

# **DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES**

**Fundamentals:**

**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!**



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## Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, the Indwelling God

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### 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

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## Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10 Track Numbers

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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.

### 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?
- 14 Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
- 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 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!
- 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.

**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*

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**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?

Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV

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

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

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

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*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*

**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. Practice telling story with expression. Look for words that might be new to your children. Plan to explain the meaning of them to the children. The numbers in the story correspond to elements of the picture. Practice pointing to the pictures as you read the story. Shorten the story, if necessary, for your child/group of children.
3. If desired, choose a listening assignment for the children (listed below). Listening with a purpose helps the children keep focused and glean more from the story. The three, different assignments allow you to re-tell the story three times with fresh purpose. Answers to the listening assignments are found at the end of the story.

During your presentation:

1. If you are telling the story to a group of children, maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Tell the story with enthusiasm and expression. Take time to show each story scene to the children as you tell it. Use the cue numbers in the story to highlight corresponding parts of the picture as you tell the story.
2. The Clue Catcher question at the bottom of each scene helps the children keep engaged with the story.
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.
5. At end of the story, repeat the listening assignment question and ask for answers. Close in prayer.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)****"Our story is called: The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scats. Here is your listening assignment... " (optional)****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.

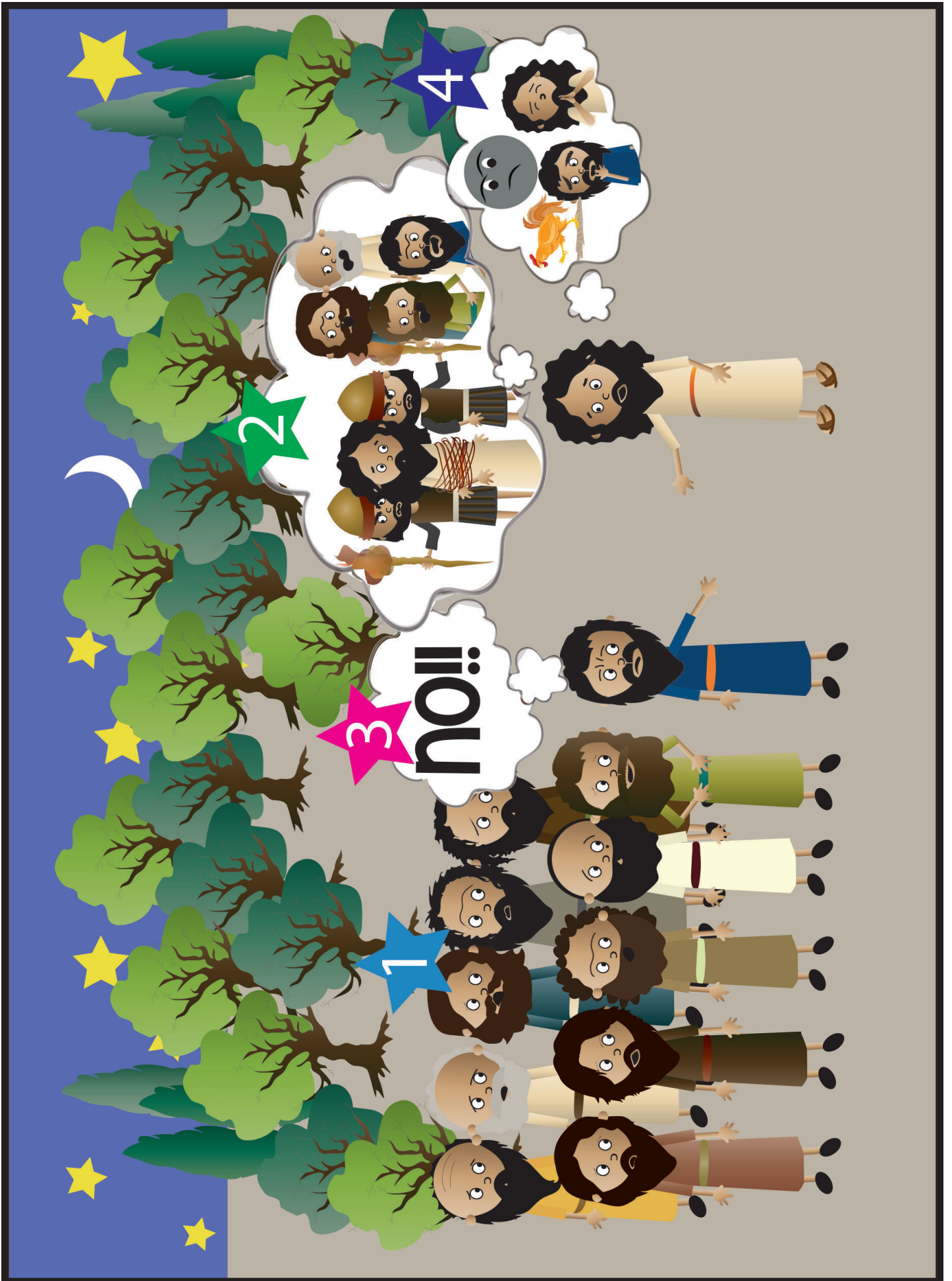
They are: a servant girl, Jesus' enemies, a policeman, Jesus praying, a rooster, and a farmer.

*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.*



## Story Scene 1

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. " 2 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."

