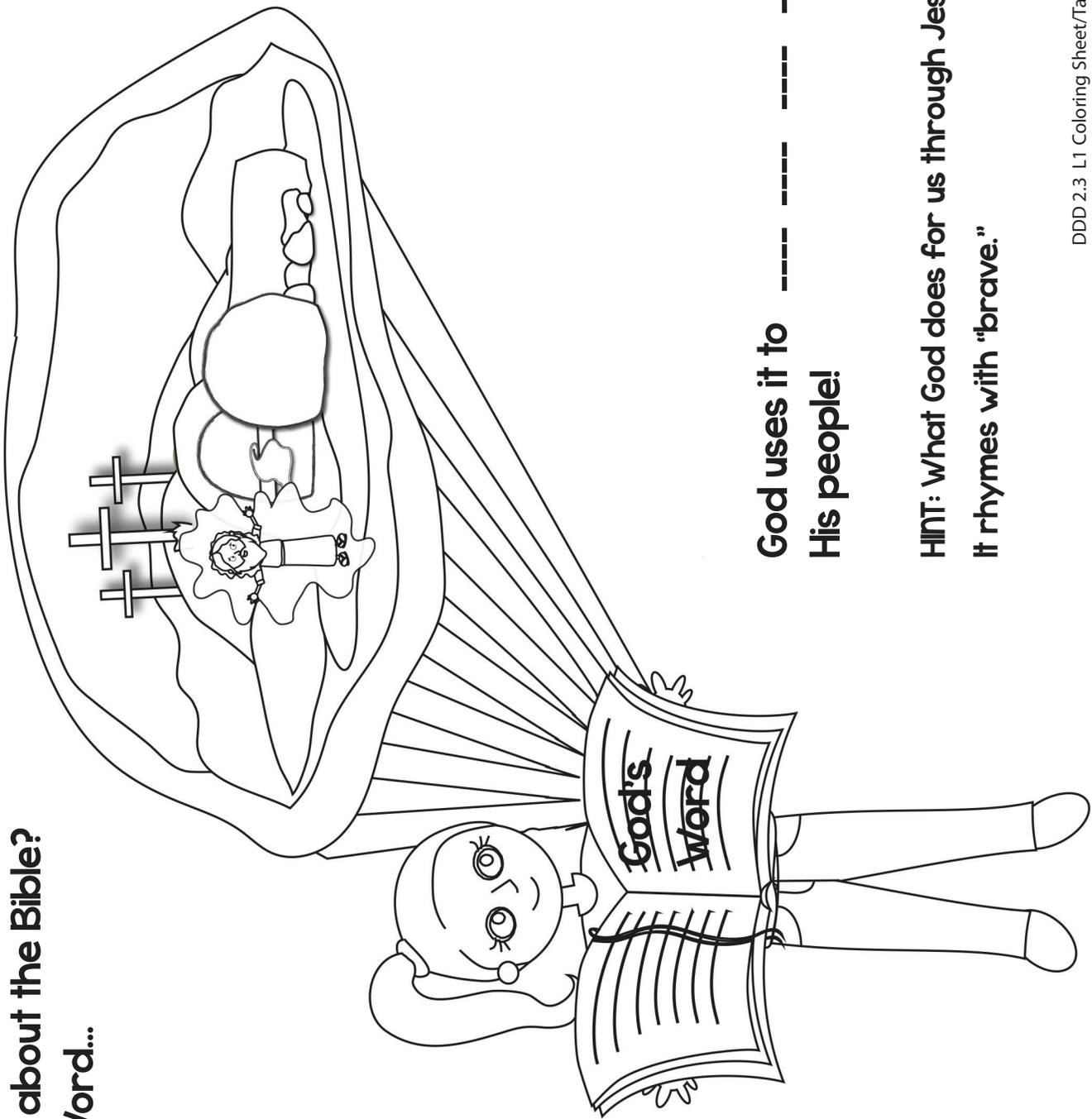


**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3:
What's So Special about the Bible?
It Alone Is God's Word...**



**God uses it to -----
His people!**

**HINT: What God does for us through Jesus.
It rhymes with "brave."**

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 2, Bible Truth 3, Lesson 1



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans to save sinful people like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are very, very good things for us to learn from the Bible.

