DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Fundamentals:

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!

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?
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 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

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

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?
Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song: I Will Give You a New Heart Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
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The Case of the Secret Weapon Within

Mark 13:9-13; 15-16; Acts 1-4

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 Secret Weapon Within. Here is your listening assignment... "
(optional)

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?

<u>Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:</u>

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.

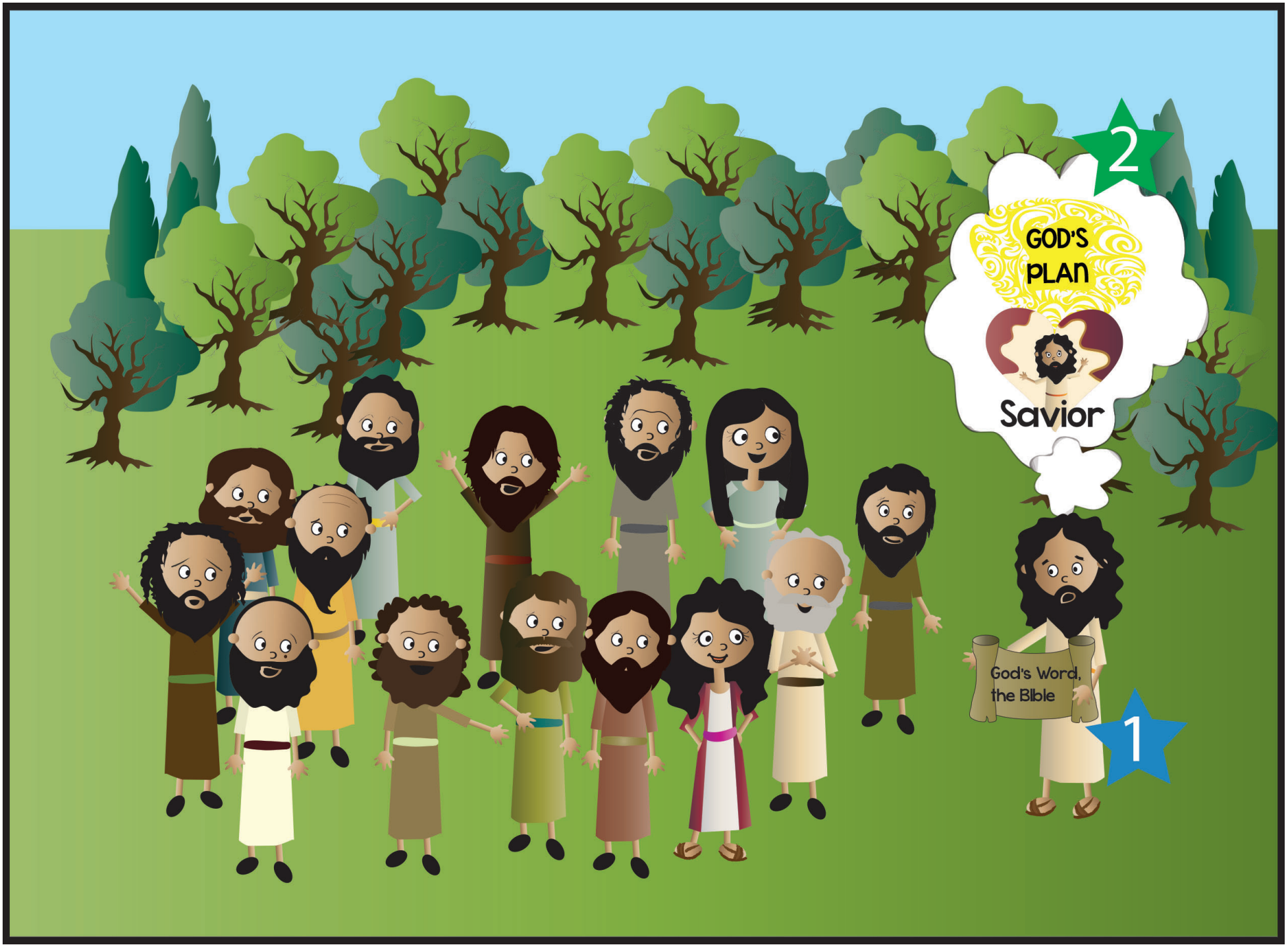
I need to know:

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?

<u>Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY</u>,

"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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GOD'S PLAN
Savior
God's Word, the Bible
1

Story Scene 1

For one, two, three years, 1 Jesus taught his followers many things.

Some of the things Jesus taught were happy to learn about at all. "2 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.

Clue Catchers: Can you find Jesus holding God's Word, the Bible?

1
Jesus
King of the Jews
2
Gospel
3

Story Scene 2

But other things Jesus taught were not happy to hear about at all.