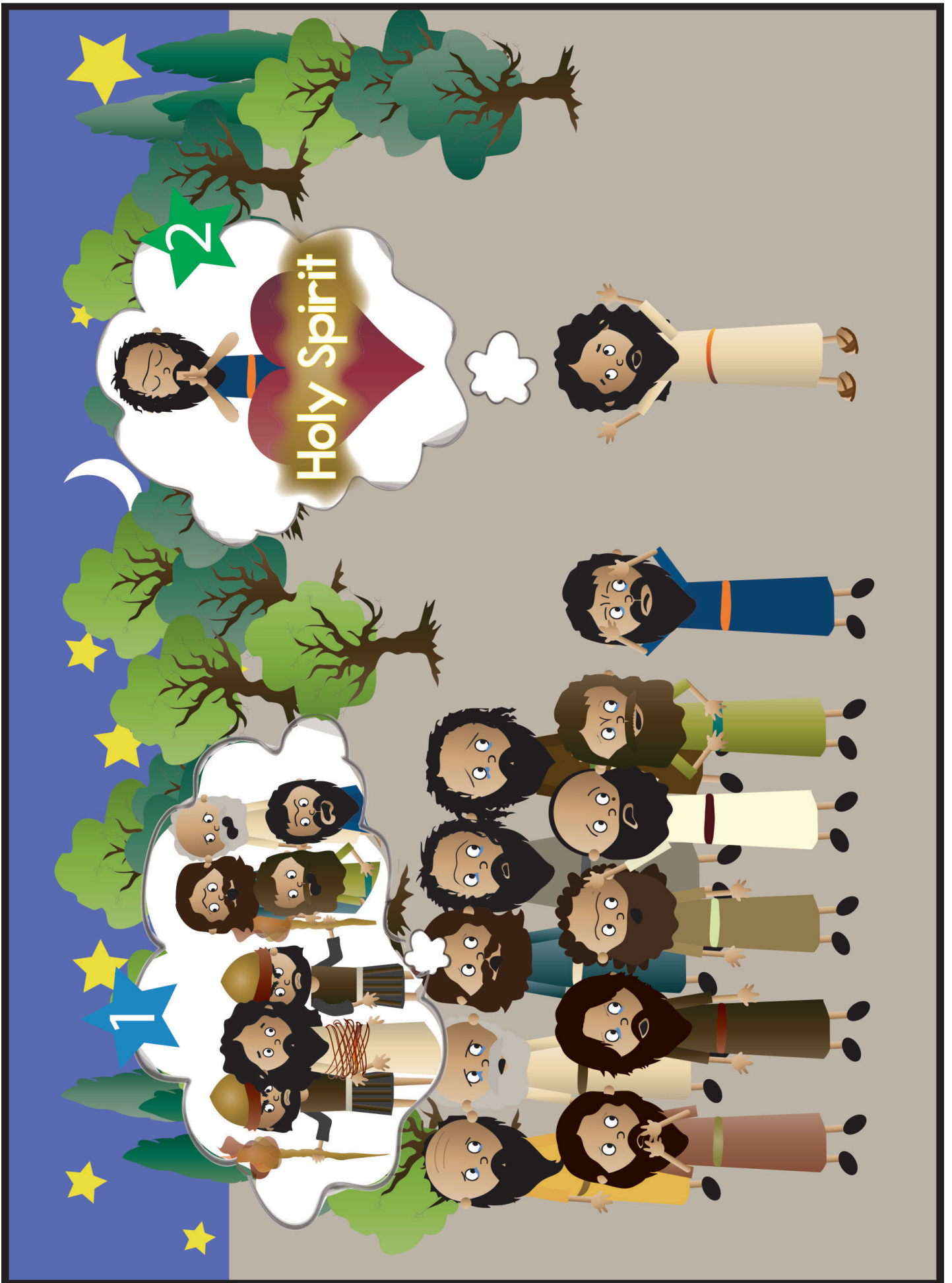
Peter heard Jesus' words, but he refused to believe Him. " 3 No! Even if everyone else runs away and leaves you, I won't," Peter told Jesus. Peter was sure he would never do something as terrible as leave Jesus!

But Jesus knew the truth. " 4 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.



Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of Jesus praying for Peter?



## Story Scene 2

But Jesus' words made the disciples sad.  1 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?

