stop and freeze in whatever position they are in when the music stops. Practice this with them.
- 2. When they have the concept down, add saying the verse when the music stops and they are in their frozen position.
- 3. After they say the verse, then tell them how you want them to move when the music starts again. You can take their suggestions for movement ideas, too.
- 4. Start the music up again and continue. Repeat as frequently as desired. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse after every turn or every few turns. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.

intake or Response Activity to learn Bible verse

Deep Down Detectives Mission Madness Practice

Materials

Bible Verse sign from the curriculum

Deep Down Discussion Questions (optional)

Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and/or Bible verse song

Detective Gear, such as a trench coat, sunglasses, and a hat

Preparation

None.

Learning the Verse

Choose the whole verse or an appropriate length portion of the verse to learn. Read the verse slowly and explain it to them. A simple explanation is included on the back of the Bible Truth sign. Practice saying the verse with the children a few times.

- 1. Tell the children that sometimes detectives have to do all sorts of things to get answers to their questions and solve the case they are working on. In this game, they will practice some detective moves.
- 2. Put on the detective costume, telling the children that you will start out the game as the Chief Detective.
- 3. As you play the Deep Down Detectives theme song, you will lead the children in practicing one of their moves, such as swimming across a deep river. . (Other possible actions would be crawling, hand over eye looking around left and right; walking backwards, shuffling, stooping, and crawling..)
- 4. When the song finishes, the children will sit down and everyone will say the verse together. If desired, you can also ask them a question about the verse. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.
- 5. Choose a child to take your place as Chief Detective. Repeat activity, choosing another detective move. Play continues as time and attention span allow.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Thumping Drums

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

1 Oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.

Tape

Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.

Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

How to Make

- 1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
- 2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spools glue gunned to an end as mallets.

What to Do

- 1. Show the children the thumping drums. Tell them. "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these thumping drums. Come and join me!
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the drums (and mallets) and let the children beat them awhile. Quiet them, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Say, Spring Up and Shout

Materials

CD of unit music Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional) Optional: Bean bags, one per child

What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "We're going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God, crouching down like this (Crouch down). Then at the end,we're going to spring up and shout, "Amen, I agree!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's jump up and say, "AMEN! I agree!" After everyone springs up and says "Amen," quiet them, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, when the children get the crouching and jumping down, you might give them a bean bag to toss in the air as they spring up. Practicing tossing up in the air rather than AT others.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Freeze Frame

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet Questions (optional)

Some kind of fun hat or clothing for the leader to wear

What to Do

- 1. Tell the children. "I'm going to sing God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him...but I'm going to freeze in place in between songs. Come and join me!
- 2. Choose one child to be the leader. Help them put on the leader hat/clothing.
- 3. Have the kids march around behind the leader, singing the song of your choice.
- 4. Have the children freeze in place when you stop the song at a random point.
- 5. When everyone is frozen, have the children tell you what the next word/phrase to the song.
- 6. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the words or another question from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you freeze the song.
- 7. Choose another leader and play the song again, stopping on a different word from the song to highlight.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Egg Shakers

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet (optional)

Empty Easter eggs

Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.

Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

How to Make

1. Fill empty Easter eggs with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc., then seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

What to Do

- 1. Show the children the egg shakers and tell them. "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/other song and make a joyful noise to God with these egg shakers. Come and join me!
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. Hand out the egg shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then guiet them.
- 4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking our eggs at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Jingle Bell Hands

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

16" piece of sturdy string

4 or 5 jingle bells, available in most craft shops (OR three Ball jar lid outer rings per instrument)

How to Make

- 1. Cut a piece of string about 6" long.
- 2. Thread 4 or 5 jingle bells onto string, securely tying each in place with a knot before adding the next one. Tie the ends together. Children can either wear these like a bracelet or can hold them in their hands. If using Ball jar lid rings, string three of these together with the same piece of string and fasten.

What to Do

- 1. Show the children the bottle shakers and tell them,"I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to God with these bottle shakers. Come and join me! First, let's sing the Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song together on our own (sing the song a couple of times.) Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!"
- 2. Hand out the jingle hand bells and let the children jingle them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
- 3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and jingling at the same time!" Lead the children in singing and jingling.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then jingle. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND jingle at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Big Voice, Little Voice

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to Him quietly and loudly! Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's see how quietly we can whisper it! Can you sing it quietly like I am?" Have everyone follow your voice as it gets quiet, then loud, then medium, etc. Quiet them, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: You may find it easier for the children to follow getting louder and softer by lowering your hands when you are getting quieter and then raising your hands when you are getting louder.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Sing, Dance and Fall Down

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

1 oatmeal container/coffee can with lid per drum.

Tape

Popcorn, rice, beans, etc.

Wooden spoons, dowels, unsharpened pencils, if desired, for mallets

How to Make

- 1. Tape the lid of empty oatmeal or coffee cans in place. (If want to make a snare drum, add popcorn, rice, etc. in the empty container before taping shut.)
- 2. Children can either tap drum with hands or you can give them 2 wooden spoons, wooden dowels or unsharpened pencils with wooden spools glue gunned to an end as mallets.

What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song and make a joyful noise to Him with my body by dancing to some music...then falling down when it stops. Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's dance as we sing our song. Then fall down when we finish. Let's dance." Have everyone dance and sing the song. When you finish, say, "Everyone fall down!" Quiet the children, then repeat.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Bottle Shakers

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

1 empty 16 oz. soda bottle per shaker

Rice, beans, buttons, pennies, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.

Glue and glue gun OR strong packing tape

How to Make

- 1. Fill empty 16 oz.. soda bottles with different small objects such as rice, beans, pennies, buttons, popcorn, beads, small nails or bolts, etc.
- 2. Seal lid shut with glue gun or with packing tape. Different objects make different sounds. Different amounts of the same object make different sounds, too. The children will enjoy the variety.

What to Do

- 1. Show the children the bottle shakers and tell them. "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question song and make a joyful noise to God with these bottle shakers. Come and join me! First, let's sing the Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song together on our own (sing the song a couple of times.) Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!"
- 2. Hand out the bottle shakers and let the children shake them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
- 3. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and shaking at the same time!" Lead the children in song and shaking.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then shake. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND shake at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

March 'n' Say

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

Optional: A fun hat for the leader of the march, or for everyone in the march

What to Do

- 1. Tell them, "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him by marching. Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's march around as we sing!"
- 4. If desired, let the leader of the march (you the first time, then pick different children), wear a fun hat as he/she leads. Or, have hats for everyone to wear.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then thump. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND thump at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Clap, Tap and Say

Materials

CD of unit music Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "I'm going to sing our Bible verse/Big Question/etc. song and make a joyful noise to Him with my body by clapping and tapping. Come and join me!"
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. "Now let's clap and tap! Can you do what I'm doing?" Have everyone follow your motions as you clap your hands, tap your head, hit your knees together, rub your belly, etc. for a while. Quiet them, then repeat. If desired, have different children think up different motions.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then clap, tap, etc. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND do the motions at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Block Clappers

Materials

CD of unit music

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

2 wooden blocks per child, preferably about 3"x 2", as found in many children's block sets

What to Do

- 1. Show the children the clapping blocks . Tell them, "I'm going to say God's Word and make a joyful noise to Him with these clapping blocks. Come and join me!
- 2. First let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn together (say the verse a couple of times, if using it.)
- 3. Now let's make that joyful noise to the LORD!" Hand out the clapping blocks and let the children clap them a while (without singing), then quiet them.
- 4. Then tell them, "OK, let's try singing and block clapping at the same time!" Lead the children in song and clapping.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet after each time (or every few times) you sing the song/say the verse.

NOTE: Younger children may need to sing the Bible verse/Big Question song/etc, then clap. But, as the children get older, they may be able to sing the song(s) AND clap at the same time.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Lullabies, Bells and Lions

Materials

CD of unit music
Bell
Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

What to Do

- 1. Tell the children: "We're going to pretend to go to sleep as children, but wake up like an animal. Everyone sit down and let's sing our lullaby before we go to bed. When you hear the morning bell ring, you can pretend to be the animal I say until you hear the bedtime bell ring and you have to sit back down.
- 2. Ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!" Have all the children sit down in place. Then say, "Before we go to sleep, we have to sing our bedtime lullaby. Let's sing our Bible verse song/Big Question song/Praise Song/Hymn." Have the children sing the song with you, then tell them, "Shhh. Lay down! It's time for bed!"
- 3. Have all the children lay down and be very still and quiet like they are sleeping for a few minutes. Then say, "Sleeping, sleeping, look at all the sleeping children. But when the morning bell rang, they all woke up, and were lions (or whatever animal you choose) all day!"
- 3. All the children will get up and pretend to be the animal. After a few moments, ring the bell and say, "It's time for bed, it's time for bed! Sit down where you are, you sleepy heads!"
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions after each time (or every few times) you sing the lullaby song.

Intake or Response Activity to learn the Big Question, Bible verse and Unit music

Musical Squares

Materials

CD of unit music

Carpet Squares, enough for all of the children (or chairs)

Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions (optional)

What to Do

- 1. Set out the squares/chairs in a circle. Ask the children to sit down on their square/chair.
- 2. Tell the children they will march around behind the squares/chairs as you play the Big Question Song/Bible verse song/Hymn/Praise Song/etc. When the music stops, they are to sit down on the nearest square/chair island.
- 3. Play the music, sing the song as the children make swimming motion with their arms to it. Stop the music and have the children sit down on the nearest square/chair.
- 4. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the verse/the songs (or the lesson concepts) they are singing, using the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Questions, after each time (or every few times) they sit down.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Take Me Through the Tunnel

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures and Storyboard Deep Down Discussion Questions Chairs or Table Sheet or blanket Box

Preparation

- 1. Construct a tunnel using the sheet draped over a table/chairs.
- 2. Put the flannelgraph figures in a box in the "tunnel."

- 1. Have the children take turns crawling through the tunnel, retrieving one of the pictures.
- 2. When the child comes out of the tunnel, he shows the figure to the other children from them to name.
- 3. Have the children name the character; and, if desired, answer a question (see Deep Down Discussion Sheet) about what they did in the story.
- 4. Have the child stick the picture on the storyboard, gradually recreating the scene as the game progresses.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Missing in Action

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures and Storyboard Deep Down Discussion Questions

Preparation

1. Put all the story pictures up on the storyboard, recreating the scene from the story. .

- 1. Review the story briefly, pointing to the figures on the story board background as you go. Have the children help you, if desired.
- 2. Tell the children that someone from the story is about to go "Missing in Action" and they have to guess who it is. Have the children cover their eyes and take one figure off the board.
- 3. Have the children open their eyes and figure out who is missing.
- 4. Put the picture back on the board. Take another picture off the board, having a child choose who will go missing in action this time.
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to story each time/every few times a picture is put up, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Treasure Hunt

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures

Deep Down Discussion Questions

10 small lidded plastic containers or boxes (like from a jewelry store) or wooden, hinged boxes from a craft store Various decorating supplies, such as fake craft jewels, glitter, glitter glue, foil paper, gold spray paint glue

Preparation

Before playing the game, you will need to make your treasure boxes:

- 1. Collect 10 small lidded plastic containers or lidded boxes (like from a jewelry story), just large enough to put the Bible story pictures in. Alternatively, you can also purchase 10 hinged wooden boxes from a craft store. These make marvelous treasure boxes.
- 2. Decorate each container/box with the jewels, glitter, paper, gold paint, etc to give them a "treasure-y" look.

Right before Class:

- 1. Put a Bible story picture in each container and hide them around the room.
- 2. You may want to review the story and the pictures before class.

- 1. Tell the children that you are going on a treasure hunt and need their help finding all the treasure hidden around the room.
- 2. Have the children take turns finding the treasure boxes and bringing them to you.
- 3. Remove each picture as the box is found and ask the children review questions about the character from the Bible story. If desired, you can simply put each picture on the floor, table, or storyboard as it is found, then ask questions about the Bible story when you have collected them all. (See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions.)
- 4. Remember to store your boxes after the game, keeping them for the next time you play.
- 5. Game continues as time allows or until you have retrieved and reviewed all the pictures and the story.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions Two shoe boxes 6' or so of rope Optional: Engineer's hat

Preparation

- 1. Make a "train" with two cars made with the two shoe boxes strung together with rope.
- 2. Poke a hole through the front short side of the shoe box that will be the back "car."
- 3. Poke a hole through the front and back short sides of the shoe box that will be the front "car."
- 4. Thread the rope through these holes, tying knots near the inside and outside of each to keep the car securely in place.

Playing the Game

- 1. Put a picture in each "car" of the train (out of the sight of the children). Say, "Look who's coming down the track!"
- 2. Hand the end of the rope to a child and have them pull it around to where the other participating children are saying "Choo! Choo! Choo!" (you can have all the children say this, just the child pulling, you and the child, etc.)
- 3. After the child pulls it to where the children are say, "Train, stop!"
- 4. Pull out the pictures, show them to the children and ask, "Who's on our train?"
- 5. If desired, you can ask the children a question related to the picture/story, from the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet.

Tip: For more fun, have a train engineer's hat for the child pulling the train to wear.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Can You Remember?

Materials

2 sets of Bible Truth storyboard pictures (Simply photo copy a second black & white set from the originals) Deep Down Discussion Questions Index Cards

Preparation

- 1. Attach the storyboard pictures to index cards, making sure that the pictures are completely covered by the cards.
- 2. Scramble the order of pictures and set face down on the floor or table.

- 1. Have the children take turns trying to make matches by choosing and turning over two pictures at a time.
- 2. If the pictures match, they are removed from the floor and one is placed on the storyboard. Have the children identify the pictures as they are added to the board. If they do not match, they are turned over face down again and someone else gets to try.
- 3. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as a match is made, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 4. Continue until all the matches are made and all pictures are up on the storyboard, recreating the story picture.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Clothespin Line Up and Drop

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures
Deep Down Discussion Questions
Rope
Clothespins, the hinged type
Shoe box
Tape

Preparation

- 1. Attach a spring-type clothespin to some of the laminated storyboard pictures and put them in a shoe box with the lid taped on one side like a hinge and with a hole in the top.
- 2. Hang up a short rope (in an out-of-traffic-flow location) between two chairs.

- 1. Open the shoe box and say, "It's time to say hello to our story friends!"
- 2. Pull the pictures out one at a time, saying "Hello, so-and-so, each time you pick up a picture and clip them to the rope.
- 3. When all are pinned up say, "It's time to say goodbye to so-and-so." Can you find so-and-so?" Then have the child point out the right figure on the clothesline, take it off the rope, reattaching the clothespin and handing it to the child. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 4. Have a container/bucket/shoe box and say, "Say, goodbye!" letting the child drop the clothespin in the bucket and put the picture through the slot in the shoe box.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures
Deep Down Discussion Questions
Variety of interesting items that have one or more places to hide a storyboard picture
Detective Hat
4 False Clues (included on the next page)
CD Player and Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

Preparation

- 1. Collect a variety of interesting items, that some way to hide a picture, such as an old box with a lid, wallet, purse, clothing with pockets, a book, etc. If your items have MORE than one place to hide things, that is even better.
- 2. Cut out/Print out the false clue pictures included with the game.
- 3. Hide each story picture inside one of the items.
- 4. Set out the items for the children to see, telling them that each of them have an important clue in them. Most of them are from the story, but a few are not. Tell them that it is the job of the Deep Down Detectives to find the hidden clues and decide if they belong in the story or not.