1 "I am going to suffer many things and the leaders will reject Me and kill Me," Jesus told them. "2 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."3 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?

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

Holy Spirit
1
2
Holy Spirit
3

Story Scene 3

Jesus told them who. "You won't have to do all these very hard things on your own," Jesus explained. "1 After I leave you and go to heaven, 2 I will send the Holy Spirit to come and 3 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.

Clue Catchers: Can you find Jesus in heaven?

1
2
Jesus
King of the Jews
3
4

Story Scene 4

Soon, everything happened just as Jesus said it would. 1 The leaders did reject Him and kill Him. 2 Jesus died on the cross and 3 was buried in a cave grave. Then on the third day, 4 He rose from the dead in victory.

Can you guess who?

Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of Jesus dying on the cross?

Perfect Wonderfulness
3 in 1
2
1
Holy Spirit
Gospel
God's Word, the Bible

Story Scene 5

Jesus stayed with His disciples for forty days, 1 teaching them many things; then, 2 He went up to heaven to rule.

Clue Catchers: Can you find what Jesus what teaching His disciples?

Day 10
1
Pentecost
Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit
2

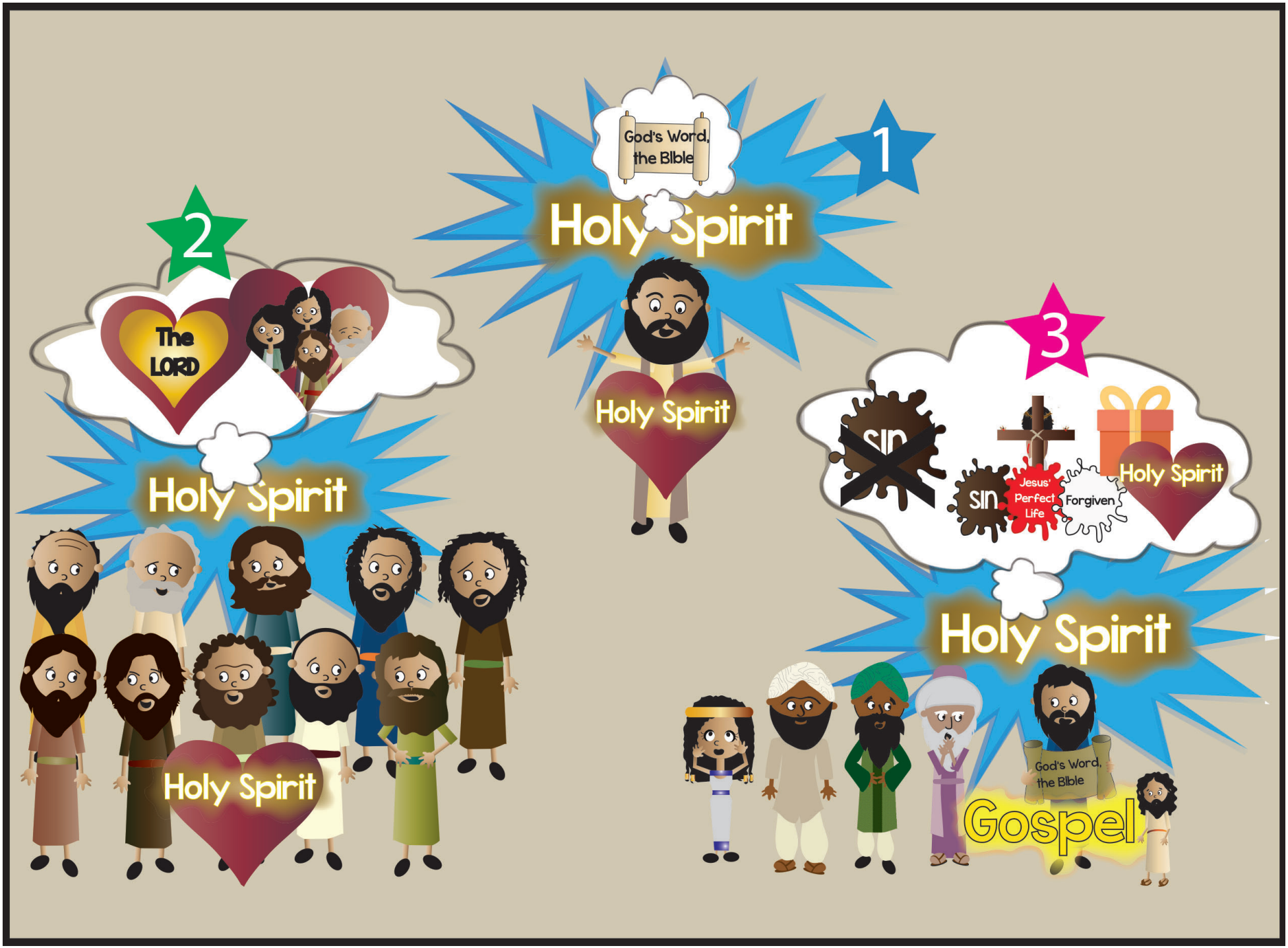
Story Scene 6

Jesus was gone. His followers missed Him. Would He really send the Holy Spirit as He promised?