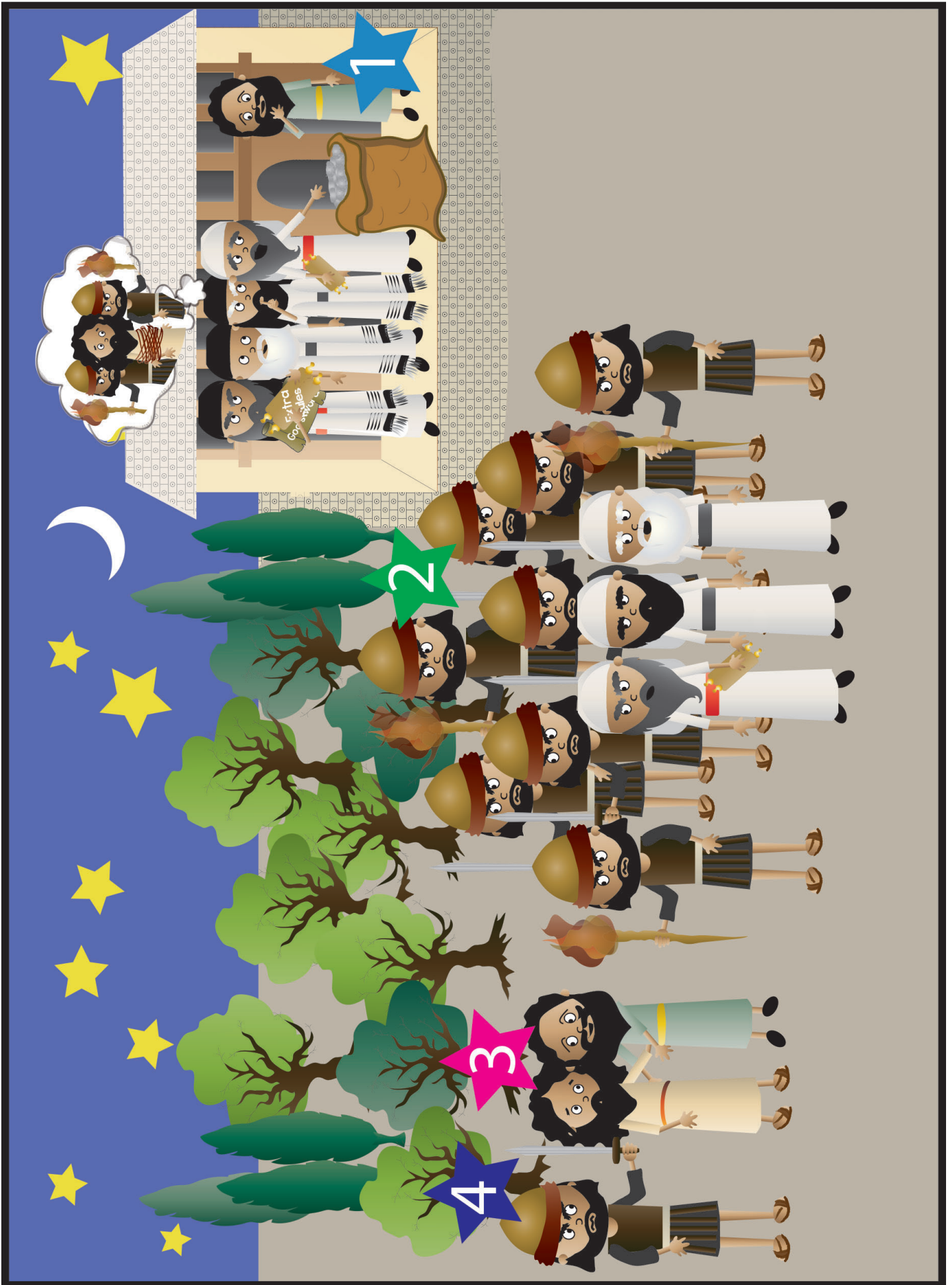
Jesus was sending God, Himself, to live inside them--  2 God, the Holy Spirit!

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"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.



**Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of Jesus being arrested?**



## Story Scene 3

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. 1★ 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.

2★ 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.

3★ 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. 4★ They seized and arrested Him.

59 "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.



Clue Catchers: Can you find Judas kissing Jesus?



## Story Scene 4

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?

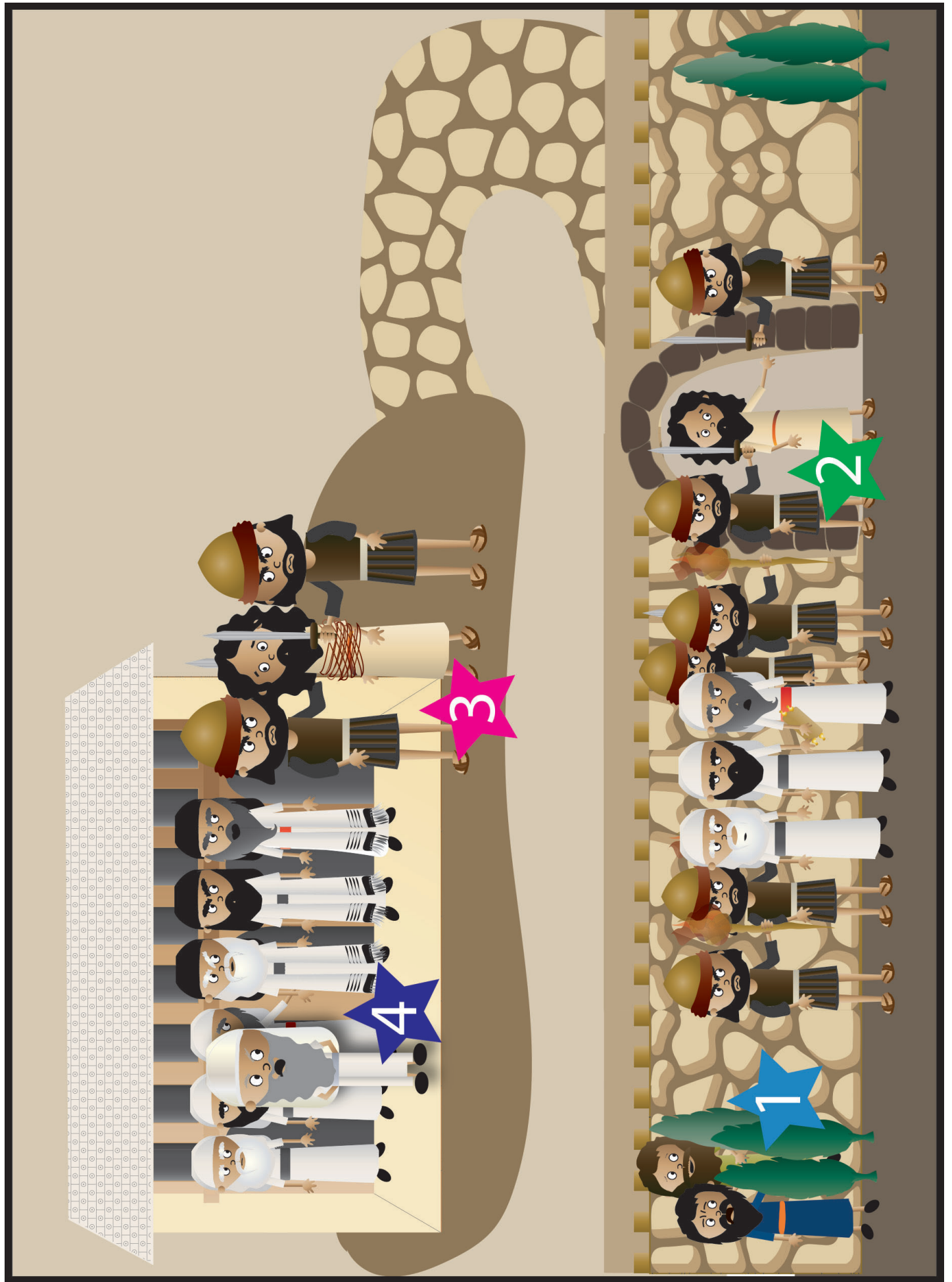
What do you think they would do?