- 1. Have the children line up. Play the Deep Down Detectives Theme Song and lead the children in marching around the room and then back to their places to sit down as it ends. (This is merely an energy-release tactic). Have the children take turns choosing an item, finding the clue you have hidden within it. Have the child/the class decide if the clue belongs in the story or not. If it belongs in the story, have them tell how, or, you could ask the children a question about the picture, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 2. Continue until all the clues have been found.
- 3. If desired, you can have the child who will choose the next clue to lead the class in marching to the theme song before they choose their clue.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Deep Down Detectives Clue Hunt, continued

False Clues (use as many as you want)













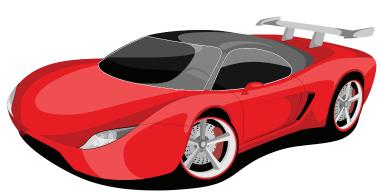












Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Run to the Grocery Store

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions Grocery bag or kid's grocery cart Empty food cartons

Preparation

- 1. Put a clue inside each food container.
- 2. Set out the containers on a table or shelf at one end of the room.
- 3. Set up the story board at the other end, with the shopping cart or bag.

- 1. Have the children assemble near the storyboard.
- 2. Have them take turns pushing the grocery cart/carrying the grocery bag to the other end of the room and choosing a food item. If desired, tell the children which food item you want them to pick out each time.
- 3. When the child returns with the food, have them open the container and pull out the picture. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 4. Ask the class what the picture is, then add it to the story board, gradually reproducing the story.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Who's in the Basket?

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions Blanket Basket

Preparation

None.

- 1. Hide one of the pictures in the basket and cover it up with the blanket.
- 2. Ask the children: "Who's in the basket? Would you like to look?" Have chose a child to take off the blanket and pull out the picture to show the rest of the children. Say: "Look! It's -----" The children or you or you and the children can answer with who it is. For more fun, have a little song like "Pop! Goes the Weasel" you hum each time before the child pulls the blanket off Or, just count "1, 2, 3, GO!" and pull the blanket off quickly. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 3. Repeat as frequently as desired.

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Going Fishing

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures

Deep Down Discussion Questions

One long wooden dowel, yardstick, etc. per fishing pole

Yarn

Paper clip per fishing pole

Rope

Two chairs

Blanket

Box/bucket/container

Bucket

Preparation

- 1. Make fishing poles out of long wooden dowels, yardsticks, etc with a piece of yarn for fishing line and a paper clip for a hook.
- 2. Attach a picture to the end of each pole.
- 3. Tie a rope between two chairs and drape a piece of cloth or a blanket over the rope. Lay the poles against the blanket so that the tips and the fishing line drape over the other side and drop down into a bucket/box on the other side.
- 4. Place other bucket on the side the children and the ends of the fishing rods are. This will be the "holding tank" for the fish when they are caught.

- 1. Ask the children, "Would you like to go fishing in my pond today?"
- 2. "Let's see what you'll catch." The child chooses one of the poles, pulls it up and see what's on the end.
- 3. Say "Looks like you've caught a big one! Pull it out!"
- 4. As the child pulls up the fishing rod and reveals what is on the end, ask the children, "Who did you catch?" If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each "fish" is caught, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 5. Have the child put the "fish" in the holding tank.
- 6. If desired, when all the fish are caught, take them out of the holding tank and review the "catch of the day."

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Pony Express

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures
Deep Down Discussion Questions
Small manila envelopes, one per flannel graph figure
Kid's small backpack or a tote bag with a strap
Basket
Cowboy hat
Stick horse or a broom

Preparation

1. Tell the children that long ago cowboys used to pick up the mail, put it in their bags and ride it fast from town to town on their horses. This was called the Pony Express. Today, they will practice riding for the Pony Express and bring the mail back to the class.

- 1. Show the children how to ride the stick horse down to the other end, pick up a piece of mail from the basket, put it in their bag, then ride it back to the class. Take the envelope out of the bag and open it, showing them the picture inside. Ask the children who/what the picture is and then put it on the storyboard. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as the picture is identified, using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 2. Have the children take turns riding the Pony Express, each time adding the new figure to the storyboard until the story is recreated on it.

Bible Story Review Game

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Who's Inside?

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures (and/or other objects that remind you of things from the story)
Deep Down Discussion Questions
10 different containers with lids

Preparation

- 1. Put in various pictures/objects in each container and shut.
- 2. Line up all the containers or put them in a big bag, such as a trash bag.

Playing the Game

- 1. Have 10 different sized/colored lidded containers with shaded sides, all big enough to fit the laminated pictures or other objects from the story or concept. Have the children take turns choosing a container (from the bag) and opening it. Each time ask: "Who's inside?" Child/children/you/you and children can answer together. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each picture/object is identified using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.
- 2. Repeat.

Bible Story Review Game

Response Activity to review the story and key concepts

Fix Up the Mix Up

Materials

Bible Truth storyboard pictures Deep Down Discussion Questions

Preparation

None.

Playing the Game

- 1. Take all the Storyboard pictures and mix them up in a pile in front of the children.
- 2. Tell them that the story pictures are all mixed up and you need help fixing them up again.
- 3. Let the children take turns picking a picture out of the pile and re-constructing the story on the storyboard. If desired, you may also want to ask the children a question about the picture/the story as each picture/object is identified using the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for suggestions.

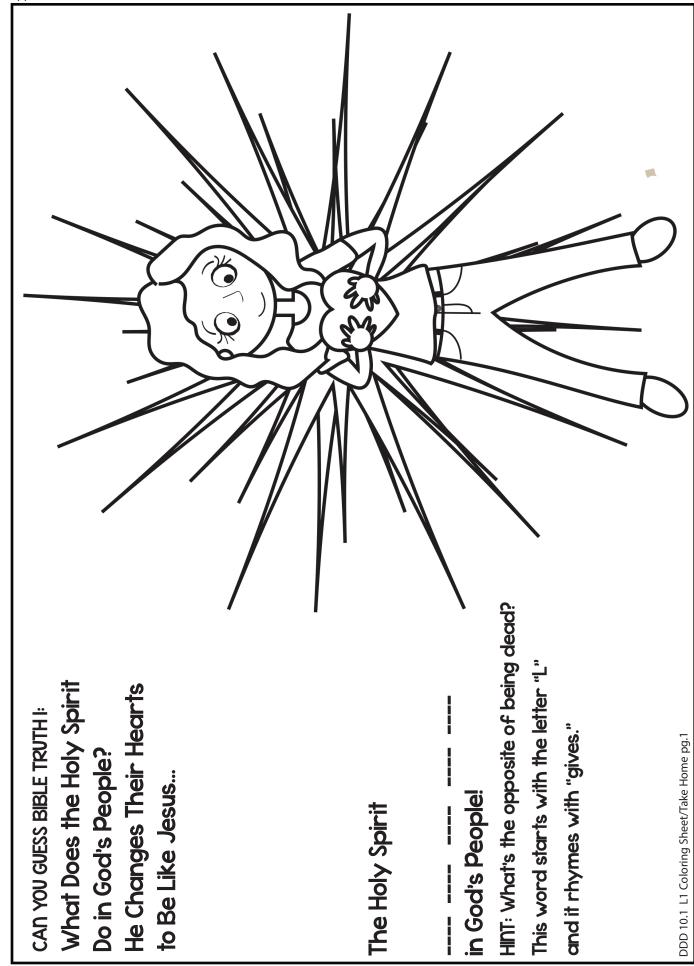
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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!



Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is one God, but three Persons: God the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and live for God more and more. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people—to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom and helps them love Him and live for Him, too! God can do this in our hearts, also!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Some Questions for You

- 1. How many Gods are there? *Just one God*.
- 2. How many Persons are there in the one God and who are they? Three: God, the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.
- 3. What has God always delighted in? The togetherness between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 4. What did Jesus do after He died on the cross and rose from the dead? *He spent time with His disciples teaching them many things.*
- 5. What did Jesus promise His disciples before He went to heaven? That He would not leave them all alone. He would send to them the Holy Spirit to live inside of them.
- 6. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do? Make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and live for Him more and more.
- 7. How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our heart? God will give us His Holy Spirit to live in our heart when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

He changes their hearts!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 13

Refrain

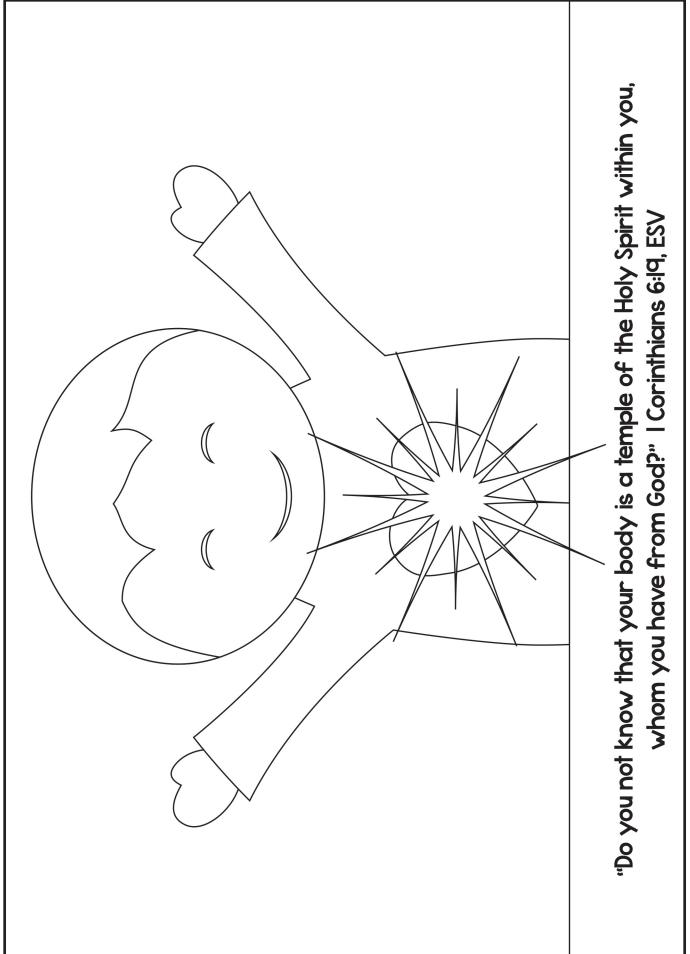
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people, He helps them love God and others always. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain*



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!



How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Some Questions for You

- 1. What is a temple? A special place where people worship God. A place that is supposed to be holy, set apart and devoted to God.
- 2. What part of our bodies did God make to be the temple of His Holy Spirit? Our hearts. Not the heart that pumps blood through our bodies. But heart that we cannot see, where our spirit is.
- 3. What is so special about having the Holy Spirit dwell right inside us, rather than in some temple or place of worship that we might go to? It means that God's people can always know close fellowship with God. He is always with them, right inside their hearts.
- 4. Who is the "you" the verse is talking about? Is it everyone or just a certain group of people? Paul is the person who wrote these words. He sent them to other believers. These words are written about the bodies of believers being a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Why do believers in Jesus have the Holy Spirit in their bodies, but not other people? *Because the Holy Spirit is a gift received from God to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their own Savior. We must be saved by Jesus if we are to receive the Holy Spirit.*
- 6. Who do believers receive the Holy Spirit from? From God.
- 7. How can we be receive God's Holy Spirit? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God gives His Holy Spirit to all who do.

Let's Pray!

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- **C** God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

A Temple of the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 6:19 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 20

Do you not know? Do you not know?

Do you not know, that your body is a temple?

Do you not know? Do you not know?

Do you not know, that your body is a temple?

A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

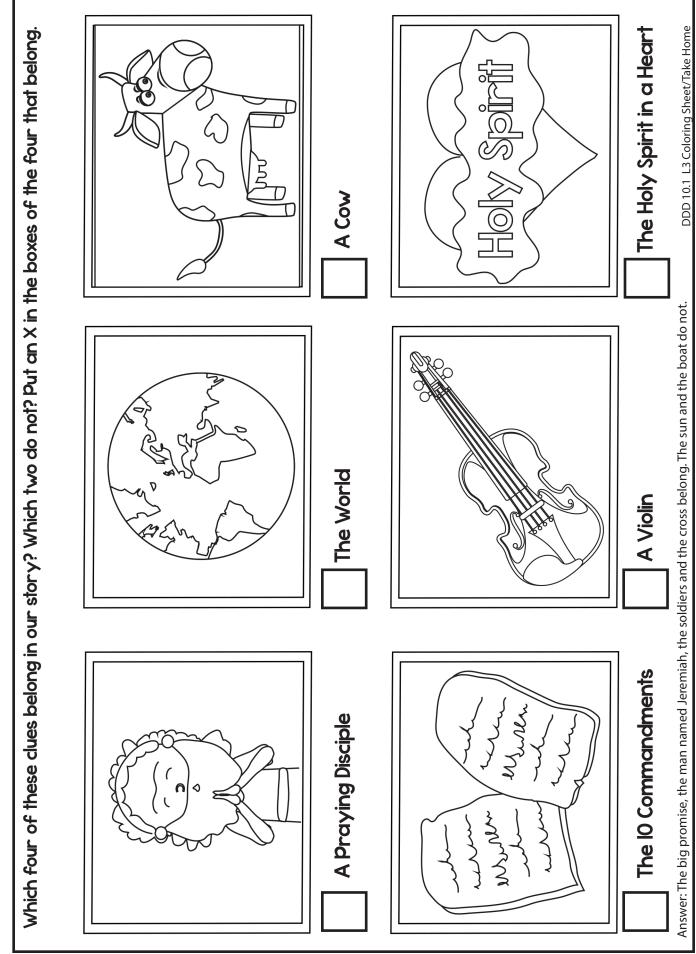
A temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

Whom you have from God,

Whom you have from God.

First Corinthians Chapter Six, verse nineteen.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!



Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is one God, but three Persons: God the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts so that they would love and live for God more and more. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people--to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom and helps them love Him and live for Him, too! God can do this in our hearts, also!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Some Questions for You

- 1. Who did Jesus promise would come and help them when He left? God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. Where would the Holy Spirit live? *Inside of them, in their hearts.*
- 3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do right before He went up to heaven? To go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. What special things did God do when He sent them the Holy Spirit that first time? He filled the room with a strong wind and had something that looked like fire appear over their heads! Wow!
- 5. What good news did the disciples tell others after the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts? They told others how they could have Jesus as their Savior and could also receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.
- 6. How can we become one of God's people? How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our hearts? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- **c** God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org
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Deep Down Devotions: Unit 10, Bible Truth 1 Story Concepts

The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2



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Dear Parents,

Big Question #10 is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?" Your child is learning that "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home sheet for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to have happen?
- 2. When happened inside of them when it did happen?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" A temple is a special place where we worship God.

I need to find out:

- 1. Who came into the disciples' hearts to live?
- 2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a praying disciple, the world, a cow, the Ten Commandments, a violin, and the Holy Spirit in a heart. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What did the disciples keep asking God to send them? Why did they want God to send Him so much?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer. Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons

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The Case of the Eager Waiters Acts 1-2

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

"Go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift!" Jesus told His disciples, after He died on the cross and rose from the dead. "I'm going home to heaven now, but I won't leave you alone," He said. "I will ask the Father and He will send you a gift. It's good that I'm going so you can have this gift!" Jesus promised them.

What kind of gift would Jesus ask His Father to send His disciples?

Do you know what the gift was?

What gift could be better than having Jesus right BESIDE them each day? The gift of God, the Holy Spirit living INSIDE them! Wow! What a gift!

"The Holy Spirit will come and live inside you," Jesus said. "He will give you power to be my witnesses to the whole world. He will help you, comfort you, guide you and give you courage," He promised them.