What do you think?

Yes, He did! 1 Ten days later, Jesus sent 2 the Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them.

Clue Catchers: Can you find the wind that God sent to whoosh in the room to announce the coming of the Holy Spirit on that very special day?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God's Word, the Bible
Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit
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The LORD
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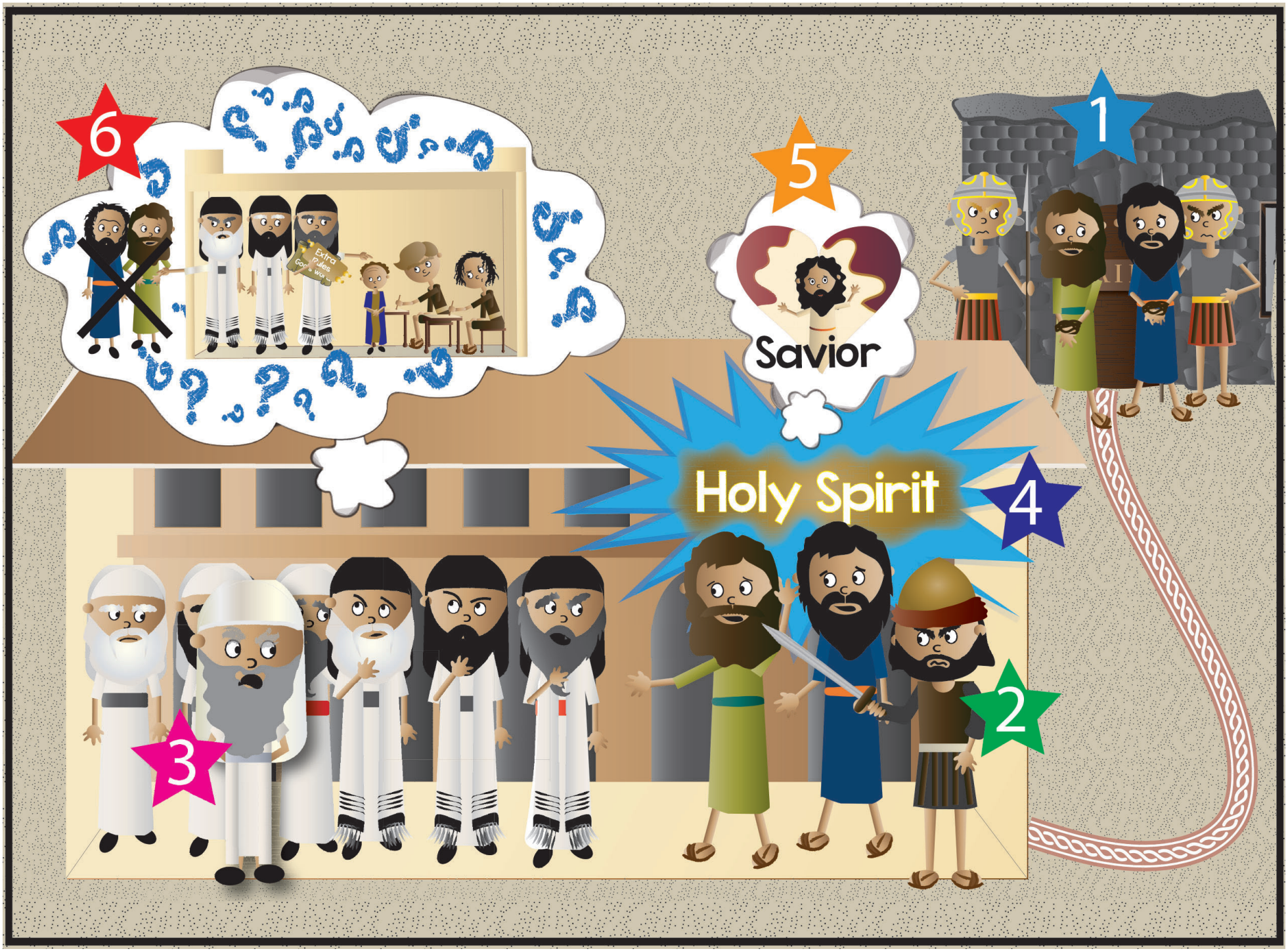
Jesus' Perfect Life
Forgiven
Holy Spirit
Holy Spirit
God's Word, the Bible
Gospel

Story Scene 7

And oh, what wonderful gifts the Holy Spirit gave to Jesus' believers!