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!



Clue Catchers: Can you find Jesus healing Malchus' ear?



## Story Scene 5

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  high priest's house, the crowd took Him. There,  Jesus' enemies waited to accuse Jesus and set up His death.



Clue Catchers: Can you find Peter and John hiding?



## Story Scene 6

★ 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?

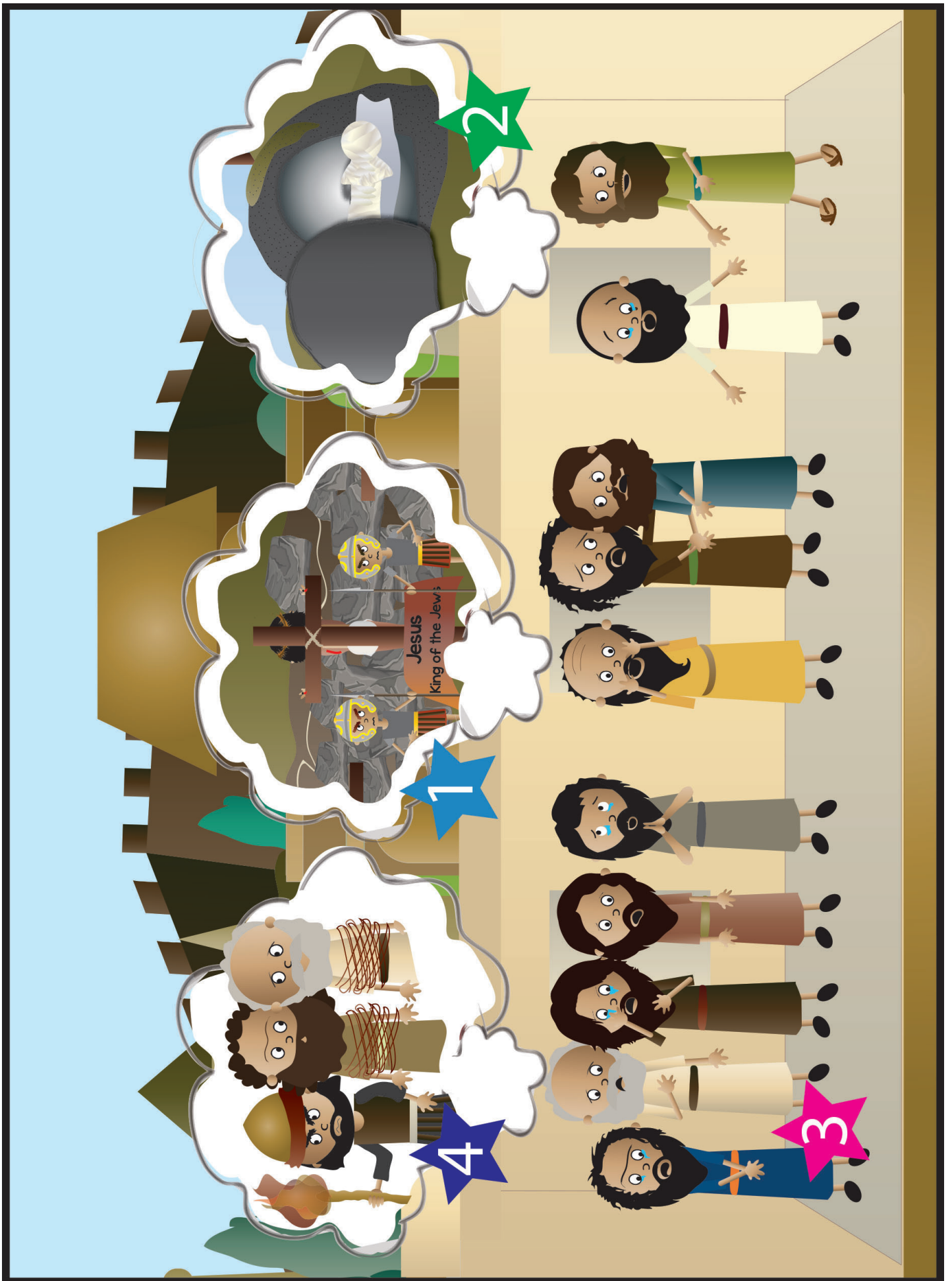
*What do you think Peter would do?*

"★ 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.