Up, up, up, went Jesus. Through the clouds and up to heaven to rule as king. And where did the disciples go? They headed to Jerusalem, just as Jesus told them to. And as they went, they spread the news to the other believers, "Wait in Jerusalem with us for the gift of the Holy Spirit," they told everyone. So, all the believers gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. They prayed and waited; and, waited and prayed.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine days passed, but still no Holy Spirit! Had God forgotten? Had He changed His mind?

What do you think? Does God ever NOT keep His promises?

NO, God NEVER breaks His promises! And no, He hadn't forgotten His promise! He was waiting for Day Ten to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people. It was all part of His perfect plan to tell the world about Jesus.

Why Day Ten? Because Day Ten was a very special celebration day in Jerusalem, called the Day of Pentecost. Thousands of Jews from all over the world came Jerusalem to thank God for giving them His Ten, Big Rules—the Ten Commandments.

On the Day of Pentecost, Jerusalem was so crowded it seemed like it would burst! And that was exactly how God wanted it to be when He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people! He wanted everyone to know what was happening!

So right then, on the morning of Day Ten, the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers who had been praying and waiting in that house--all one hundred and twenty of them!

"Whoosh" came from heaven a sound like a mighty wind that filled the whole house. "Crackle, Sparkle" came down something that looked like fire and rested on each of them. Then quietly and powerfully, the Holy Spirit came to live in the heart of all of them. He filled them with God's joy, peace and power! They were so happy! They burst out of that house and ran into the streets in joy!

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

But that's not all the Holy Spirit did in those first disciples. He also made them able to speak in other languages that they had never learned before! Why would God do that?

Can you guess?

So that these disciples could go out and begin telling the people of the world about Jesus—starting with all those Jews from around the world who were there in Jerusalem that very morning!

Not just Israelites, but Romans and Greeks, Egyptians and Arabs, Africans and Asians suddenly heard the good news of Jesus in their very own language. Everyone was amazed!

"What was going on! How can these people speak their languages? What gift is this?" many wondered. Others laughed and made fun of them.

Can you tell me what gift it was? You know the answer, even if these people didn't!

The Holy Spirit worked in Peter's heart, making him bold and giving him wise words from God's Word to speak. "These people are speaking your languages by God's Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "God has sent Him to live inside of all who follow Jesus. Come, turn away from your sin, trust in Jesus as your Savior and be baptized. God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside you, too," he promised them.

What would these people do? Would they believe Peter's words? Would they keep laughing and walk away?

What do you think?

Many DIDN'T walk away, but BELIEVED! Over three thousand people turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that very day.

And who came to live inside the hearts of those three thousand new believers that day? I bet you know.

Can you tell me?

God's Holy Spirit, just as Peter had told them He would. He filled them with God's joy, peace and power! These new disciples were so happy! Now they could know God in their hearts!

Already, God's Holy Spirit had begun to do amazing things in God's people. God's plan to tell the world the good news of Jesus was happening! And this was only the beginning! How many more wonderful things would God's Holy Spirit do!

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

- 1. Who was waiting? What were they eager (excited) to have happen? Jesus' disciples were waiting for God to send them the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts.
- 2. When happened inside of them when it did happen? The Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and gave them boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is: 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"

A temple is a special place where we worship God.
I need to find out:

- Who came into the disciples' hearts to live? God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. How did He make their hearts like a temple, a place of worship to God? He came to live in their hearts. He helped them know and love God, and love others, too. This is how we worship God, by living this way.

For You and Me

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a praying disciple, the world, a cow, the Ten Commandments, a violin, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The praying disciple, the world, the Ten Commandments, and the Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The cow and the violin do not.

2. What did the disciples keep asking God to send them? Why did they want God to send Him so much? The Holy Spirit. They wanted to know and love God more through the Holy Spirit. They wanted Him to help them live for God.

For You and Me:

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts! What wonderful changes He brought inside of them! He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 use with all THREE lessons

Closing ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
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- **T** Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 1 Overview: Key Concepts

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 1 Concept: The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

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Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love God. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple--a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Your Holy Spirit to Your people.
- God, we confess that our rebellious hearts that do not love or serve You on our own. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for changing Your people's hearts to love You by giving them the Holy Spirit inside their hearts.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know You and love You more and more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 1 Story

The Case of the Eager Waiters

Acts 1-2

Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People

Craft Description

The children will make a picture that opens up to show a decorated heart inside.

Materials

White paper, preferably cardstock 2 sheets per craft

One of the following: Multi-colored sequins, tissue paper, construction paper, foil paper (or can simply color) Coloring Supplies

Glue Sticks

Scissors

Preparations

- 1. Print out the two craft sheets for each child.
- 2. If using one of the colored papers, cut them into little pieces.
- 3. Set out coloring supplies and glue sticks.

Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?" We've learned that "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!" That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like...(Hold up example of craft)

Directions

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have children do any decorating with markers/crayons/colored pencils on the girl.
- 3. Have the children glue in place whatever colorful material you chose to go inside of the heart. (or children can simply color it in).
- 4. Teacher cuts out around three sides of the square on the girl's mid-section, forming a flap door.
- 5. Glue the two craft sheets together.
- 6. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

Discussion

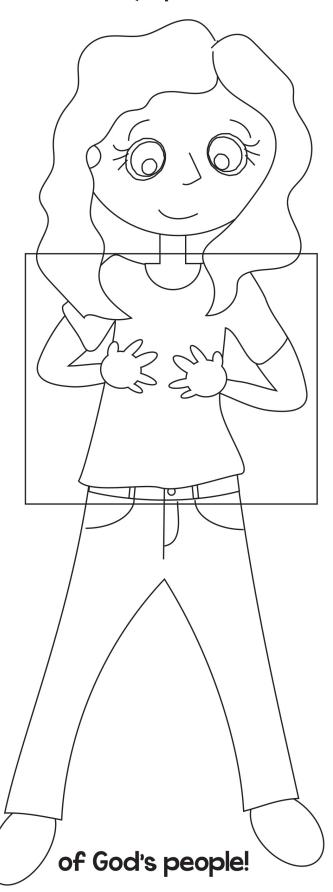
This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

Craft Wrap-Up:

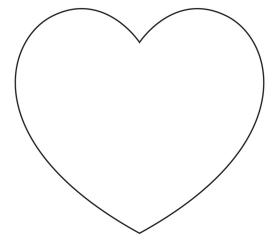
Tell the children: "At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today." Practice reading words and opening the little flap to show the heart.

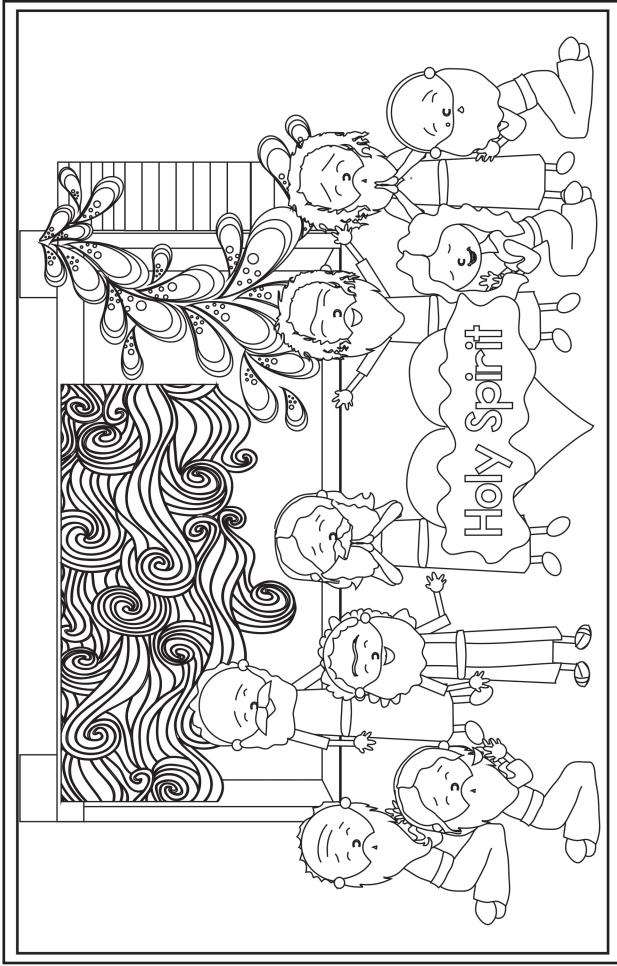
Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 10, Bible Truth 1: Extra Crafts

God's Holy Spirit lives in the



"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" I Corinthians 6:19, ESV





What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People. The disciples were so happy to have the Holy Spirit live in their hearts. He was always with them, helping them know and love God, and helping them love others. He gave boldness to tell others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit can come and live inside of us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us to know and love God. He can help us to love others, too. He can give us boldness to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can be saved. He won't come with a great show of fire and wind, like He did for those first disciples. He will come gently and quietly in our hearts and be with us, helping us, our whole lives.

The Case of the Eager Waiters Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Acts 1-2

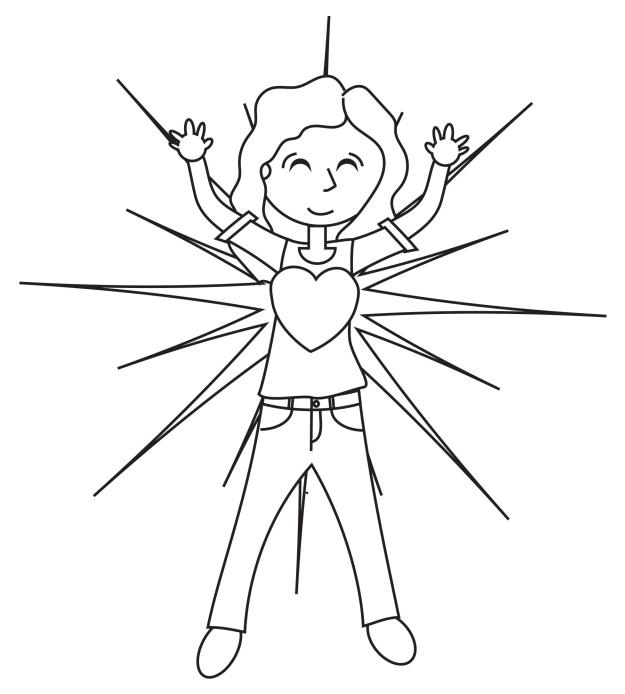
Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...



The Holy Spirit Gives God's People

HINT: What's another word for "Brave"? This word starts with the letter "C."

DDD 10.2 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!



Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And, that one day God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

- "...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."
- --2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

Some Questions for You

- 1. What kinds of things does God give His people? Many good things.
- 2. What does God call His people to do? He calls them to do many things, even very difficult things.
- 3. What did God promise to do to help His people? He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to live in them and to help them.
- 4. Who does the Holy Spirit live in? He lives in every believer.
- 5. What does the Holy Spirit help believers do? Everything He calls them to do, even very difficult things that they would never have the courage to do on their own.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they go through hard things? *To keep trusting in God and joyfully endure the hard things.*
- 7. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they face enemies who want to harm them? To boldly face them and do what is right.
- 8. What are some of God's promises that the Holy Spirit encourages believers with? That God will use everything that happens to them for their good and His glory. That one day God will bring them home to live with Him forever.
- 9. Can God's Holy Spirit give us courage to live for God, too? How? Yes! When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do.
- S God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people?

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What does the Holy Spirit do?

He changes their hearts!

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 13

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people,
He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,
He puts love in the hearts of God's people,
He helps them love God and others always. *Refrain*

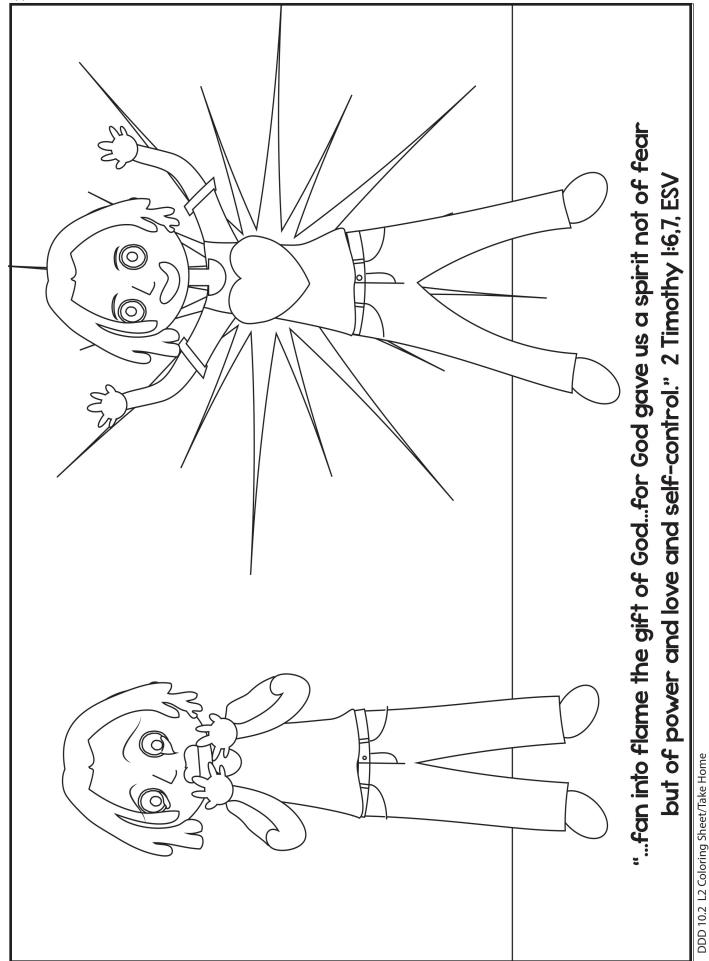
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Go to the Deep Down Detectives

Verse 2:

God gives power to the hearts of God's people,
He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him,
He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people.
He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain*

DDD BQ 10 BT 2 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!



How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

- "...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
- "--2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Meaning:

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives. But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.

Some Questions for You

- 1. Who does God give as a gift to live inside His people? His Holy Spirit.
- 2. What does the Holy Spirit help God's people do instead of fear? He gives them power, love and self-control.
- 3. What can God's people do to grow in their love for God, especially when it is hard to keep on living for God? *They can ask God's Holy Spirit to help them and give them more power, love and self-control.*
- 4. What does God's Holy Spirit give God's people power to do? To keep on living for God.
- 5. What is the self-control that God's Holy Spirit gives? To say "no" to disobeying God, even when it is hard.
- 6. Who do God's people depend on for more courage to live for God? God's Holy Spirit.
- 7. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
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- **5** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Fan into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6,7 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 24

Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
Fan into flame your faith,
The gift of God,
For God gave us a spirit not of fear
But of power and love and self-control.
Second Timothy One, six and seven.

DDD 10.2 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong. A Policeman A Farmer Answer: The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not. Jesus' Enemies (<u>)</u> A Rooster Jesus Praying A Servant Girl b b

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!



Bible Truth 2 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

- 1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen when His enemies came to arrest Him? They would all leave Him.
- 2. What happened when Jesus' enemies came to arrest Him? His disciples did leave Him.
- 3. What happened when a servant girl recognized Peter after Jesus had been arrested? *Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus three times*.
- 4. What did Jesus' disciples do after Jesus died on the cross and was buried? They hid from Jesus' enemies, hoping they would not come and kill them, too.
- 5. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? To some women and to His disciples.
- 6. What did Jesus tell His disciples was God's plan for them after He went home to heaven? *To tell the whole world how they could be saved through Him (Jesus)*.
- 7. Who did Jesus promise to send to help them obey God's plan for them? God's Holy Spirit.
- 8. How did God's Holy Spirit change the disciples when He came to live inside of them? *He gave them peace and joy and boldness*.
- 9. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, the Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us live for God, too.