But the Bible does more than just help us LEARN about God and His plans. God has made it powerful to DO wonderful things inside of us. God uses His Word to save us from our sins and make us His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts as we think about His Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to want us to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through His Word and save us, too. Ask Him!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."
--- 1 Peter 1:23

Some Questions for You

1. How can books help us know things? *We read them and learn from them.*
2. What does the Bible help us know? *About God, His good plans and the great things He's done. About us, how He wants us to live and how we can become His people.*
3. What is the Bible powerful to do? *To save us and make us His people.*
4. How does God use the Bible to save us? *God's Holy Spirit can work inside our hearts as we hear God's Word. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
- C** God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.
- T** Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for what You tell us about You and about ourselves in it. Thank You for how You use it to save people like us from our sins so we can be Your people.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts as we listen to Your Word, the Bible! Use it to help us turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 12*

(sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

What's so special about the Bible?
It alone is God's Word!
It alone is God's Word!
It's always true, It can make you wise,
It can work pow'rf'ly in your life.
It alone is God's Word! It alone is God's Word!

Big Question 2 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 2, track 13*

Refrain:

What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word,
What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word.
There are millions and millions of books in the world,
But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,
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But only the Bible is God's perfect Word,

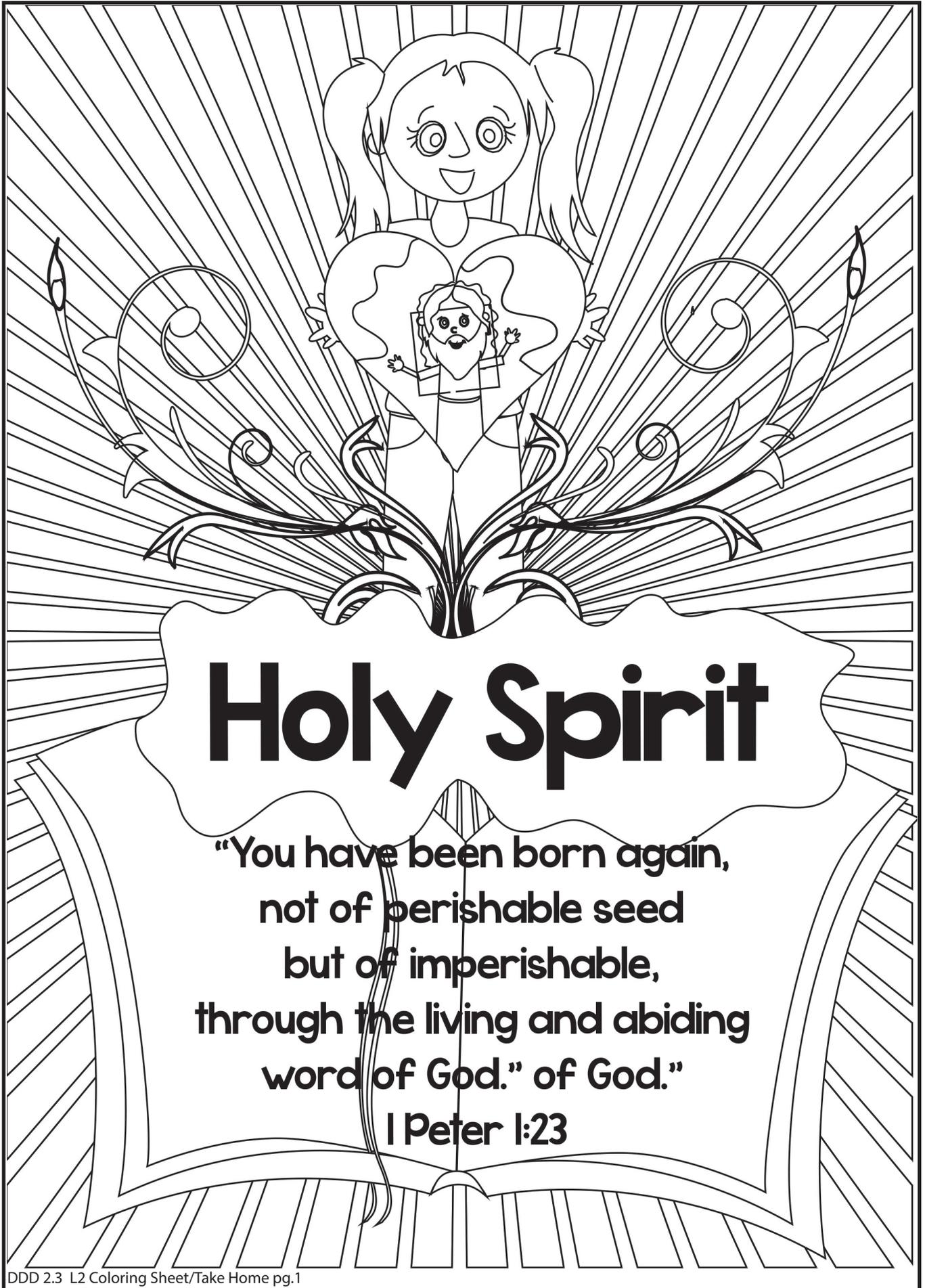
Verse 1:

God's Word was written down perfectly, By godly men long ago,
The Holy Spirit worked through them,
Inspiring every word they wrote. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

God's Word is powerful and living, It changes us, deep inside,
The Holy Spirit uses it To make God's people like Christ. *Refrain*

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Holy Spirit

**“You have been born again,
not of perishable seed
but of imperishable,
through the living and abiding
word of God.” of God.”**

1 Peter 1:23

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

"You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."

--- 1 Peter 1:23

Learn a Little: "You have been born again... through the word of God."

Meaning

When we become one of God's people, God calls that being born AGAIN. No, our mothers don't give birth to us again. No, we don't become little babies like we were. But, it IS a new beginning of life--only this time it's life with God.

How do we have this new beginning of life with God? God's Holy Spirit works in our hearts as we think about God's Word. He helps us want to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We tell God about our sins and He forgives them all. He gives us a new heart that knows Him and loves Him and wants to live for Him.

This new life with God makes us a new person on the inside--in our heart. That's why God says we are born again when we become His people. And the amazing thing about this new life with God is that it never ends. We will NEVER perish! When we die, we will go to live with God forever! God loves to help us have this new life. Ask Him to help you!

Some Questions for You

1. Perish means to live for awhile, then die. Who do you know that perishes? *All of us.*
2. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we start a new life with God. What is the Bible name for beginning this new life... born ____? *Again.*
3. Born again means starting a new life with who? *With God, as one of His special people.*
4. Whose words does God use to work in our hearts and put our trust in Jesus? *His words.*
5. Where are God's words written down just right? *The Bible.*
6. Something that perishes lives for awhile, then dies. Whose word never perishes? Whose word goes on and on being true and working in the hearts of people? *God's Word, the Bible.*
7. What does God offer us, instead of perishing? *He offers us new life with Him, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
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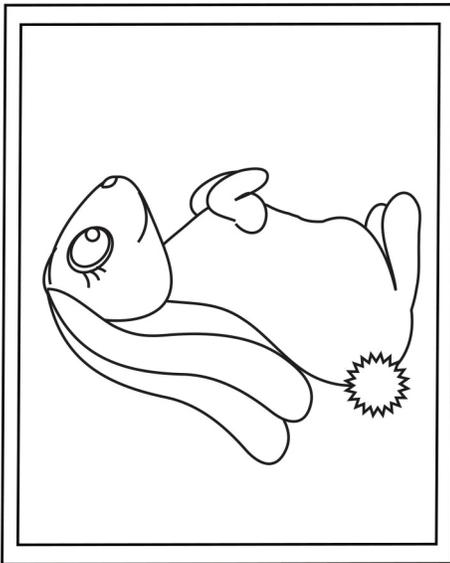
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