Clue Catchers: Can you find the servant girl who recognized Peter?



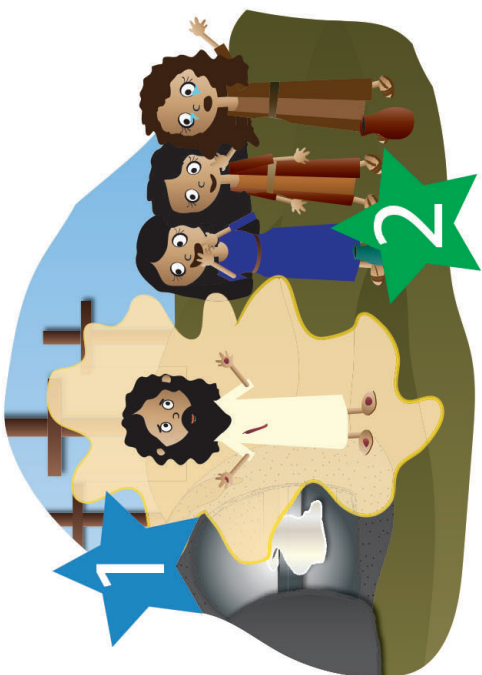
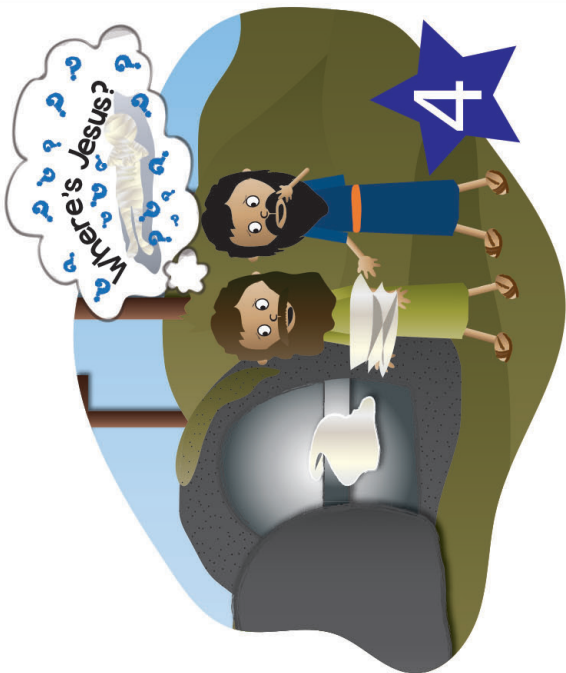
## Story Scene 7

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.



**Clue Catchers: Can you find Jesus' body buried in the cave grave?**



## Story Scene 8

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!"

★ 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?

99 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 again. How scared they were of Jesus' enemies! Maybe Jesus WAS alive, but His disciples were still just scaredy cats.

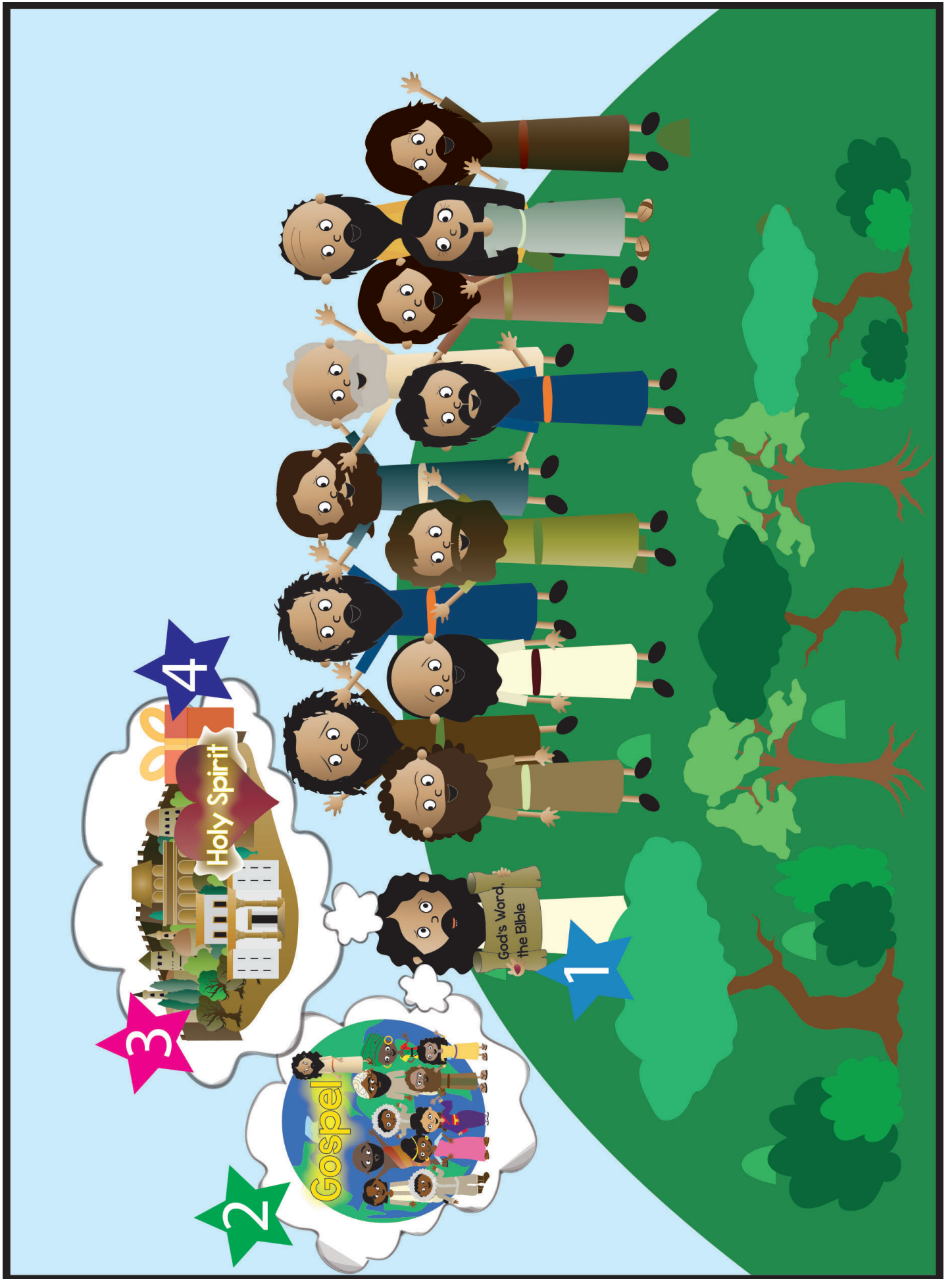
Yet this would not be the sad end of Jesus' disciples! Jesus had prayed and promised them something. Do you remember what it was?