Let's Pray!

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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

> Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

Deep Down Devotions: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2 Story Concepts

Bible Story: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2



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Dear Parents,

Big Question #10 is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Your child is learning that He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home sheet for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

- 1. Who was very afraid, like a Scaredy Cat?
- 2. Why didn't they stay Scaredy Cats? Who changed them?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV:

- "...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

 I need to know:
- 1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why?
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? What did these men become bold to do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer. Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

One evening, Peter, John, and Jesus' other disciples walked with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Under the olive trees, Jesus shared His sad news with them. "My enemies are coming to arrest me and kill me. You will all run away and leave Me," He told them. "But after I rise from the dead, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter heard Jesus' words, but he refused to believe Him. "No! Even if everyone else runs away and leaves you, I won't," Peter told Jesus. Peter was sure he would never do something as terrible as leave Jesus!

But Jesus knew the truth. "Peter, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you'll say you never knew Me THREE times! God's enemy, Satan, wants to crush you, Peter, but I have prayed that your faith won't fail. When you turn back, encourage the others," Jesus told him.

Peter heard Jesus' words again, but he still refused to believe. "It's not true!" Peter insisted. "I won't leave You, even if they put me in jail and kill me along with You!" The other disciples agreed with Peter. "We would never leave You, Jesus. We will stay with You no matter what!" they promised.

But Jesus' words made the disciples sad. They hated to think that Jesus would be killed by His enemies. They hated to think that they might all leave Him!

Jesus knew this and comforted them. "Don't be worried," Jesus told them. "I'm going to heaven to make a place for you to live with Me forever! I'm going to ask God, My Father, to send Someone very special to help You. I won't leave you alone!" Jesus promised them.

Who was this special Someone who would help them? Do you know?

Can you tell me who?

Jesus was sending God, Himself, to live inside them--God, the Holy Spirit!

"Yes, the Holy Spirit will come live inside of you and He will help you," Jesus told His disciples. "It's better for you that I go so that He can come and live inside of you," He told them.

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' closest disciples went to Jesus' enemies. Judas loved money, and when they offered him thirty, silver coins to help them catch Jesus, Judas agreed.

"March, march," Jesus and the other disciples heard men coming! The light of their blazing torches and lanterns lit up the darkness, revealing a Big crowd of men, armed with swords and clubs.

"Rabbi, teacher," Judas exclaimed, going up to Jesus and giving Him the usual, brotherly kiss. This was the sign the crowd of soldiers was waiting for. Now they knew who Jesus was. They seized and arrested Him.

"Judas, will you really turn Me over to My enemies with a kiss?" Jesus said to him. "If you are looking for Me, then let these My disciples go free," Jesus told the crowd.

Peter and the other disciples could see what was happening. What would they do? Would they run like Jesus said they would, or would they be arrested with Him and maybe die, too?

What do you think they would do?

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

Peter had another idea. He would fight! He took his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, who served Jesus' most powerful and most important enemy-- the high priest! Peter wouldn't let this crowd wouldn't take away Jesus or themselves without a struggle!

"No, put your sword away, Peter," Jesus exclaimed. "Will I run away from what God, My Father, has planned? No, I will not! I will do it, even though it will be very hard!" Then Jesus reached out and healed the very ear Peter had just cut off! Amazing!

Now Peter's "fight" quickly turned to "fear"! Now he understood. Jesus would not fight! Jesus was choosing to die!

"Oh, no, we don't want to be arrested! Oh, no, we don't want to be hurt! Oh, no, we don't want to die!" Peter and the other disciples thought. And they die with Him they would, if they didn't act quickly! So off they ran, away through the olive trees and into the darkness, leaving Jesus all alone.

From the safety of the darkness, Peter and John watched the crowd leave with Jesus. Back to Jerusalem through the city gates, up its dark streets, and to the Temple, the crowd took Him. That's where Jesus' enemies waited to meet with Jesus and set up His death.

Peter and John snuck along after the crowd, sticking to the shadows. They wanted to know what happened to Jesus, but they didn't want to be noticed. At last, Peter decided it was safe. He went up the fire to warm himself.

And then Peter WAS noticed! "You there! YOU were with Jesus. YOU are one of His followers," a servant girl exclaimed when she saw him. Peter panicked. Oh, no! now the soldiers might come for him and kill him, he feared. What would Peter say? Would he tell the truth or lie to protect himself?

What do you think Peter would do?

"No, I wasn't! I swear I never knew Him!" Peter lied to the servant girl and the others...not just one or two times, but THREE times!

"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" Peter heard the rooster crow, then he ran away and cried. It all happened just as Jesus had said it would. Maybe he loved Jesus, but he didn't have the courage to suffer and die with Him.

The next day, Jesus was nailed to a cross at Golgotha. There, He suffered and died. He was buried in a cave grave later that day. How very, very sad Peter and the other disciples were! Sad that their teacher was gone! Sad that their hopes were gone that Jesus was the Messiah, the Savior sent from God. And sad that they had not even stood by Him, but had run away. Now they huddled in fear in a house in Jerusalem. They didn't want Jesus' enemies to find them. They didn't want to be next to die! Was this the end of the story for Jesus and for Peter and the other disciples? Jesus was dead and all His disciples had run away like scaredly cats. It certainly looked like the end.

But it wasn't the end, was it? For while on Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in that cave grave, everything changed on Day Three. Can you remember what happened?

Do you remember?

Jesus rose up from the dead! He had suffered and died on that cross for the sins of God's people, but He had WON! Now He rose up to life in VICTORY! Yay!

Jesus appeared to the women who came to the cave grave that morning! "I'm alive," He told them. "Go, tell Peter and the other disciples!"

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

When Peter and John heard the women's story, they ran to the cave grave to see for themselves. Yes, there was the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' dead body lying in a pile on the ground. There was the cloth that had been on Jesus' face, now nicely folded up by itself. Could the women's story really be true?

John believed Jesus had risen from the dead, but Peter still could not. Together, they went back to the house where the other disciples were. They locked the door and hid. How scared they were of Jesus' enemies! Maybe Jesus WAS alive, but His disciples were still just scaredy cats.

Yet this would not be the sad end of Jesus' disciples! Jesus had prayed and promised them something. Do you remember what it was?

Do you remember?

Jesus had prayed for His disciples' faith (especially Peter's) to not fail... and it didn't! Jesus' prayers for us are always answered with a "yes"! Peter may have sinned against Jesus, and they may have all been very scared, but they were still loved by God and kept by Him.

That evening, Jesus suddenly appeared to them in their locked up house. He knew right where they were and no locks could keep Him out!

"I'm alive!" Jesus exclaimed, showing them the scars on His hands and feet. It was Jesus! He really was alive! He had really beaten sin and death for God's people! They were so happy!

Over the next 40 days, Jesus taught Peter and the others things they needed to know from the Bible. He was preparing them for God's Big Plan for them-- to go to all the world to tell others how they can be saved from their sins, too.

But Peter and the others needed more than teaching to be able to obey God's plan for them. The same enemies who killed Jesus would try to hurt them, if they shared the good news of Jesus. Once more, they would run away like scaredy cats, if they tried to live for God on their own. They needed that powerful gift that Jesus had promised them. The gift that would come and live inside of them. Can you remember what the powerful gift was?

Can you remember?

It was God's Holy Spirit! "Go back to Jerusalem and wait," Jesus told them as He went up to heaven. "I will send you the Holy Spirit there," He said. "He will give you the courage to do all of God's plan for you," He promised.

So back to Jerusalem they went and prayed and waited. Then, at last, the Holy Spirit came! God sent Him to live inside of the hearts of those first believers, including Peter. He gave them peace and joy in God... and He gave them POWER and COURAGE! Peter and the other disciples were changed people. No longer were they scared to speak up for Jesus in front of Jesus' enemies or anyone else. Here was the Helper they needed to live boldly for Jesus the rest of their lives!

Why, even on that very day the Holy Spirit first came to live inside them, He gave Peter courage to boldly preach God's Word to a crowd of thousands of people! "Turn away from your sins! Trust in Jesus as your Savior!" Peter exclaimed. "Then you, too, will receive this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit that God has given us," he told them. And that's what three thousand people did that day! They turned away from their sins, trust in Jesus as their Savior, and knew the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

Oh, what changes the Holy Spirit had made in Peter and the others. No longer scaredy cats! Now as brave followers of Jesus, they would live the rest of their lives boldly for God.

use with all THREE lessons

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment: I need to know:

- **1. Who was very afraid, like a Scaredy Cat?** Peter and Jesus' other disciples.
- **2. Why didn't they stay Scaredy Cats? Who changed them?** Jesus prayed for Peter and the others. The Holy Spirit came to live inside of them all. He changed their heart and gave them boldness to tell others about Jesus.

For You and Me

Like Jesus' disciples, we all need Jesus to help us. We need Him to pray for us and we need the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to boldly live for God. How can the Holy Spirit come to live in our hearts? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer these prayers!

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is 2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV:

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

I need to know:

- 1. Who was very afraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? Why? Peter and the other disciples were. They were afraid the soldiers would arrest them and kill them.
- 2. What wonderful gift did God give to them to help them become bold (unafraid to be known as Jesus' disciple? What did these men become bold to do? The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to be bold to live for God and to tell others about God, even if enemies threatened to hurt them. That's boldness!

For You and Me

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. He will come to live inside us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not.
- 2. What did Jesus pray to help Peter? Who did Jesus send to help Peter? Jesus prayed for Peter to be kept safe and to keep on believing in Jesus, even when God's enemy, Satan, would tempt him to be act like he didn't know Jesus and run away.

For You and Me

Peter isn't the only one who may struggle with fear to live for God and to tell others about Jesus. We may, too. But God offers His Holy Spirit to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will come to live inside of them and help them be bold, too. And He will come to live inside us and help us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!

What a wonderful gift the Holy Spirit was to Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples! He helped them have courage to live their lives for God. He helped them boldly tell others the good news of Jesus.

Peter and Jesus' other disciples needed Jesus to be their Savior. They needed the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts... and so do we! You see, we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins. God would have been perfectly fair to His punish us for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But He is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment in our place. Yes, for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior, God will forgive their sins. He makes them His and they will enjoy special closeness with Him now as His special people. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise! Ask Him to help you!

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And, that one day God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever.

God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Meaning

After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives.

But, there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages them to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially in those times when it is hard and their faith feels weak. God's gave His people His Holy Spirit and He can work inside them, helping them turn away from fear and living by God's power, His love and self-control for everything they face. He is the one who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage.

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we fear, instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do
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Bible Truth 2 Story

The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat *Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2*

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

Big Q & A 10 Song

Big Question 10 Song: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

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Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: Within You Ezekiel 36:26, ESV (other version)

Extra Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: You Shall Be Clean Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV

Big Question 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation, v.1

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Fan into the Flame 2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: And Now, Lord Acts 4:29,31, ESV

Bible Truth 2 Extra Bible Verse: Now, Lord, Look upon Their Threats Acts 4:29,31, ESV

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Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

Craft Description

The children will create a flip book reminding them that the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of God's people, giving them courage to live for God.

Materials

White paper or cardstock (Cardstock STRONGLY recommended)
Markers or crayons
Stapler and staples
Glue

Preparations

- 1. Print out the craft pages onto two white pieces of paper/cardstock.
- 2. Set out coloring supplies.

Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?" We've learned that "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage." That's something very good to know, but many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can go and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like...(Hold up example of craft)

Directions

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them and showing them how to open the three flaps to reveal the changed person on the inside.
- 2. Have the children color in the pictures on both sides of the paper.
- 3. Staple the pages together dashed lines as indicated on front. MAKE SURE TO LINE UP LINES BEFORE SECURING!
- 4. Cut along horizontal lines to separate the three sections.
- 5. Fold along to enhance the opening of each flap.
- 6. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

Discussion

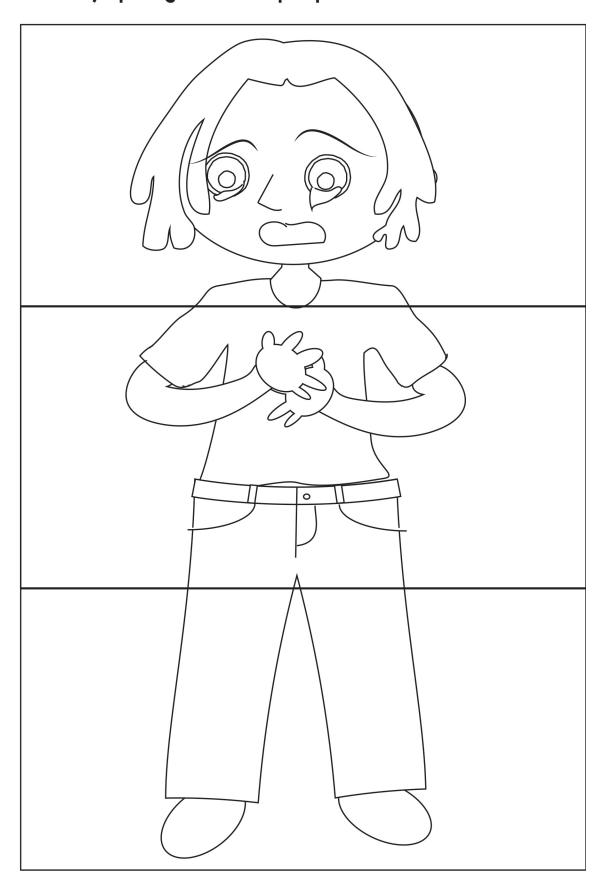
This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See the Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

Craft Wrap-Up:

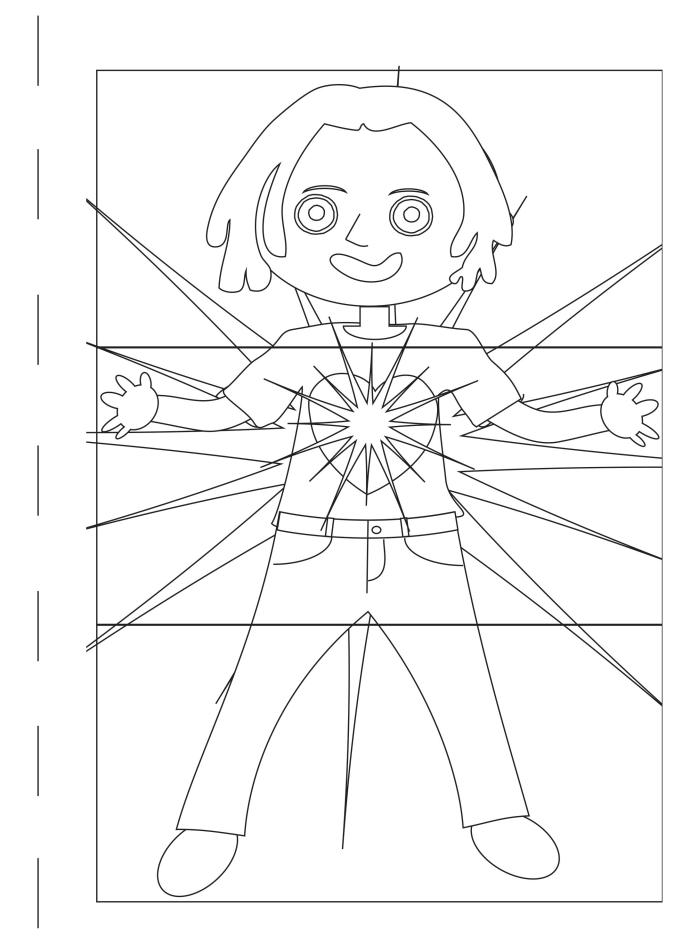
"At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today: The Holy Spirit gives God's people courage! We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior."