The Holy Spirit gave them wisdom to 1 understand God's Word and 2 how to love God and others. 3 He gave them wisdom to know just the right words to tell others good news of Jesus.

Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of the Holy Spirit helping the believers love God and each other?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Extra Rules
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Savior
1
Holy Spirit
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Story Scene 8

And even when 1 they were arrested and 2 talen before 3 mighty leaders, 4 the Holy Spirit was with them, working inside their hearts. They should have been scared…but the Holy Spirit gave them peace and joy. 5 He gave them just the right words to say.

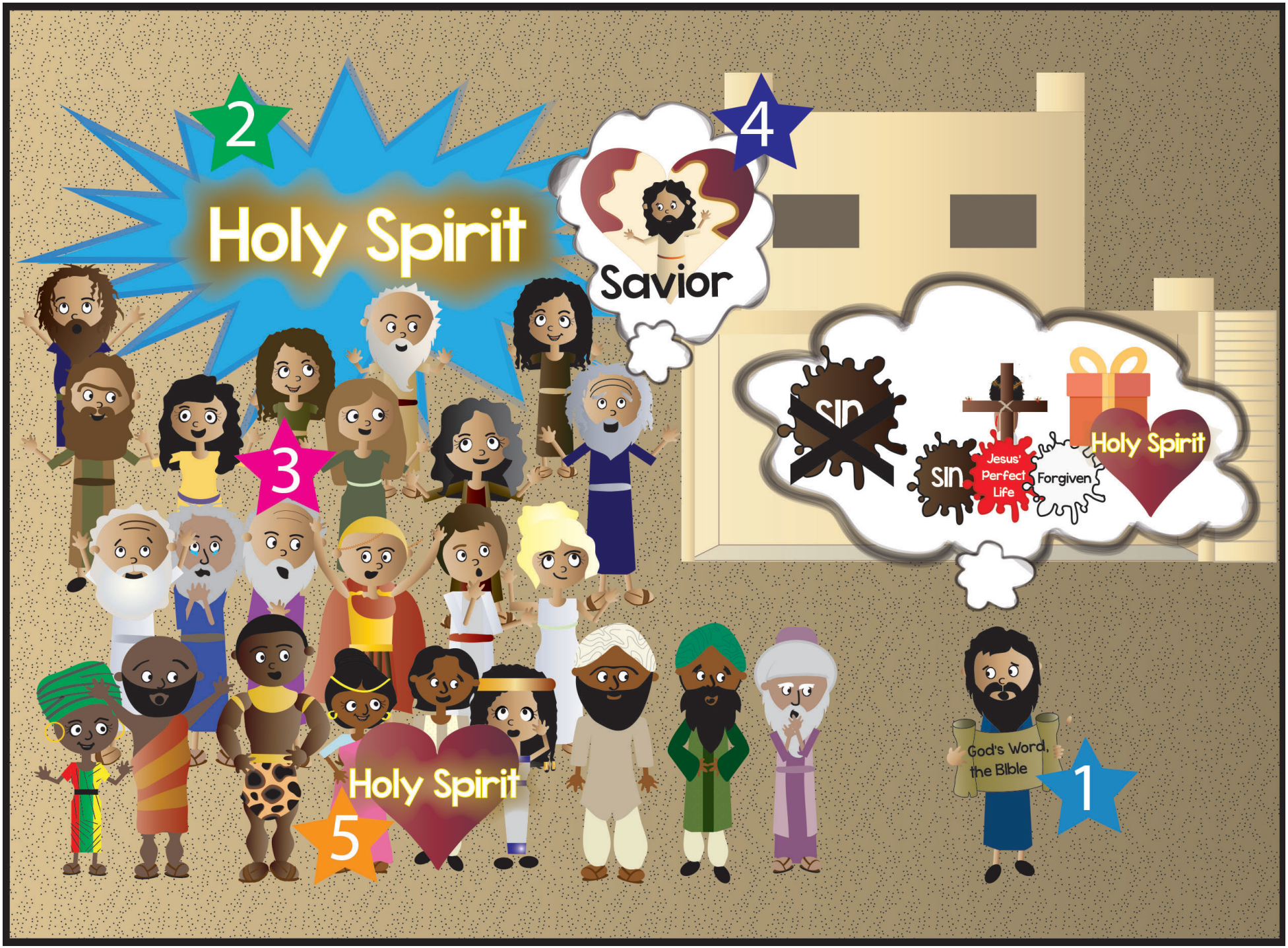
Those enemies of Jesus were shocked! "6 These believers in Jesus haven't been to school like us. They are just plain people. How is it that they stand before us so boldly? How is it that they have so much peace and joy? How can they speak such wise words about Jesus?" they wondered.