*Can 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!



**Clue Catchers: Can you find Peter and John looking in the empty tomb?**





## Story Scene 9

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! " 3 Go back to Jerusalem and wait for the gift," Jesus told them as He went up to heaven. " 4 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.






**Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of God's Big Plan to tell the whole world about Jesus?**



## Story Scene 10

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 first day when the Holy Spirit 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.



Clue Catchers: Can you find the Holy Spirit working inside people as Peter preaches?

**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:**

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*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.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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.

<b>BIG QUESTION</b>	What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!
<b>Meaning</b>	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.
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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

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**HINT:** What's another word for "Brave"? This word starts with the letter "C."

# 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

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## 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

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He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,  
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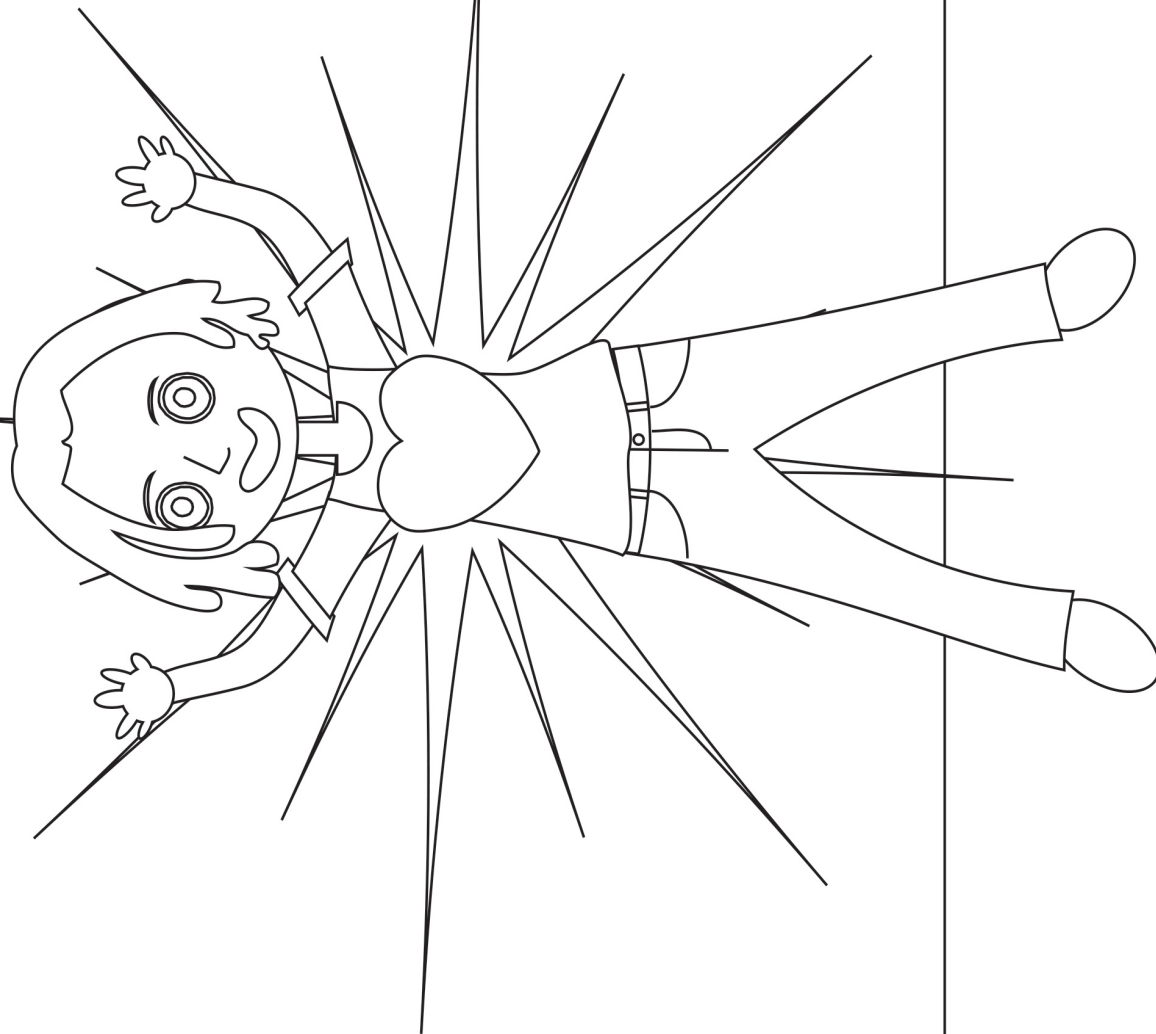
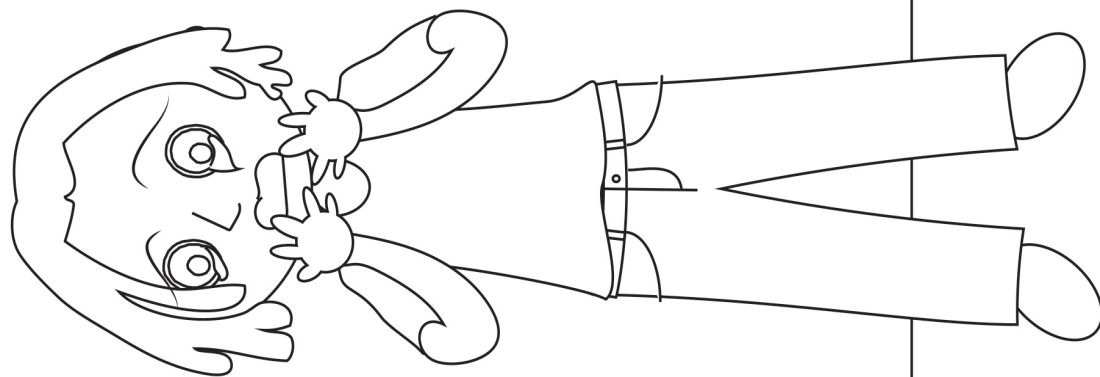
### Verse 1