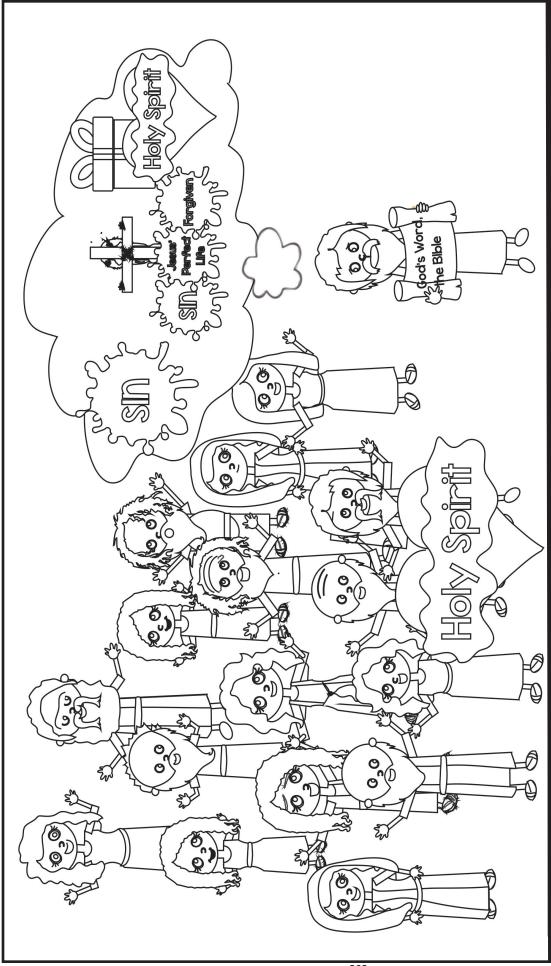
Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 10, Bible Truth 2: Extra Crafts

The Holy Spirit gives God's people COURAGE to live for Him!



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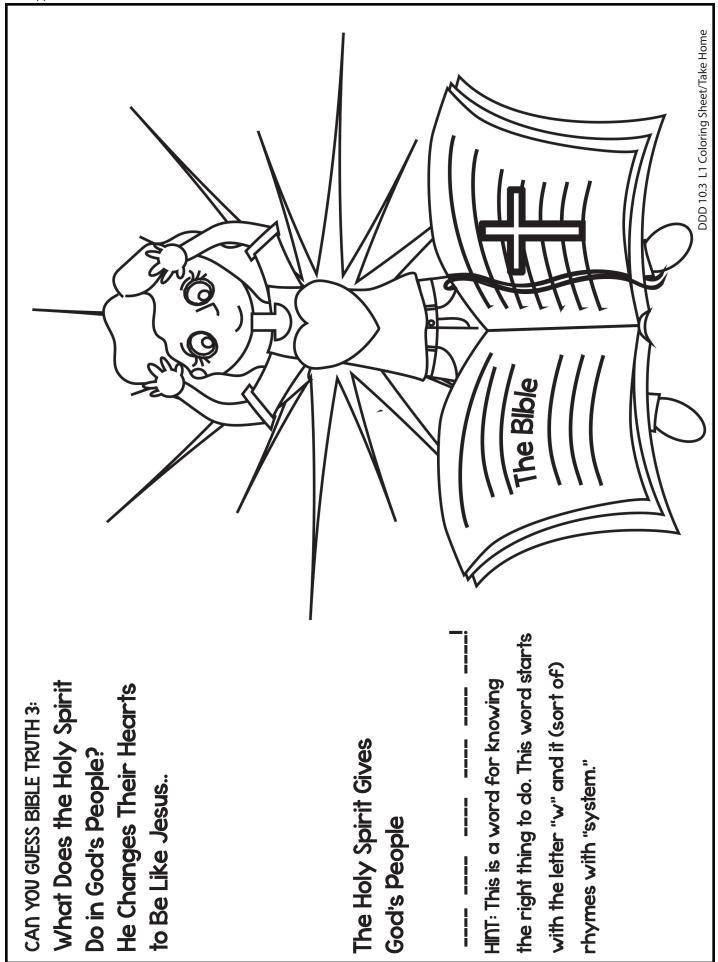
The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 13-21; Acts 1-2

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!



Bible Truth 3 Meaning

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him. How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray. This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together in churches: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help them understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out. There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." ---Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

Some Questions for You

- 1. Who has troubles and times when they are sad or scared? Everyone.
- 2. Do God's people have bad things happen to them? Yes, they do.
- 3. Who do God's people keep trusting in when bad things happen to them? In God.
- 4. What do they remember about God? That He loves them and He is in control.
- 5. What does God promise to do with every one of the troubles God's people go through? To use them for their good and use them to show how wonderful God is.
- 6. What will God's people praise Him about those troubles they had? They will praise Him for the good things He did through them.
- 7. How can we become God's people? When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.
- **S** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

He changes their hearts!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 13

Refrain

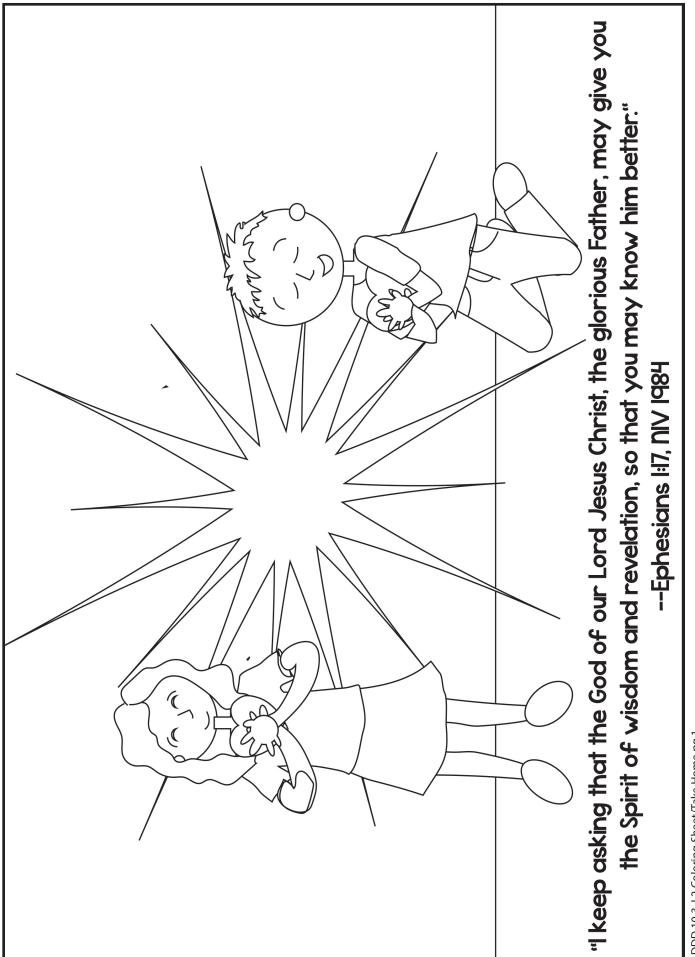
What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people, He helps them love God and others always. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain*



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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!



How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." ---Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Meaning

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Some Questions for You

- 1. What kind of person is the "I" who keeps asking for God to give others the Holy Spirit? How do you know? It is a Christian, someone who has turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. We know this because Paul is the one who wrote these words, as we know he was a Christian. We also know this because God gives Christians new hearts that desire to know Him better. Without a new heart, all people chose to rebel against God and do things their own way.
- 2. Who does Paul keep asking? Why does he ask Him? Paul keeps asking God, the Father. God the Father is the one who gives the Holy Spirit to His people.
- 3. What does Paul want the Spirit to give God's people? Why? Wisdom and revelation so that they may know God better.
- 4. Why would Paul want God's people to know God better? Because God is the most wonderful Person we can ever know. It is a delight to know Him better. He also knew that as God's people know God better, they will know how to better to please Him with their lives.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.
- **S** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

I Keep Asking: Ephesians 1:17 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 27

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom,

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.

So that you may know Him,

You may know Him,

That you may know Him, better.

I keep asking,

that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,

The Spirit of wisdom,

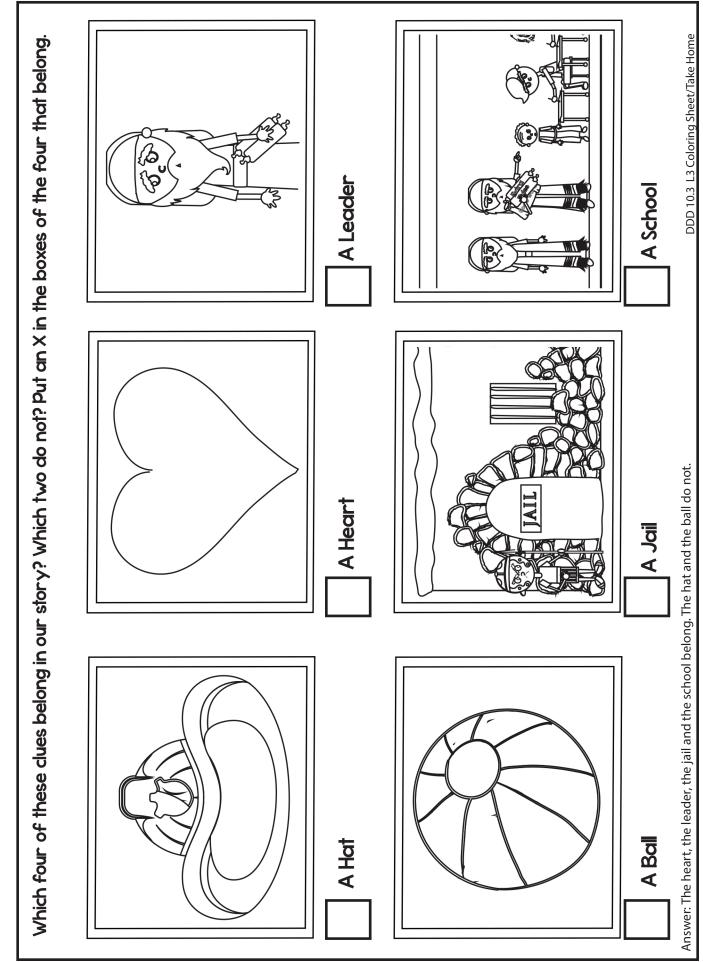
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Ephesians One, seventeen.

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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 3

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!



Bible Truth 3 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

- 1. What happy things did Jesus teach His disciples? That Jesus was the Savior who would forgive their sins so that they could be God's people. That God's people would get to live with God in perfect happiness one day.
- 2. What hard things did Jesus teach His disciples would happen? That Jesus' enemies would want to hurt them and stop them from telling others how Jesus could be their Savior.
- 3. Who did Jesus promise to send to help His disciples? God's Holy Spirit.
- 4. Where would God's Holy Spirit live? Inside their hearts.
- 5. How would the Holy Spirit help them when they stood before their enemies? *He would give them boldness and the right words to speak.*
- 6. What did Jesus' enemies think when they heard the disciples speak? They were amazed at their wise words. They couldn't believe men with so little schooling could speak so well.
- 7. What secret weapon did Jesus' enemies not understand was helping Jesus' disciples speak well? The Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.
- 8. Who else did the Holy Spirit work in as Jesus' disciples shared the good news of Jesus? *In those who listening. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
- 9. How can we have the Holy Spirit come and live in our hearts? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

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- **C** God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
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- **S** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

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Deep Down Devotions: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3 Story Concepts

The Case of the Secret Weapon Within

Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4



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Dear Parents,

Big Question #10 is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? Your child is learning that He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage."

Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home sheet for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

- 1. What was the "secret weapon" and where did God put it (Him)?
- 2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

I need to know:

- 1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him?
- 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
- 2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

use with all THREE lessons

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The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

For one, two, three years, Jesus taught his followers many things.

Some of the things Jesus taught were happy to learn about at all. "God loved the people of this world so much that He sent Me to be their Savior." Jesus told them. "Come to Me all you who are weary and I will give rest for your souls. I will save You from your sins. I will give you strength to live God's way," Jesus encouraged them. But best of all were Jesus' promises about life with God in the world to come: "I am going to prepare a place for all in heaven for all who trust in Me. All sin and sadness will be gone. We will live together in perfect happiness forever and ever," He promised.

But other things Jesus taught were not happy to hear about at all. "I am going to suffer many things and the leaders will reject Me and kill Me," Jesus told them. "You are going to be My witnesses after I die on the cross, rise from the dead, and go to heaven. Sometimes people will hurt you like they are going to hurt Me," He warned them. "Sometimes you will be arrested, dragged before leaders and sent to jail because Me," He said. "But the one who keeps on believing in Me to the end will be saved." He promised.

This was very hard to hear! How would they ever endure these terrible things, especially if Jesus was going to leave them! Jesus told them. It would be Someone who would help them from inside their hearts.

Can you guess who?

Jesus told them who. "You won't have to do all these very hard things on your own," Jesus explained. "After I leave you and go to heaven, I will send the Holy Spirit to come and live inside of you," He will give you wisdom. Even when you have to stand before mighty leaders and tell about Me, you don't have to worry. He will give you just the right words to say. He will speak though you! "Jesus promised.

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. The leaders did reject Him and kill Him. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a cave grave. Then on the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus stayed with His disciples for forty days, teaching them many things; then, He went up to heaven to rule.

Jesus was gone. His followers missed Him. Would He really send the Holy Spirit as He promised?

What do you think?

Yes, He did! Ten days later, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them.

And oh, what wonderful gifts the Holy Spirit gave to Jesus' believers!

The Holy Spirit gave them wisdom to understand God's Word and how to love God and others. He gave them wisdom to know just the right words to tell others good news of Jesus. And even when they were arrested and dragged before mighty leaders, the Holy Spirit was with them, working inside their hearts. They should have been scared...but the Holy Spirit gave them peace and joy. He gave them just the right words to say.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

use with all THREE lessons

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Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

Those enemies of Jesus were shocked! "These believers in Jesus haven't been to school like us. They are just plain people. How is it that they stand before us so boldly? How is it that they have so much peace and joy? How can they speak such wise words about Jesus?" they wondered.

They didn't know the answer, but we do, don't we? It was that wonderful, secret weapon of God who had come to live inside those believers. What's His name, can you remember?

Can you tell me?

The Holy Spirit! He was the one who gave these men peace and joy. He was the one who made them BOLD and WISE! How Jesus' disciples praised God and thanked Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit living in their hearts! And with His help, they went out and kept on living for God and kept on telling others the good news of Jesus.

But the Holy Spirit wasn't JUST at work inside those first believers as they spoke about Jesus and lived for Him. He was also at work in those who watched them and listened to them.

Yes, tens of people, hundreds of people, even THOUSANDS of people, watched and listened to those first believers in Jesus! And the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts as they watched and listened! He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, too. And when they did, He came to live in their hearts to stay. Now they were God's people. Now He would be their Helper, giving them wisdom and helping them live for God!

And that's way it has been for Jesus' followers ever since those first days, long ago. The Holy Spirit has helped more and more and more people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Not just tens, hundreds or thousands of people...but now, millions and millions of people from all over the world! So many people that you can't even count them! And the Holy Spirit has come to live inside their hearts of each and every one of them all!

God's people know that the Holy Spirit is God's good gift to them for LIFE! Yes, for the rest of their lives, the Holy Spirit will keep on living inside of God's people like this. He will continue to give them peace and joy. He will continue to give them strength to boldly live God's way every day! And, He will continue to give them God's wisdom to know how God wants them to live and how to tell others the good news of Jesus! What a wonderful gift is God's Holy Spirit!