For You Have Been Born Again: 1 Peter 1:23 *from Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 2, track 26*

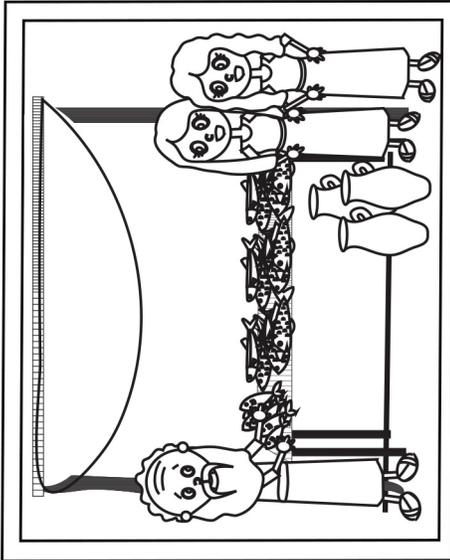
You have been born again, not of perishable seed,
But through the living and abiding word of God.
You have been born again, not of perishable seed,
But through the living and abiding word of God.
First Peter One, verse twenty-three.

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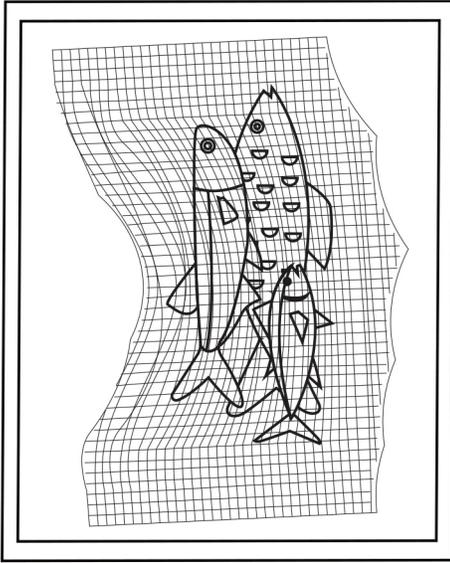
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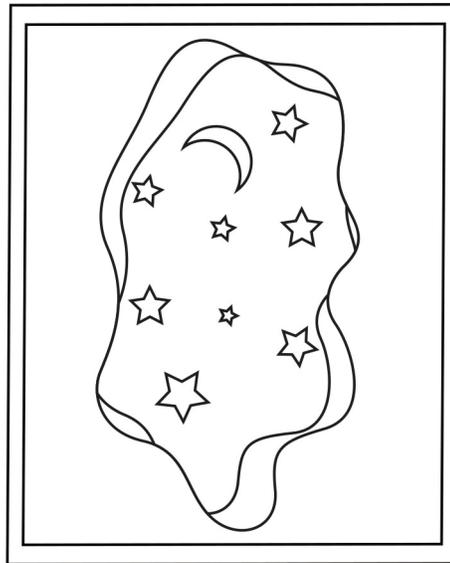
A Rabbit



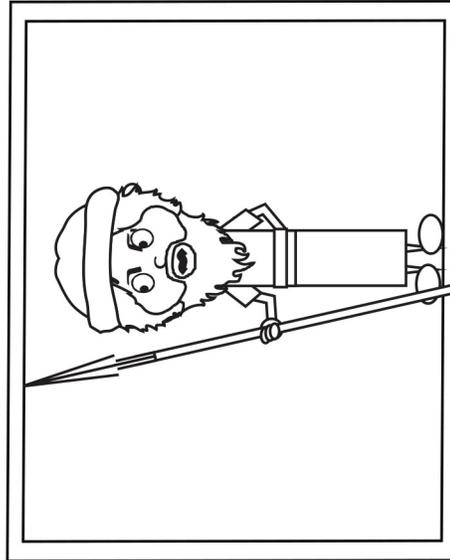
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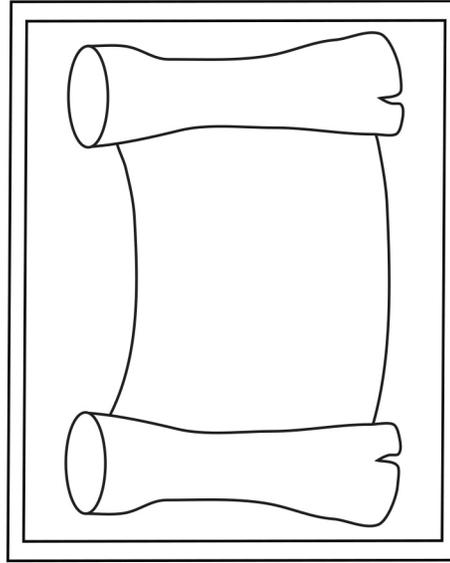
A Net Full of Fish