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 2, Lesson 2

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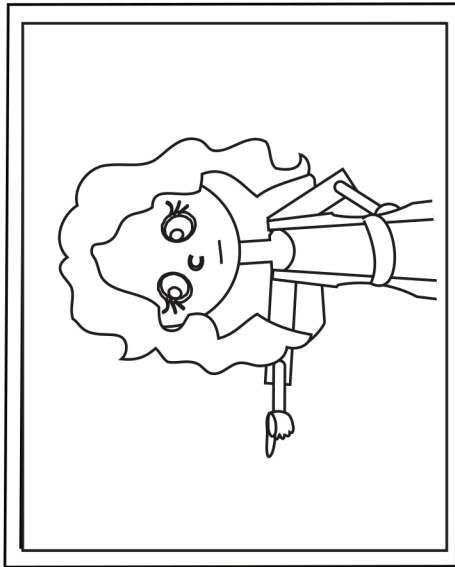
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**Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!**

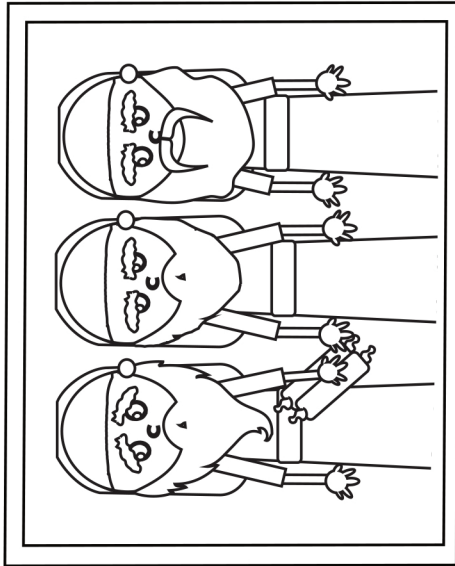
**Fan into Flame: 2 Timothy 1:6,7** from *Deep Down Detectives* ESV Songs 10, track 24

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.

Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.


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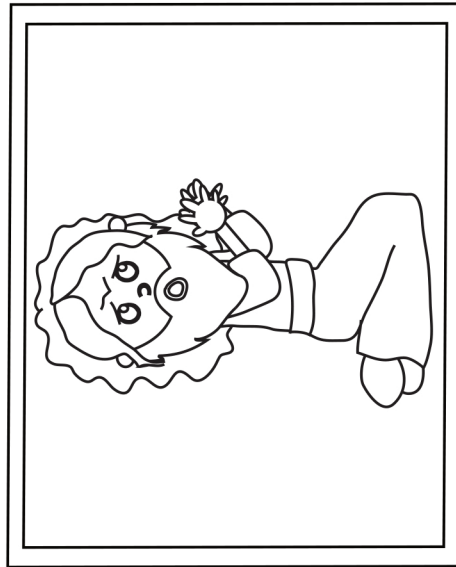
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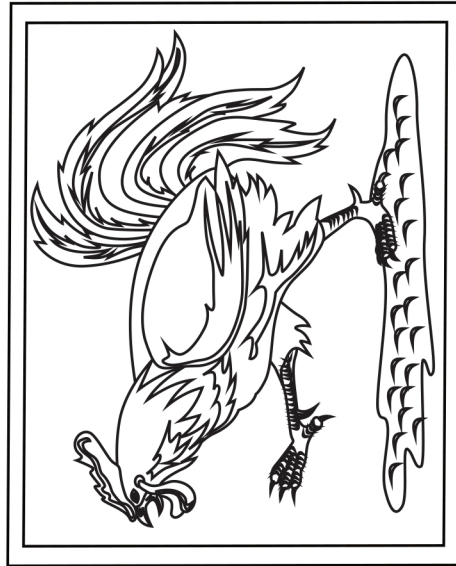
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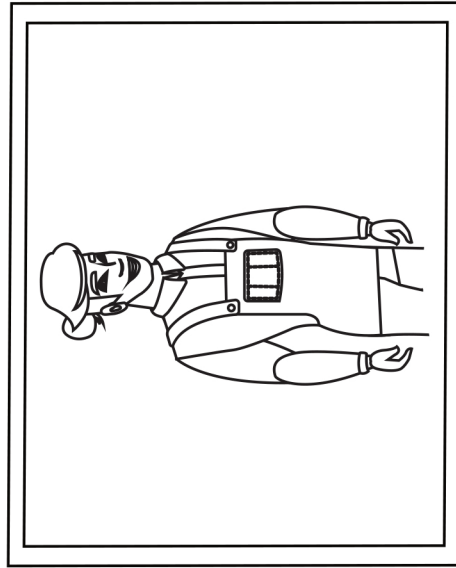
A Policeman