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

- 1. What was the "secret weapon" and where did God put it (Him)? The Holy Spirit. He put it in the hearts of His people.
- **2. What did God use this secret weapon to do?** He used the Holy Spirit do to good inside His people. He used the Holy Spirit fight against their helplessness and fear after Jesus went to heaven. He helped them to know God, how He wanted them to live, and how to tell others the good news of Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Ephesians 1:17

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

- 1. Who did Jesus promise to send to His disciples to help them know God and live for Him? The Holy Spirit.
- 2. What did this Helper give Jesus' disciples wisdom to do? To know God; to know how God wanted them to live; and, to know what to say as they told others about Jesus.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a hat, a heart, a leader, a ball, jail, and a school.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The heart, the leader, the jail and the school belong. The hat and the ball do not.

2. What kind of help did the disciples thank God for giving them through His Holy Spirit? For giving them peace and joy; giving them boldness and strength to tell others about Jesus and face their enemies; and, giving them wisdom to know what to say when they did.

For You and Me:

God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!

What great changes the Holy Spirit made inside of Jesus' disciples long ago! Even the leaders were amazed at the wisdom God gave them through His Holy Spirit!

God can change our hearts, too, when we believe the gospel, the good news about Jesus. What is the gospel?

Well, it starts out with bad news about us. You see, we all choose to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins and He would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But what good news God has for us in Jesus! God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people. Who brings that special closeness to our hearts? God's Holy Spirit! He comes to live inside us and makes us new. He gives us peace and joy. He makes us bold to live for God. He gives us wisdom to know God and live for Him.

But best of all will be the day when God's people die and go to live with God forever. Isn't the gospel such good news!

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 3

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.
- God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Big Question 3, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him.

How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray.

This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together in churches: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out.

There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17, NIV 1984

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Meaning

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need--God! God promises to give them wisdom and to do so generously. That is, He will give them all the wisdom they need! And while some may get tired at being asked for advice or frustrated that they are being asked yet again, God never is. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does He give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses God's Word and prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You!
- **T** Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

Bible Truth 3 Story

Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

Craft Description

The children will create a picture with flip open windows that tells them about the wisdom God's Holy Spirit gives God's people.

Materials

White paper or cardstock, two per child (cardstock strongly recommended)
Coloring supplies
Scissors
Glue Sticks

Preparations

- 1. Print out both craft sheets.
- 2. Set out coloring supplies.

Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? We've learned that "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!" That's something very good to know. But many people don't know that. So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. So today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like...(Hold up example of craft)

Directions

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Have the children color in the craft pages.
- 3. Cut out around THREE sides of each square on front page. Fold back along fourth side to create a flap.
- 4. Glue the two sheets together, top sides up. Make sure to line up the pictures on the second page with the openings on the first.
- 5. Write each child's name on their craft.

Discussion

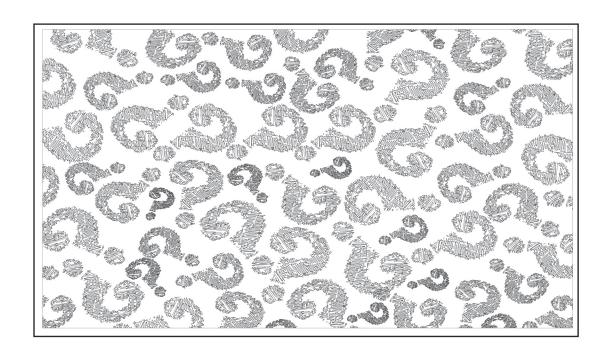
This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

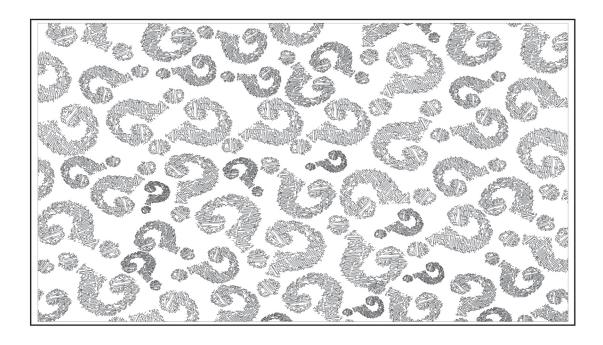
Wrapping Up:

"Our Big Question is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? We've learned that "He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom!" Let's use our pictures to tell others about the wisdom the Holy Spirit gives." Practice opening the flaps and saying each thing.

Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 10, Bible Truth 3: Extra Crafts

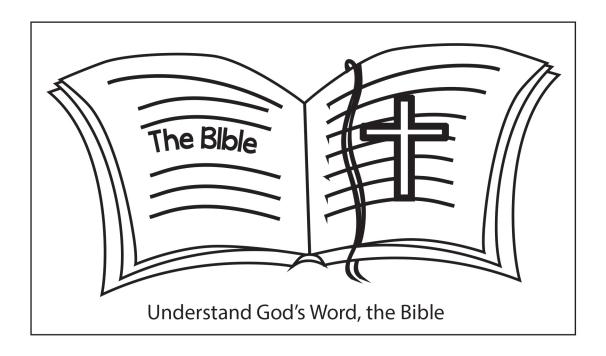
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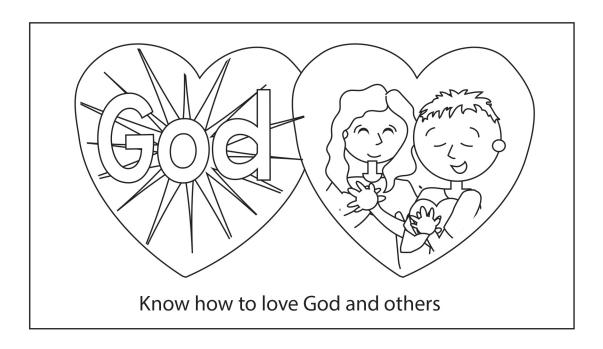




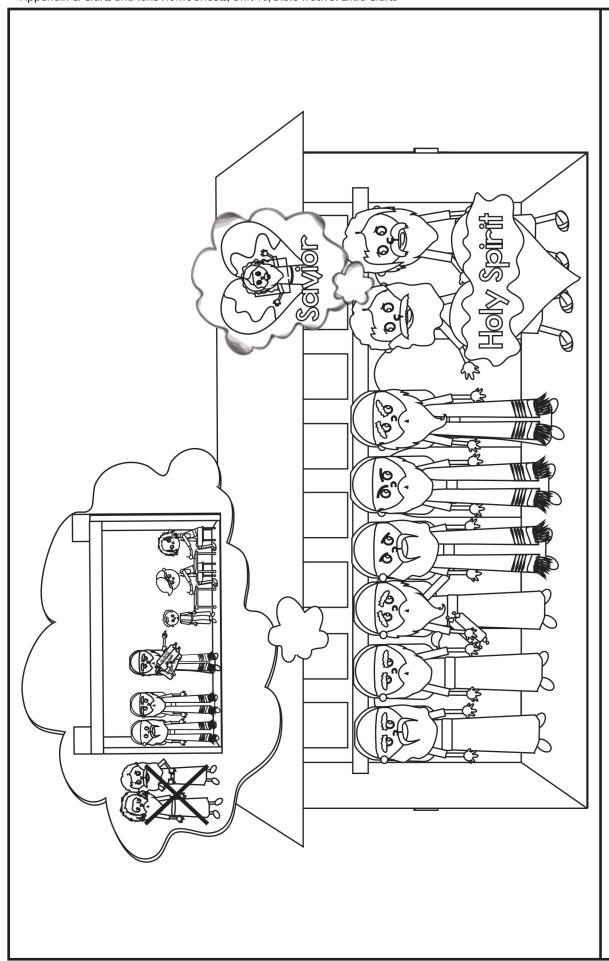
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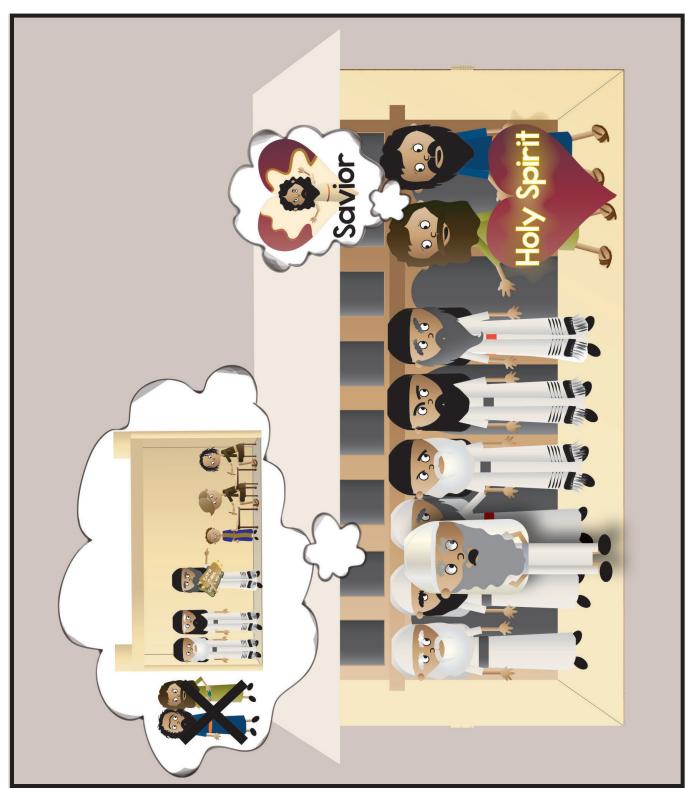
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The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom! God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside Jesus' disciples who lived long ago. He gave them so many good gifts, including wisdom to know Him and to know what to tell others about Jesus. He promises those gifts to us today, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God's Holy Spirit will come into our hearts and give us wisdom, too! What a wonderful gift!



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 1

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!



Bible Truth 4 Meaning

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people. God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world. Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church--all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church--God's people--too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."-- Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Some Questions for You

- 1. Is God's Church a building? No. It's the name for all of God's people.
- 2. Who builds God's Church? The Holy Spirit, as He works in the hearts of people and gives them the gift of faith-- trusting in Jesus as their Savior.
- 3. How does the Holy Spirit work inside someone's heart when they hear God's Word? He helps him to believe what he hears, confess and turn away from his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior.
- 4. What did God always plan for the Holy Spirit to do? God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, His Church.
- 5. What do we mean we say that we are going to church? That we are going to gather together with some of God's people to worship God, learn from His Word, and love one another.
- 6. What will it be like when God's people, the Church is in heaven together? All of God's people will at last gather together to worship God and be together forever.
- 7. How can we become part of God's Church--His dearly loved people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 10 Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 12 (sung to the tune of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

He changes their hearts!

Big Question 10 Action Rhyme Song from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 13

Refrain

What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!

Verse 1

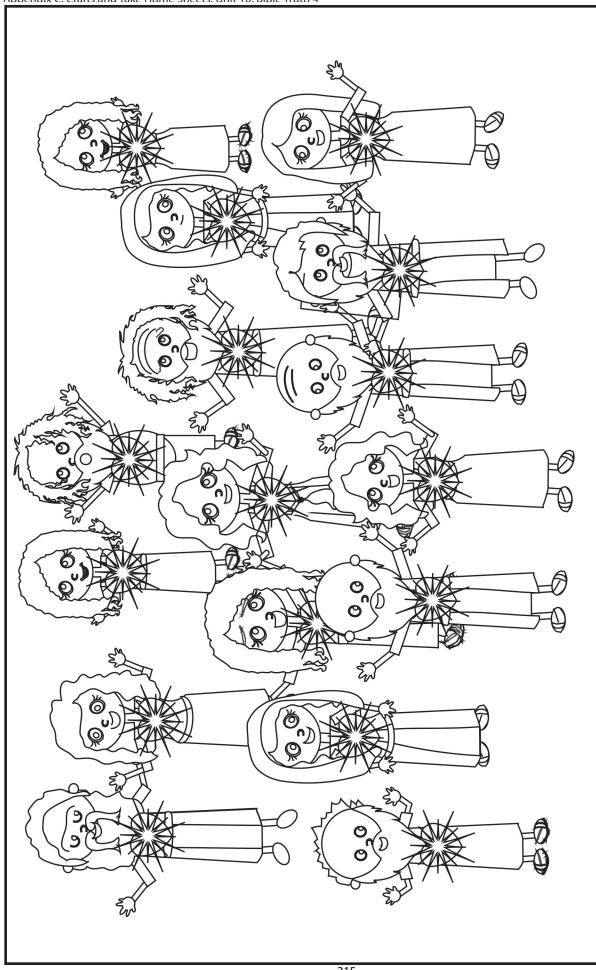
He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people, He helps them love God and others always. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God gives power to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. *Refrain*

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DDD BQ 10 BT4 L1 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg2



it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."--Acts 9:31, NIV 1984 "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, DDD 10.4 L2 Coloring Sheet/Take Home pg.1

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 2

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!



How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."-- Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Meaning

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Some Questions for You

- 1. What was being strengthened and who was strengthening it? The church was strengthened by God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. What is a church? A group of Christians gathering together to worship God and love one another.
- 3. What does it mean for a church to be strengthened? Not that everyone has Bigger muscles and can lift heavy things, but that their faith in God is growing stronger, they understand more of God and His Word; they are loving and knowing God more; they are becoming more obedient to His good ways; and more lovingly towards each other.
- 4. How does the Holy Spirit encourage a church? He is at work in the hearts of believers, helping them to keep saying "no" to sin; helping them to better understand God's Word; growing their faith in God; helping them become more loving and knowing God better; helping them become more obedient to God's good ways; and helping them to act more lovingly towards each other. He gives them wisdom and courage to live God's way, even when it is very hard.
- 5. How were people in the church living? What does that mean? In the fear of the Lord. It means to live to please God, in your heart, with your words and with all your life.
- 6. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **5** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

The Church Was Strengthened: Acts 9:31 from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 30

The church was strengthened,

and encouraged,

By the Holy Spirit,

by the Holy Spirit,

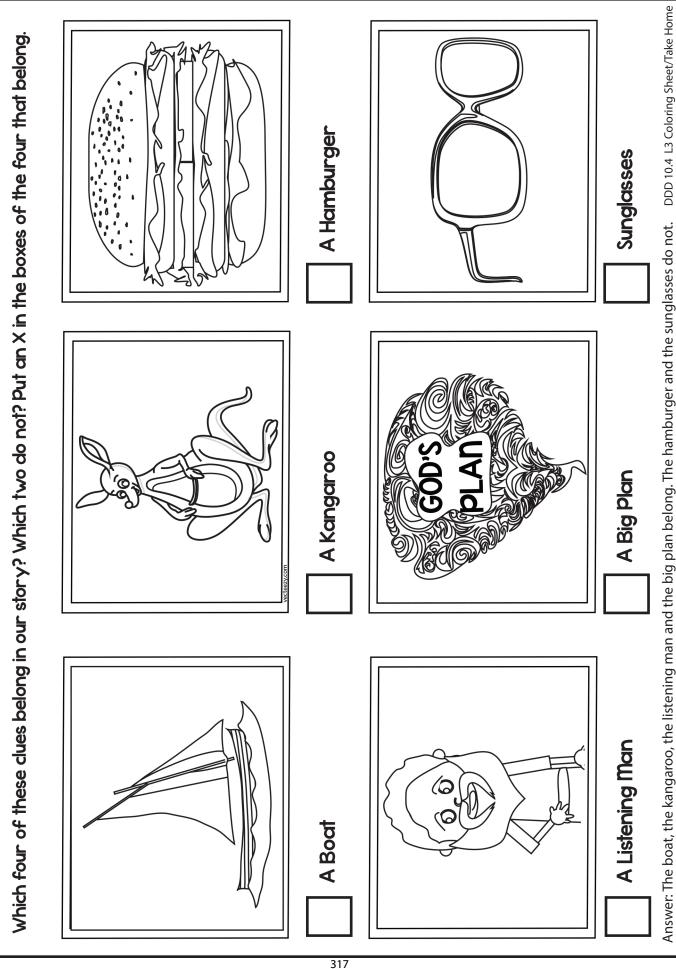
It grew in numbers,

it grew in numbers,

Living in the fear of, the fear of the Lord.