The Moon



A Bad Guy



A Book

Answer: The market; net full of fish; moon; and book were in the story. The rabbit and bad guy do not.

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



Big Question 2 : What's So Special about the Bible?

Answer: It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

Bible Truth 3 Meaning

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--- 1 Peter 1:23

Some Questions for You

Our six case clues were: a rabbit; a market; a net full of fish; the moon; a bad guy; and, a book.

1. Which four belong in the story? *The market; the net full of fish; the moon and the book were in our story.*

2. Who confessed to Jesus that he was a sinful man? What did Jesus do? *Peter confessed that he was a sinful man. Jesus would be Peter's Savior. He asked Peter (and the other fishermen) to come follow Him as His disciples.*

3. Why did the fishermen leave fishing behind? *Jesus asked them to come follow Him as His disciples. He would use them to tell others how they could be saved.*

4. How did Jesus' disciples tell others the good news of salvation after He rose from the dead and went back up to heaven? *They traveled all over, preaching God's Word and telling people how they could be saved. AND, the Holy Spirit helped some of them (Peter and John) write down just right what Jesus said and did so others might believe and be saved, too.*

5. What can God use what Peter and John wrote down to do inside of us? *He can use what they wrote down to work in our hearts and help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

A We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.

C God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.

T Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for what You tell us about You and about ourselves in it. Thank You for how You use it to save people like us from our sins so we can be Your people.

S Work deep inside our hearts as we listen to Your Word, the Bible! Use it to help us turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 2 Hymn: How Precious Is the Book Divine, v.1 from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 2, track 18*

Verse 1

How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

Words: William Gardiner Music: Constance Dever

Big Question 2 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible from *Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 2, track 19*

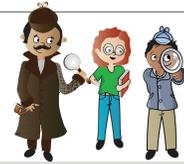
Verse 1

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.
Yes! The best book to read is the Bible!

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Deep Down Devotions: Unit 2, Bible Truth 3 Story Concepts**P.1****The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed**

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

Dear Parents,

Big Question #2 is: What's So Special about the Bible? Your child is learning that "It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His 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 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 can 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 were the fishermen?**
- 2. Who did they follow? What happened to them as they heard God's Word?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is 1 Peter 1:23: "You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."

When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus, this is called being born again. That's because this is how God gives us a new life as one of His people. God uses His Word, the Bible to do this wonderful thing inside our hearts.

I need to find out:

- 1. What happened as the fishermen listened to Jesus teach from God's Word, the Bible?**
- 2. What did God's Holy Spirit help some of the fishermen write down? Which of the fishermen wrote down the words to our Bible verse?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

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

They are: a rabbit; a market; a net full of fish; the moon; a bad guy; and, a book.

Hold up each of them 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. Who confessed that he was a sinful man? What did Jesus do?**

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.

Listening Assignments answers; the gospel; and, an ACTS prayer are included with the story text at the end.

Bible Story for Big Question 2, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons**P.2****The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed** Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31;21:24-25*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

If there was one thing that Peter, Andrew, James and John knew, it was fish. Some of these fish you may have heard of before-- like sardines and tilapia. There were others you probably haven't heard of--like musht and biny fish.

But Peter, Andrew, James and John knew them all and caught them all. They were fishermen. Fish were their living. So, most every night, when the sun went down behind the hills and the moon rose up in the sky, Peter, Andrew, James and John gathered their nets, hopped in their boat, and sailed out to the middle of the big Sea of Galilee.