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.

Clue Catchers: Can you find the leaders trying to understand why the disciples could speak so well about Jesus?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God's Word, the Bible
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Holy Spirit
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Story Scene 9

But the Holy Spirit wasn't JUST at work inside 1 those first believers as they spoke about Jesus and lived for Him. 2 He was also at work in those who watched them and listened to them.

Yes, 3 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 4 trust in Jesus as their Savior, too. And when they did, 5 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!

Clue Catchers: Can you find God's people who Jesus died to save?

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Holy Spirit
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SIN
SIN
Jesus' Perfect Life
Forgiven
Holy Spirit
3
Savior
Savior
4
Holy Spirit
5

Story Scene 10

And that's way it has been for Jesus' followers ever since those first days, long ago. The 1 Holy Spirit has helped more and more and more people 2 turn away from their sins and 3 trust in Jesus as their Savior. Not just tens, hundreds or thousands of people…but now, 4 millions and millions of people from all over the world! So many people that you can't even count them! 5 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!

Clue Catchers: Can you find the people from around the world, trusting in Jesus as their Savior?

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.

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!

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!

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

P.1

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 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

choose a few

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

THE GOSPEL

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BIBLE TRUTH
BIBLE VERSE

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BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Secret Weapon Within

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CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:

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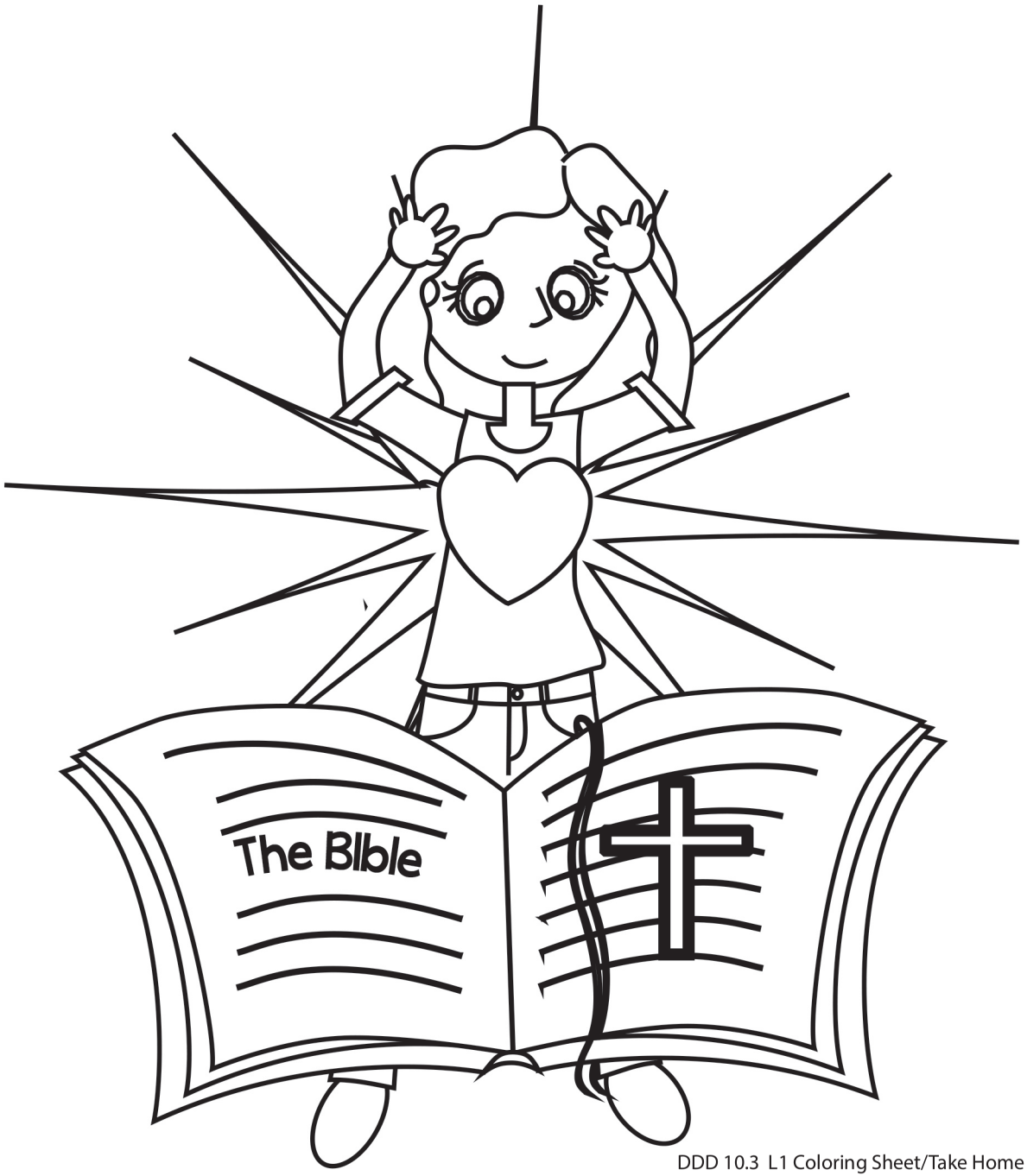

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People

____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____!

HINT: 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."