Acts Nine, thirty-one.

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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3

Big Question 10: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

Answer: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!



Bible Truth 4 Meaning

Our love for others changes. Sometimes we love others a lot. Sometimes we don't love them very much. But God's love for His people is not like that. God's love for His people never changes. God loved His people before they loved Him or even knew Him. He paid for their sins through Jesus' perfect life as He suffered and died on the cross. He adopts them as His people when they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Nothing will ever stop God from loving His people! They are bound in love to Him through Jesus, and that is a love that will never, ever end!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."-- Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

Some Questions for You

- 1. Who was planning to build something very, very big? God was.
- 2. What was God planning to build? His Church--a great gathering of people who love Him and know Him.
- 3. What did God give people so that they could know Him and love Him? A spirit.
- 4. What did all people do that made their hearts ugly and full of sin? They all chose to turn away from God and live life their own way.
- 5. What did God plan to do to rescue His people so that they could become His people? He sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for their sins.
- 6. Who did God send His Holy Spirit to live inside of? Those who turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.
- 7. What did the Holy Spirit help these new believers do? To live for God and boldly tell others the good news of Jesus that they might trust in Jesus as their Savior, too.
- 8. When will God's Church be finished? When the whole world has heard the good news of Jesus and His plans for His people here on earth are done.
- 9. How can we become God's dearly-loved people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's Pray!

- A God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **5** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 10 Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 18

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By Spirit and the Word; From heav'n He came a sought her, To be His holy bride, With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Words: Samuel J. Stone Music: Samuel S. Wesley

Big Question 10 Praise Song: Create in Me a Clean Heart

from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 10 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org

The Case of the World's Biggest Building

Genesis; the Gospels; Acts





Here's a copy of the Bible story they are learning along with the "Listening Assignment" for each lesson. These assignments provide a different teaching emphasis for each lesson, helping the children dig deeper into each Bible truth. They match up with your child's take home sheet for each lesson. We hope that these resources help your family to dig down deeper into the truths of God's Word!" Happy digging!

•many more resources for this Big Question came be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

- 1. Who was the builder?
- 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Acts 9:31, NIV 1984:

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus?
- 2. How did Holy Spirit help the Church grow?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

- 1. Which four belong in our story?
- 2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer. Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

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The Case of the World's Biggest Building Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

What do you think of when you think of a big building? A tall tower made of lots of bricks or metal, reaching high into the sky, perhaps?

A building certainly IS that, usually. But really, a building can be most ANYTHING big that someone builds from lots of little pieces... and it might not look ANYTHING like what we first think of when we think of a building. This is the story of God's big plan to build the biggest building in the world... and it was one of those OTHER kinds of buildings. It would be built from billions of pieces of something that was NOTHING like wood or metal. What was the name of the big something that God planned to build? It was called "the Church." And from what did He plan to build His Church? Do you have any idea?

Can you guess?

Are you ready for this? God was planning to build His Church from lots and lots of one kind of creature. Yes, it would be a HUGE gathering of millions, even billions of this LIVING, BREATHING creature. What kind of creature do you think God planned to use? Hmmm... would it be kangaroos? Or rabbits? Trees or birds or bugs?

What do you think?

Nope. God didn't plan to make His Church from any of those creatures. God's Church would be made from a creature who looked a lot like... well... US! Matter a fact, it IS us! People!

That's right! "The Church" is God's name for all of His people, from every time and every place in the world, gathered together and living with Him forever. All of their millions and billions of hearts would be full of His love, like one, happy heart. And all of their millions and billions of mouths would be full of His praise, like one, joyful song. Together, they would enjoy God's Perfect Wonderfulness. God's big building would be very, very special, wouldn't it?

But there was something else that would make God's Church very special. It was WHAT--or really WHO-- He would use to join all those people together. Can you guess who?

Can you quess?

It would be God, Himself. Jesus, God's Son would make them God's people; and, God's Holy Spirit would live inside of them. He would unite all of the hearts of God's people in their love of God to enjoy Him together. What an amazing plan God had!

First come plans, next comes the work; and, that's just what God did. He began His work by creating this wonderful world and everything in it, including those people who would make into His Church.

God is spirit, and if people were to know Him and be part of His big, beautiful Church, they would have to have a spirit, too. So that's what He gave them. God created people, alone, with a spirit inside their bodies, so they could know and love Him. He named those first people, Adam and Eve.

God told Adam and Eve to fill the whole earth with children, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, etc. And that's what they did. These children grew up and spread out across the whole world. Some made ships and sailed to far-away islands. Some climbed tall mountains and made their homes near snowy peaks. Others settled in thick jungles and forests and many, more places. They had families and made their homes throughout the whole world. They had different skin colors and spoke different languages. One day, God's beautiful Church would include some of them all. Together, they would lift up their praises to God.

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)

But that one day was not yet. The people of the world didn't look very much like God's beautiful Church right then. You see, from Adam and Eve on down, all people had all chosen to turn away from God and live life their own way. Their hearts--like ours-- had become ugly, broken, and even dead to God, all because of this terrible sin. Every one of them deserved to be shut out from God's presence and to never know Him. Never, ever! How sad!

But sin wouldn't ruin God's plans to build His Church! God knew that people would rebel against Him, and so He had always made it part of His plan to rescue them and make them beautiful, Himself, through His Son, Jesus.

So at just the right time, God sent Jesus to redeem His people. Jesus would take away their sins. He would make them beautiful for God. Jesus came to live a perfect life here on earth. Then on the cross, He suffered and died. He gave up His life as the full payment for the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven.

On Day One and Two, Jesus' body lay dead in the cave grave; but on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead in victory! He made the way for us to forgiven our sins and to become God's people, the Church.

"Go into every part of the world, making disciples of all people," Jesus told His eleven disciples after He rose from the dead. It was time to begin to bring the good news of salvation to the world so that God's Church would be from every people, just as God had always planned.

THOSE disciples do ALL THIS?! How? They were so fearful, so weak! They didn't know what to say; and, there were so few of them! They could never do this big job by themselves, could they?

Do you think they could do it?

No! There was NO WAY they could do this job ALONE, but God never planned for them to. He would help them and many others carry out His plan by sending His Holy Spirit to live inside of them. He would work in their hearts as they heard God's Word. He would help them turn from their sins and trust in Jesus. He would help them grow to love God more and live for Him each day... full of boldness and full of wisdom!

And that's just what happened. Filled with God's Holy Spirit, the disciples went out and told the good news of Jesus to everyone who would listen! And as the disciples spoke, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the listeners. He helped them turn way from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, too. He changed and filled their hearts. He made these ugly, broken, sinful hearts into the new, beautiful, God-loving hearts of God's people. God's Church was becoming bigger and bigger and bigger! God's plan was coming true!

Now these new believers joined the first disciples in sharing the good news of Jesus. Further and further away they went to new parts of the world.

Some got in ships and sailed to the far-away islands. Others climbed over the snowy mountains. Still others made their way through thick jungles and forests and many, more places. Everywhere they went, they shared the good news of Jesus. Everywhere they went, the Holy Spirit worked. People turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts. God was building His Church from people of every nation and language.

On and on, for thousands of years now, Jesus' followers have kept on telling the people of the world the good news of Jesus. On and on, the Holy Spirit has been working in their hearts of listeners, building God's Church as more and more people turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

One day, God will be finished building His Church. When will that be? When the good news of Jesus has gone out to the whole world; God's plans for building His Church are completed; and, all His people are saved and filled with His Holy Spirit. And on that day, Jesus will return here to earth. He will take away every last speck of sin in God's people. Sin and pain, sickness and death will be gone for good! Jesus will gather them all together to live with Him in the new heaven and earth He will make for them. What a beautiful, happy sight will be God's people, the Church, then. They will be the biggest, most beautiful building that has ever been built, made up of more people than can even be counted, in a perfectly happy, new world... and they will enjoy God's Perfect Wonderfulness and praise Him FOREVER!

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Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

- **1. Who was the builder?** The LORD.
- **2.** What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was finished? His Church. It would be a huge gathering of God's people, loving Him and praising Him forever.

For You and Me:

Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy Spirit and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984:

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

- 1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus? God's Holy Spirit.
- **2.** How did Holy Spirit help the Church grow? He helped the believers be bold to tell others about Jesus and gave them words to say. He worked in the hearts of those listening and helped them put their trust in Jesus, too.

For You and Me

God's Holy Spirit can help us become a part of God's people, the Church, too. We can ask Him to work in our hearts and help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to love God and live for Him.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The boat, the kangaroo, the listening man and the big plan belong. The hamburger and the sunglasses do not.

2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished? All of God's people, the Church!

For You and Me:

Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy Spirit and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!

Isn't it amazing that God chose to build His Church out of people like us! He is our good God, yet we have all chosen to disobey God. We deserve His punishment, but instead He offers to make us His people!

God sent Jesus to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never did. On the cross, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven and know special closeness with God as their Heavenly Father.

On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them, once and for all! That's how God could make sinful people like us into His dearly-loved people, the Church!

We can become God's people, too, when we when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!

Close in prayer.

Bible Story for Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4

Closing ACTS Prayer

- **A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world!

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Big Question 10, Bible Truth 4 Overview: Key Concepts

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Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!

Unit Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." -- Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

Bible Truth 4 Concept: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people.

God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world.

Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church--all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church--God's people--too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse: Acts 9:31

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

Meaning

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- **C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- **S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might know and love You, and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Bible Truth 4 Story

The Case of the World's Biggest Building

Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Go and Tell Bible Truth Concept Craft

The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

Craft Description

The children will create a picture that reminds them of God's plan to build His Church from the peoples of the whole world, through the work of His Holy Spirit.

Materials

Cardstock/Paper Crayons/Markers Glue

Scissors

Smiley Stickers of different colors or (print out the ones provided) -- 9 per craft (Or large, plain, colored dot stickers and kids can add their own smiley faces to each dot)

Preparations

- 1. Print out sheet onto paper.
- 2. Set out crayons/markers, paper.
- 3. Make a sample copy of the craft.

Introducing the Craft:

"Our Big Question is: 'What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?' We've learned that 'He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus.. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!' That's something very good to know. But many people don't know it! So do you know what God wants us to do? He wants us to go and tell others this very important news. Today we are going to make something we can show and tell them, too. Here's what it looks like..." (Hold up example of craft)

Directions

- 1. Show children your finished craft, reading the words to them.
- 2. Color in picture.
- 3. Add smiley stickers around outside of world/color in 9 blank smiley faces and glue in place.
- 4. Make sure to write each child's name on their craft.

Discussion

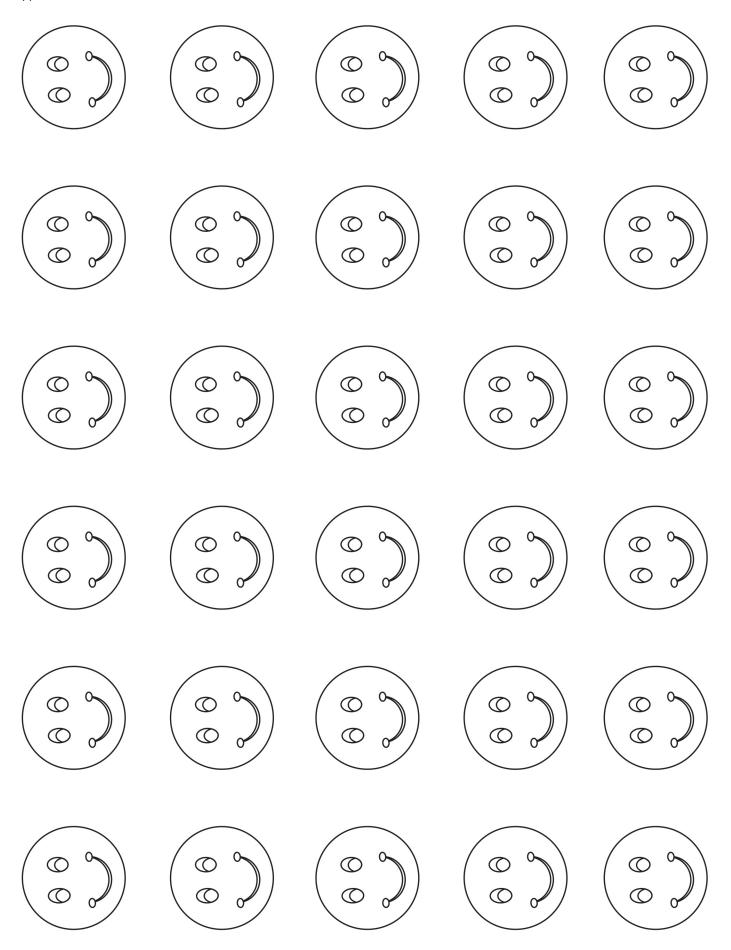
This is an especially good time to re-read the key concepts and discuss them. See Deep Down Discussion Sheet for possible questions to talk about.

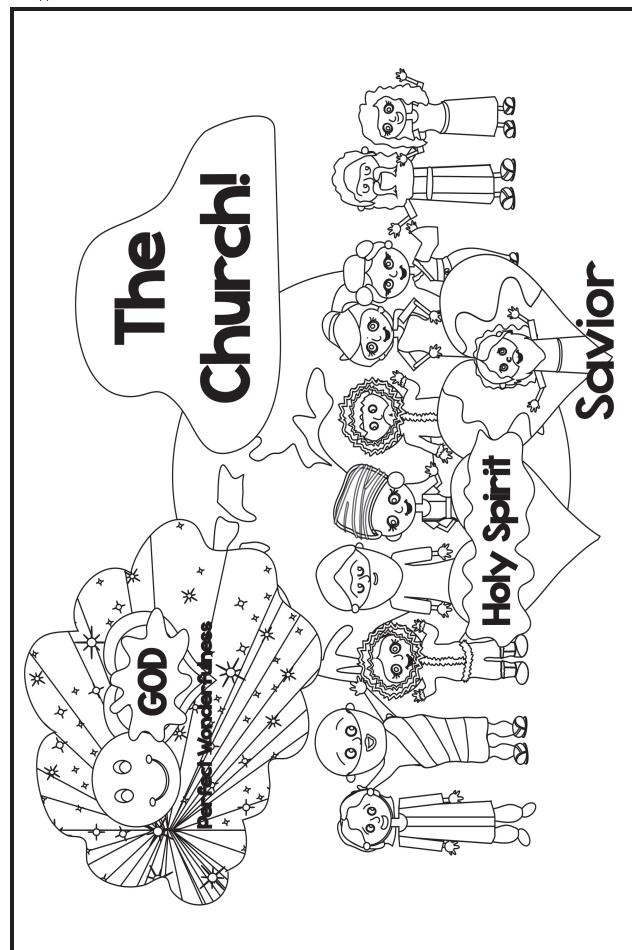
Craft Wrap Up:

"At the end of our time together today, you get to take home your Go and Tell crafts. And what are you going to do with them? Show and tell someone the important news you've learned today." The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church." How can we become part of God's people, the Church? By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this! Ask Him!"