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Jesus Praying


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A Rooster


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A Farmer

Answer: The servant girl, Jesus' enemies, Jesus praying and the rooster belong. The policeman and the farmer do not. DDD 10.2 L3 Coloring Sheet/Take Home

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



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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

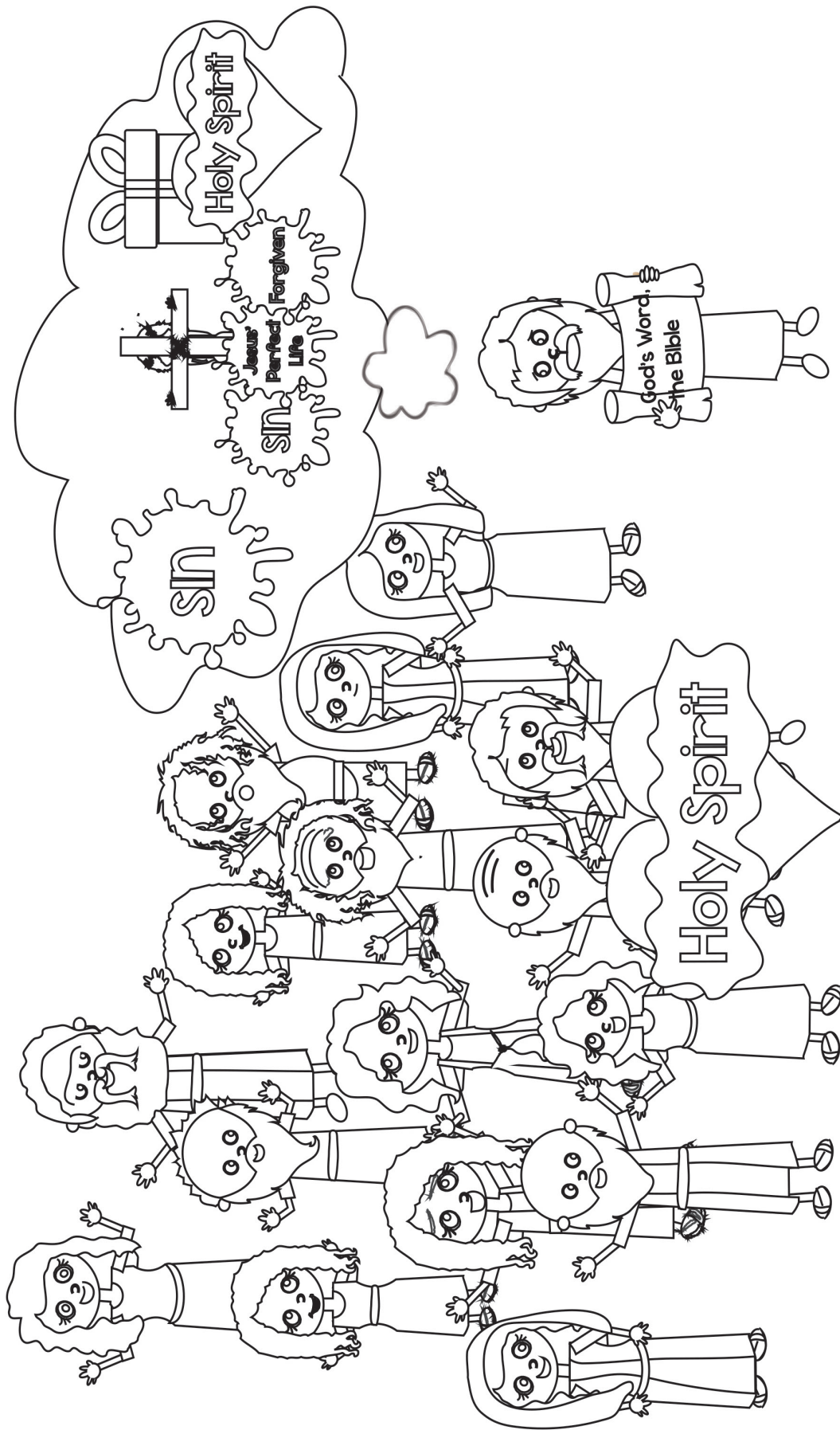
from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 10, track 19

##### Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
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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.  
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