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1

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Some Questions for You

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3. Who do God's people keep trusting in when bad things happen to them? *In God.*
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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?
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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?
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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,
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Verse 2:
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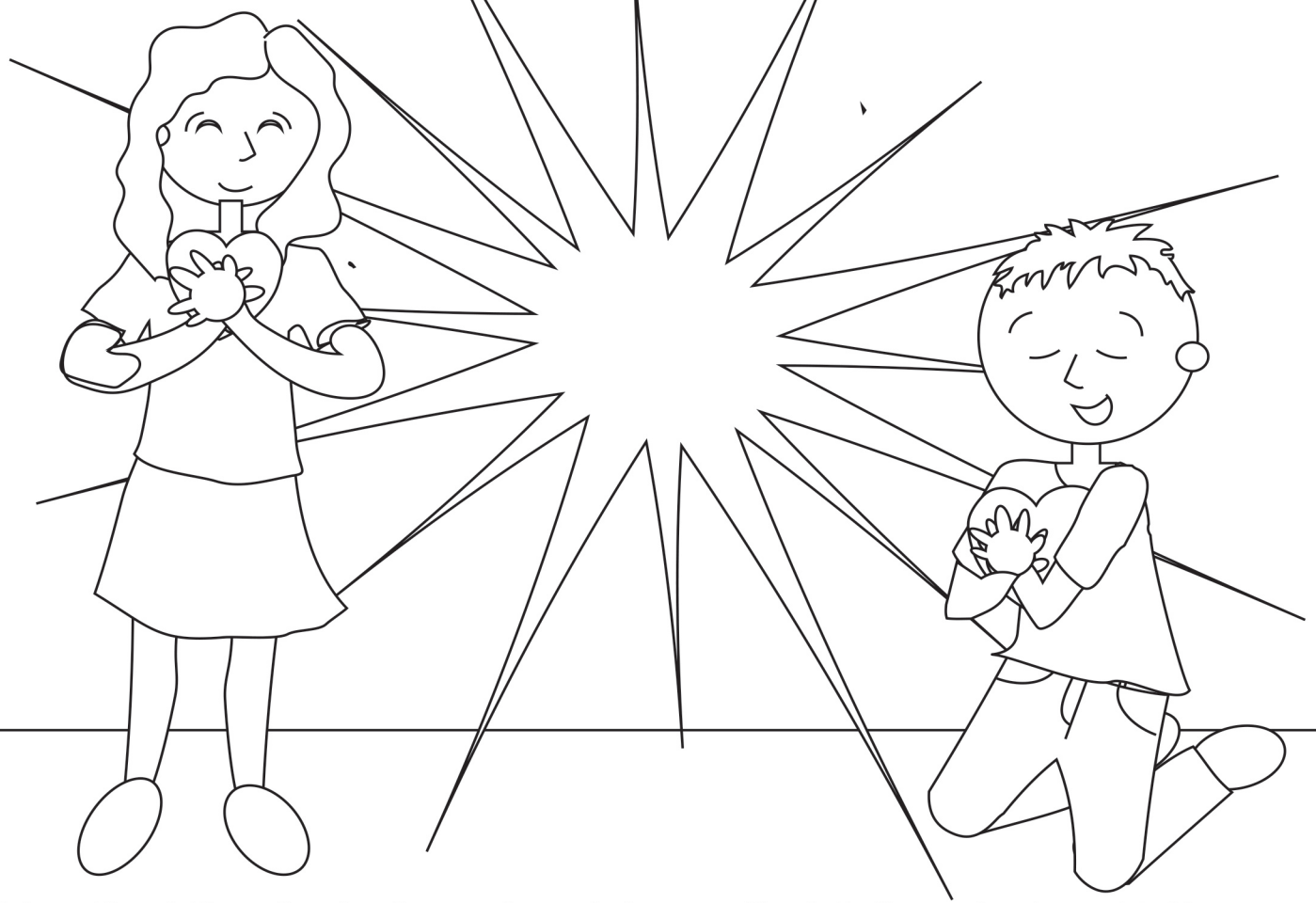

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Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 10, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 2