"Whoosh", they threw out their nets onto the wavy waters. "Bloop, bloop, bloop," down the nets sank into the depths below. Then "Grrrrrunt," they pulled the heavy nets back into their boat, filled with floppy-floppy fish. Catch fish on the lake at night. Sell fish in the market by day. Sleep a little bit, then do it all over again. This was the life of fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John.

Can you pretend to throw out a big net and pull it back in?

Well, that's the way life was supposed to go. But one night, things went very, very differently. Out went the nets—"Whoosh." And down went the nets—"Bloop, bloop, bloop." (Yes, that was all the same as usual.) But this time, there was no "Grrrrrunt" when the nets came up out of the water. They were easy to pull back in. Too easy. Uh oh...

Why do you think, the nets were so easy to pull in?

The nets were easy to pull in because there were NO fish in the nets at all! There were no fish that first time they threw out the nets...or the second or the third or the fourth. Not a single musht or biny or sardine or tilapia fish the whole night long. Not even one! So, as the moon set and the sun came back up the next morning, it was a very sad Peter, Andrew, James and John who rowed their empty boat back to shore and pulled it up on the beach. No fish caught meant no fish to sell at the market... and no money in their pockets. They would just clean their nets and go to bed. Ugh! This was the worst night ever!

But then, someone came down to the beach that sad morning who was about to turn the worst NIGHT ever into the best DAY ever for those fishermen. Can you guess who it was?

Who do you guess?

It was Jesus! He had come down to the beach with a big crowd of people—right there where Peter, Andrew, James and John were cleaning their nets.

Now when you and I go to the beach, it might be to swim in the water or play in the sand, but not Jesus and this crowd.

Why do you think they had come to the beach?

Jesus had come to teach to them from God's Word.

But why had Jesus chosen THAT spot? The Sea of Galilee was a huge lake. Jesus could have picked many places to take that big crowd. But on purpose, He led them right there near those sad, tired fishermen. Jesus had a plan!

Can you guess why? Let's find out!

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

Jesus borrowed Peter's boat and pushed it out to shore a little ways. Then He began teaching from God's Word.

Peter, Andrew, James and John listened to Jesus preach as they cleaned their nets. And as those fishermen listened, God's Holy Spirit started to work in their hearts. He was using God's Word to help them begin to believe in Jesus as more than just a teacher.

Jesus knew what was going on inside of those fishermen. This had been His plan. He had planned for them to hear Him teach from God's Word that day. He had planned for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. Because, He had planned for those four fishermen to be His disciples! They would be His special friends who would live with Him and go with Him everywhere He went. He would teach them God's Word and He prepare them to tell the whole world the good news of salvation... and it was all starting right then!

When Jesus finished teaching, He rowed to shore and gave the boat back to the fishermen. "Get into your boat and row back out onto the lake," Jesus told them. "Throw out your nets again."

The fishermen was tired. They had just finished cleaning those big nets. They didn't want to get them dirty again. It wouldn't do any good to go back out anyway. Everyone knew fish come out at night, not during the day!

But Peter went ahead and obeyed Jesus, in a grumpy sort of way. "Jesus, we have been out all night and caught nothing, but because you say so, we will go back out." What did a teacher know about fishing anyway, he must have thought.

Was Peter right about Jesus? Did He really know so little about fishing?

Well, it was a good thing those fishermen DID obey Jesus, as they quickly found out! "Whoosh" they threw out the net, "Bloop, bloop, bloop" down went the nets, then "GRRRRRRUNT" they pulled them back in, with the biggest grunt ever. The nets were so full of fish that they couldn't hold them all. The nets were so full of fish that they even began to RIPPPPPP!

Once more the Holy Spirit worked those fishermen's hearts. He helped them put all the pieces together. Jesus had CAUSED this amazing catch of fish. And He had done it in a way that only God could do. Jesus wasn't just a teacher of God's Word. He was MORE! Could Jesus be the Messiah, the Special One sent by God to save His people, they began to wonder. Wow!