Appendix C: Crafts and Take Home Sheets, Unit 10, Bible Truth 4: Extra Crafts







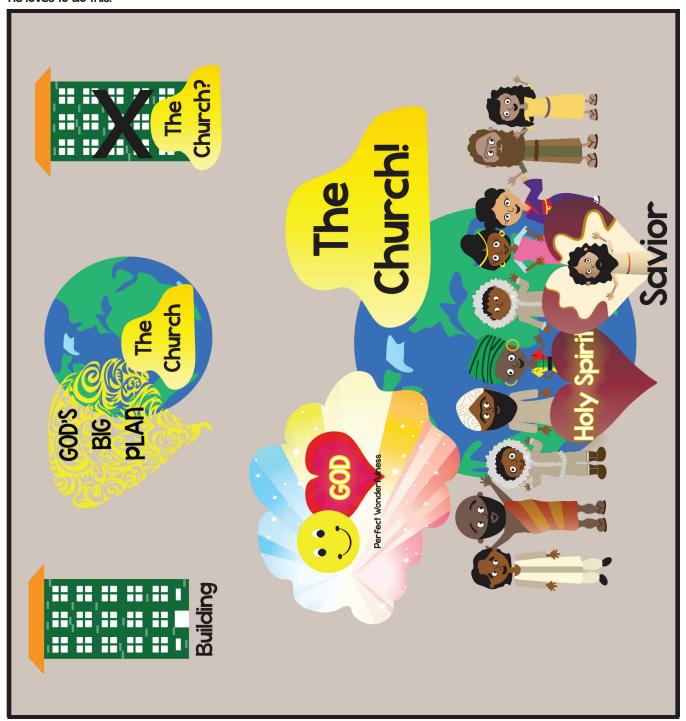
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The Case of the World's Biggest Building Jigsaw Puzzle Page

Genesis; the Gospels; Acts

Make copies of picture and cut out into an appropriate number of pieces for your children. Or, you can print out color versions of this puzzle by downloading it from praisefactory.org.

Our Big Question is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus... The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!" Isn't it amazing that God chose to build His Church out of people like us! He is our good God, yet we have all chosen to disobey God. We deserve His punishment, but instead He offers to make us His people! God sent Jesus to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never did. On the cross, Jesus gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven and know special closeness with God as their Heavenly Father. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them, once and for all! That's how God could make sinful people like us into His dearly-loved people, the Church! We can become God's people, too, when we when 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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Appendix D:

Just for Fun

Activities

Just-For-Fun Activities

The following are activities that you can incorporate into your free play time. While the activities, themselves, are just-for-fun, you can make them rich times of relationship building, and even use it as an opportunity to discuss what is being taught during Circle Time. Don't over do it, but you can use the Deep Down Detectives Discussion Sheet for question ideas.

Gluing and Sticking

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

Teacher cuts out or draws a basic shape or shapes related to concept or story on cardstock or construction paper for children to stick stickers on or glue fabric or paper scraps (tissue, gift wrap paper, construction paper, etc), beans, popcorn, buttons, cotton balls, foam shapes etc. onto. Use glue sticks rather than craft glue for these crafts. Cut fabric/paper scraps fairly large—about 1" or so.

Print-Making

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

Children will make designs on a plain piece of construction paper or one with a simple shape drawn on it, using tempera paint (with a little dish soap added to it to make clean up easier) and any number of objects. Objects suggested in this curriculum: marbles, duplos, sponge shapes, empty thread spools, blocks with rick-rack gluegunned to the bottom of them, cars and trucks, bubble wrap and cork.

Necklaces

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

These are made with hollow pasta shapes and hole-punched shapes related to the story/concept. Children can string these onto a piece of yarn or string and have you tie the ends together when they are done.

Coloring (Really Scribbling)

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

Children will use crayons or washable markers to draw on construction paper. If desired, the teacher can draw a picture or shapes related to the story on the paper for children to scribble on.

Puzzles

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

A simple picture related to the story or concept is printed out onto cardstock and cut into a puzzle of 4 to 10 pieces. This can be done by enlarging one or a number of the people/objects from the story, in a Word, Power-point or other program to the desired size, then printing out onto cardstock. Children can "color" in the picture, then you can cut it out for them into as many pieces as is fitting for the child.

Craft Dough

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

Provide purchased or homemade play dough (recipe provided) along with various "tools" such as plastic knives (without teeth), small jar lids, keys, garlic presses, little rolling pins, plastic cookie cutters, etc.

Homemade Play Dough Recipe

2 cups flour

1 cup salt

4 tsp cream of tartar

2 tbsp oil

2 cups water

Combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well. In a large pot, combine the oil and the water. Add food coloring, if desired. Add flour mixture to the pot, stirring as you add. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue to stir until mixture forms ball and pulls away from the sides of the pot. Remove ball and knead on plain surface (not floured) until the texture becomes like play-dough. Store dough in an airtight plastic container. Keeps about 3 months. Makes about 5 cups. Allow at least a ½ cup per child.

Sandpaper Shapes and Patterns

Just for Fun Arts and Crafts

Directions

Use a glue gun to glue full 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 11" sheets of sandpaper to foam board or sturdy cardboard cut the same size. Give the children yarn pieces of various lengths, 4" to 12" long. Let them stick the yarn onto the sandpaper and make designs and pictures with them.

Dance Ribbons

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

3 4' ribbons per child1 plastic shower curtain ring per childCD playerCD of music

Preparing the Activity

1. Tie three 4' ribbons to a plastic shower curtain ring.

Directions

1. Give them to the children to run around with. Have music for them to dance to as they twirl their ribbons. If desired, you could have them sing the Big Question/Bible verse song.

Match the Shape with Objects

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

Common objects such as keys, cookie cutters, spoons, unsharpened pencils, etc.

Cardstock

Permanent marker

Shoe box

Preparing the Activity

- 1. Trace around common objects such as keys, cookie cutters, spoons, unsharpened pencils, etc., each on a separate piece of cardstock.
- 2. Put these and the objects in a shoe box.

Directions

Have the children take out the cardstock outlines and the shapes and match them up.

Match the Shape with Blocks

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

Shoe box

Different shape blocks

Duct tape

Preparing the Game

- 1. Cut the outline of different blocks from a child's building block set in the top of a sturdy shoe box.
- 2. Use duct tape to tape down one long side, making a hinge for the lid.

Directions

1. Have the children put the right shape block into the box through the hole of the same shape.

Ball 'n' Tube

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

Have the children match the block shapes and insert them into the shoe box.

Materials

4-6' length of PVC pipe with a 2"-3" diameter opening, found very inexpensively at home improvement stores

Various sizes of balls that will fit through the diameter of the PVC pipe

Playing the Game

1. Have the children take turns putting the ball down one end and watching it roll out the other.

Bowling

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

6 or so empty 2-liter soda bottles

A soft, foam ball

Optional: sand or beans, packing/duct tape

Preparing the Game

If desired, put sand or beans in all/some of the bottles. Seal with tape.

Directions

Line up empty 2 liter soda bottles and have the children try to knock them down by rolling a ball into them.

Color Sort

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

Various single colored objects, such as pom-poms, foam shapes, beads, etc. (Be careful to choose objects of a non-swallowable size)

1 Large container that fits all the objects in it at once

Smaller containers, one per color

Construction paper or markers

Preparing the Activity

- 1. Put all the objects in the large container. Mix up.
- 2. Put a piece of construction paper/paper colored with marker on the outside of each of the small containers that matches the color object to go in it.

Directions

Have the children separate out all the colored items into their proper container.

Pattern Post Office

Just for Fun Games

Supplies

Various scraps of gift wrap paper or other colorful paper

Glue stick

Cardstock or cereal box

Shoe Box

Preparing the Activity

- 1. Cut out envelope-sized pieces of gift wrap paper (or scrap booking paper) and glue them onto cardstock of the same size.
- 2. Have a shoe box with a letter slit cut in the top for each of the different paper types.
- 3. Glue a piece of the designated gift wrap paper for each particular box on top of the box.

Directions

Have the children sort through the "mail" and put them in their right mail slot.

More Ideas for Activity Centers

Dress-up Clothes

Hats and Crowns

Simple Wooden Puzzles

Duplos

Blocks and Cardboard bricks

Peg Sets*

Magnet Sets (especially "Tall Stacks")*

(Large) Beads and Threading Laces

Small plastic people, animals, and vehicles*

Lacing cards

Housekeeping sets

Doctor's and nurse's sets

Tool sets

Simple Matching games

Dolls

Train sets

Sand or Rice Center with containers

Magnifying glasses and objects*

Shape and Color Sorters

Ring Stackers

Pull toys

Hammer and Peg sets

Tap a Tune pianos

Balls, everything from nerf balls to beach balls*

Great Idea Books

for homemade activity centers

The Wiggle & Giggle Busy Book: 365 Fun, Physical Activities for Your Toddler and Preschooler,

Trish Kuffner and Megan McGinnis

The Toddler's Busy Book, Trish Kuffner

Arts and Crafts Busy Book

The First Three Years of Life, Burton L. White

Creative Resources for Infants and Toddlers, Judy Herr and Terri Swim

Websites

Just for Fun Games for ordering activity centers activities and materials

christianbook.com amazon.com toysrus.com growingtreetoys.com orientaltrading.com

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Appendix E:
Curriculum Resources
to Make or Buy

Big Question Box/Briefcase

What You Want

The Big Question Briefcase is a briefcase or other container with these characteristics:

- Ideally, this should be around 17" x 12", but needs to be at least big enough to fit a 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper inside it.
- Have various pockets to put these sheets in
- Is attractive or curious looking to preschoolers
- · Not necessary, but extremely fun, if is has a combination lock

Finding a Briefcase:

You can certainly buy one new, but you always may find a used one at a thrift shop. Or, someone may have one they want to donate. We use one that stores valuables in it and is the 17" x12" size. Very durable and has the lock feature that the kids love.

You also can move away from the briefcase idea and use a little trunk or other box for your substitute briefcase. Just change the name to the Big Question Box, if you use a box instead. A boot box or the cardboard box that 10 reams of copy paper comes in is a great size, if you are using a box.

If you use a box, but want a lock-like feature, that's easy to do. Simply cut "straps" out of felt or vinyl and glue in place to the top and bottom sides of the box on one side, with the top strap overlapping the bottom straps. Add velcro to the top and bottom pieces so that they meet and fasten. Make back "hinges" for the box with the felt/ vinyl straps, too. Or, you can simply add a belt around the box that has to be unfastened before the box can be opened.

Here are some suggestions for decorating a box or even the outside of your briefcase to make it appealing.

Supplies

Your box/briefcase
Plain white contact paper or white cardstock
Colorful wrapping paper
Glitter glue
Markers
Sequins, fake jewels, buttons, rick rack, etc.
Other decorating supplies
Stickers
Glue
Clear packing tape

Directions

- 1. If you are using a box that has wording on it, you will first need to make plain surfaces for decorating and a hinge for the lid. Stick the white contact paper or white cardstock to each side of the box. On the other hand, you can also use colorful wrapping paper. Then, make a lid by sticking the clear packing tape along one long side of the box, attaching the lid to the box.
- 2. Use the craft decorating supplies to decorate the box. If desired, you can put a big question mark on top of the box, but remember that you are working with two and three year olds: the question mark symbol is not very meaningful to them yet.

Making a Flannelgraph Storyboard

for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games

While you may decide to use sticky tac and stick your storyboard pictures to a white board, it is very easy to make a flannelgraph board. The advantage to the flannelgraph board is that the pictures stick very easily and there is no messing with the sticky-tac.

Supplies

Large Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a $36" \times 48"$ foam board or cork board (We actually use a far bigger canvas and attach it to the wall) A science project board with the two sides that fold out makes a good $36" \times 48"$ board. OR, Small Format Pictures Board: AT LEAST a $24" \times 36"$ (to $36" \times 48)"$ board

Large piece of neutral-colored felt to cover your board with extra to overlap over to the back, if desired. Glue gun and glue sticks

Directions

1. Center felt on front side of board. Turn over. Secure in place with glue.

Making Durable Storyboard Pictures

for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games

Whether you purchase the Deep Down Detectives storyboard pictures from Amazon or print them off the website (included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book), you will want to find some way to make them more durable. They are used not only as a part of telling the story, but are integral in the story review games. Here's how we make ours durable enough to be used over and over again.

Supplies

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids Small or Large Format Storyboard Pictures (purchased or downloaded)

White cardstock or printer paper (if downloading pictures)

Sticky-back velcro, circles or cut pieces; or sticky tac putty

Laminator or Self-laminating sheets

Sturdy Sheet Protectors, preferably the "Secure Top" kind, like offered by Avery

Directions

- 1. Purchase from Amazon or download and print out the storyboard figures.
- 2. Cut out flannelgraph figures.
- 3. Laminate the figures.

Special tip: When laminating the big background pictures that are two (and sometimes even three or four) pieces put together, leave a small gap between the two pieces before laminating together. This small space acts like a hinge and allows you to fold up pictures without hurting them into a manilla envelope that fits 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper along with all of the smaller, regular-sized storyboard pictures.

4. If using a flannelgraph board: Stick a piece of sticky backed velcro (ROUGH SIDE) onto the back of each figure. If using sticky tack and whiteboard: simply stick a small amount of sticky tack on the back of a picture when using it. Remove and store sticky tack in airtight container.

Making Durable Story Scene Pictures

for use in story-telling

Supplies

Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book (purchased or downloaded)

11" x 17" L:aminating Sheets OR 11" x 17" Sheet Protectors and 11" x 17" Presentation Ring Binder

Directions

- 1. Purchase from Amazon or download and print out the Story Scene pictures.
- 2. If using Sheet protectors: Assemble the two halves of each paper together with glue or tape before putting each in a sheet protector. Put scenes in binder in order.
- 3. If lamanating the pictures, leave a small gap between the two halves of each picture before laminating. Laminate. The small gap allows you to fold the picture down to 8.5" x 11" pouch.

The Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder

This is a homemade folder that looks (kinda) like the cover of a Bible. You will use this to put the Bible verse, the Bible Story and storyboard pictures to help make the point that the truths you are teaching them come from the Bible.

Supplies

1 piece of 22" x 28" posterboard (white is fine. Green or brown is nice)

Glue

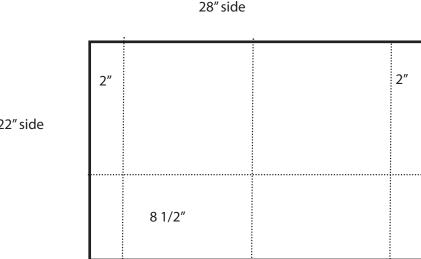
Stapler and staples or packing tape

The Bible Cover pictures (see online with resources for this unit or from the back of each Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids book.)

NOTE: The Bible Cover pictures included in the Deep Down Detectives Visual Aids books cannot be created larger than 8.5" x 11". That means that they will be under-sized for a Bible Folder of the dimensions you are making. However, you can go online to the Deep Down Detectives curriculum and there is a pdf of a bigger version of these covers that will actually fit the size of this Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder.

Directions

- 1. Lay out poster board with long side along the bottom.
- 2. Fold in 2" on each side.
- 3. Take packing tape and tape the folded in 2" flaps to the main section of the posterboard, all the way down.
- 3. Fold up 8 1/2" on the bottom of the poster board.
- 4. Use packing tape to tape this flap in place, all the way down.
- 5. Take scissors and snip through the tape where the flap is attached to the folder. This will give you a bit more room in the folder.
- 6. Fold the poster board in the middle to make the center fold.
- 7. Cut out the Bible Cover Pictures. If possible, laminate these. They will last longer.
- 8.. Glue the two cover pieces to the outside of the folder.



22" side