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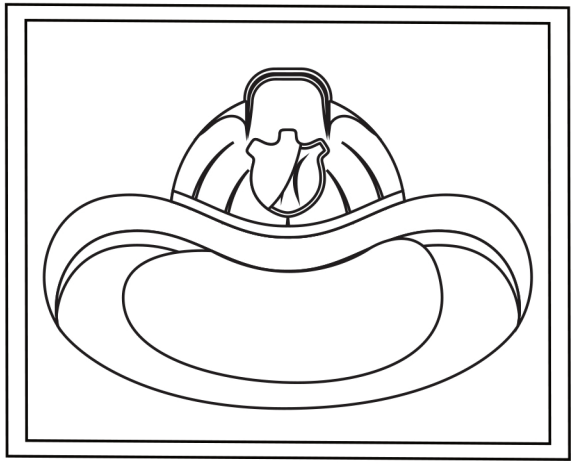
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



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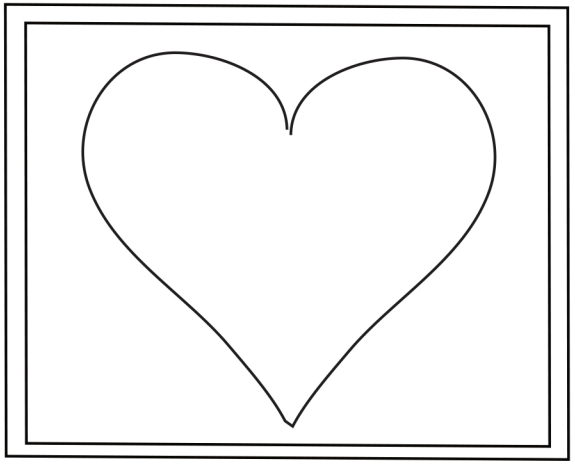

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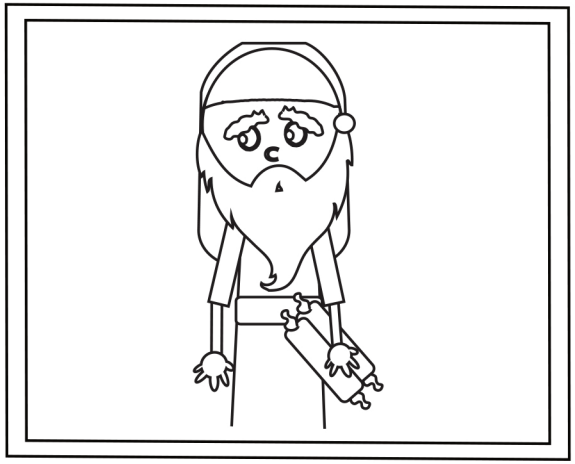

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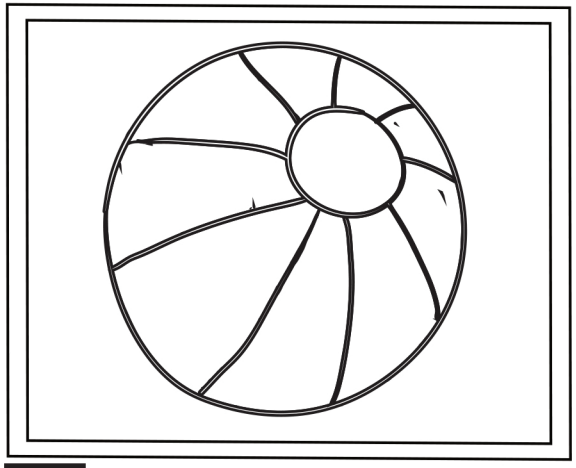

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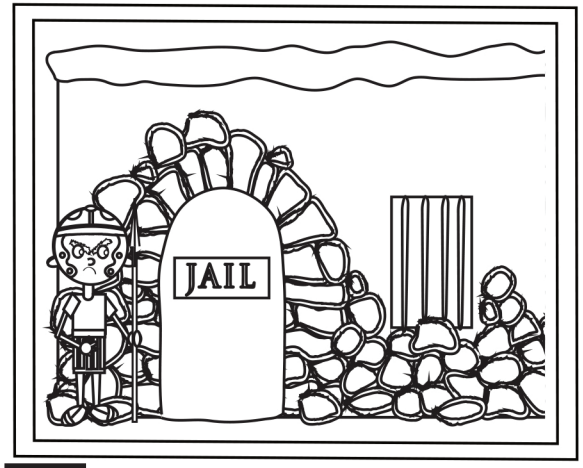

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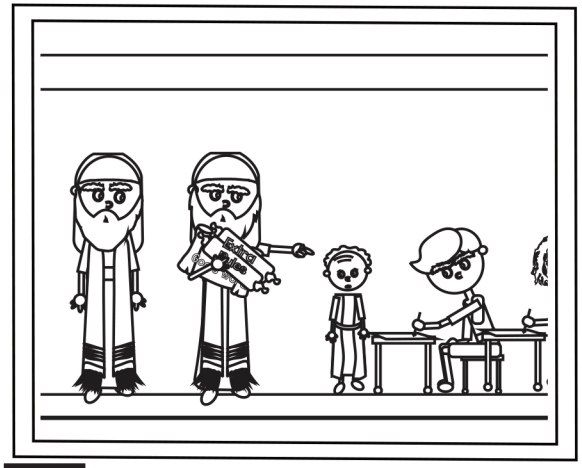

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Answer: The heart, the leader, the jail and the school belong. The hat and the ball do not.

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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

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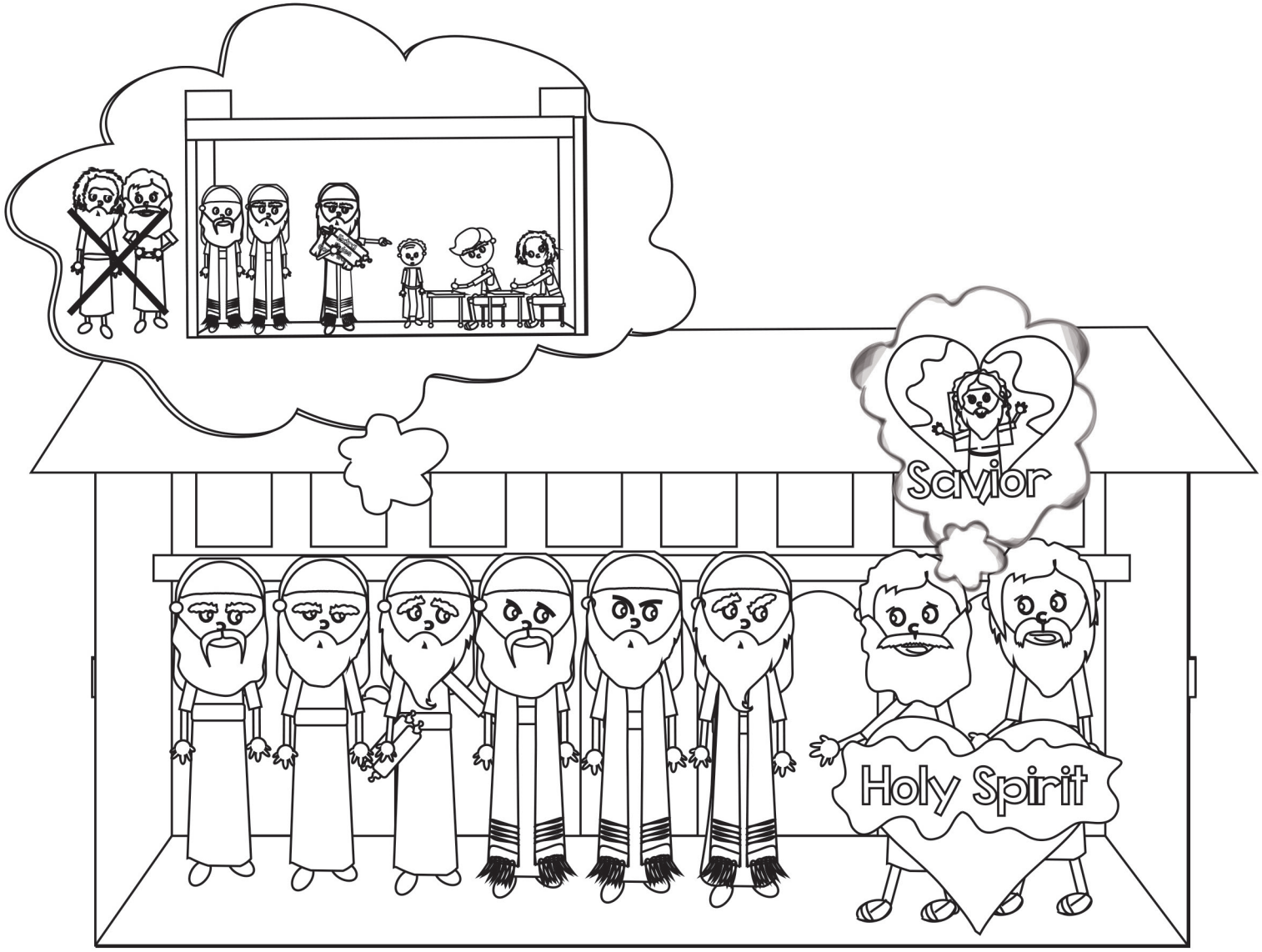

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The Case of the Secret Weapon Within Jigsaw Puzzle Page

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.
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