Peter wasn't just amazed. He was ashamed, too. He had grumbled and doubted Jesus. He fell down on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me. I'm a sinful man." What would someone like Jesus want with him, Peter thought.

Do you think Jesus left Peter and went away?

But Jesus did NOT go away. He knew Peter was a sinner. He had come to be Peter's Savior. Jesus STAYED and said to Peter and the others, "Leave your fishing nets and come follow Me. No more catching biny or musht fish for you! I'm making you fishers of men. I will use you to bring God's Word to people so they can learn about Me—the Savior—and be saved from their sins."

And that's exactly what Peter, Andrew, James and John did. They put down their nets, and left their boat... and even all those flippy-floppy fish. And they followed Jesus, right then and there.

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

For one, two, three years, Peter, Andrew, James and John followed Jesus as His disciples. They listened to Him preach God's Word. They watched Him do many amazing things by God's power. Then, at the end of those three years, they watched Jesus do the most amazing thing of all: they watched Him choose to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of God's people.

As Peter, Andrew, James and John listened and they watched, (SB20) God worked in their hearts more and more. Yes, Jesus WAS the Messiah, the Special One sent by God to save His people from their sins. And that's exactly what He had done!

Jesus was buried in a cave grave that day, but He didn't stay there. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead in victory! How happy Peter, Andrew, James, John and the other disciples were!

He appeared first to the women who came to the cave grave to care for His body that Sunday morning; then, later that day to His disciples. How happy Peter, Andrew, James, John and the others were! Yes! Jesus really was God's Son, the Savior!

For forty, wonderful days, Jesus spend time with His disciples. He taught them from God's Word and He gave them work to do. "Go into the whole world and teach everyone about Me! Tell them to turn away from their sins and trust in Me as their Savior!" Jesus told them.

The disciples were happy to obey. They went out and preached about Jesus from God's Word. And as they preached God's Word, the Holy Spirit used it to work in the hearts of those who listened. Many believed! How happy were Peter, Andrew, James and John to see God use His powerful Word to save so many people!

God used these men to preach His Word, but He used them to do something else, too.

Can you guess how else He used them?

God used them to write down His Word, too. Fisherman Peter wrote down the words to our Bible verse: "You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God." He knew what it meant for God to use His Word to work in his heart and save him from his sins.

Fisherman John wrote down a whole book full of all he had heard Jesus preach and had seen Jesus do. When John finished writing his story of Jesus, he wrote these words: "These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Messiah and be saved too."

And every word that Peter and John wrote down came out perfectly. Why? Because God's Holy Spirit was at work in them in a special way. He was making John and Peter's words, God's Words, too. He made sure everything written down just right.

And now, YOU can read the words that Fisherman Peter and John wrote down in YOUR Bible! They are written down in the books we call the Gospel of John and First and Second Peter. God has used the words they wrote down to help many, many people believe in Jesus and be saved. He might even use them to save you! Ask Him!

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 were the fishermen? Peter, Andrew, James and John.

2. What happened to them as they heard God's Word? Who did they follow?

God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and they began to believe in Jesus. They became Jesus' disciples--His special friends who followed Him as He taught God's Word and did amazing things.

For You and Me:

God can work in our hearts, too, when we hear God's Word. We can ask our teachers and our parents to help us understand what we hear. We can ask God to work in our hearts and help us to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is 1 Peter 1:23:

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1. What happened as the fishermen listened to Jesus teach from God's Word, the Bible? God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and they began to believe in Jesus. They became Jesus' disciples--His special friends who followed Him as He taught God's Word and did amazing things.

2. What did God's Holy Spirit help some of the fishermen write down? Which of the fishermen wrote down the words to our Bible verse?

He helped them write down parts of His Word, the Bible. Peter did.

For You and Me:

God can work in our hearts, too, when we hear God's Word. We can ask our teachers and our parents to help us understand what we hear. We can ask God to work in our hearts and help us to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: a rabbit; a market; a net full of fish; the moon; a bad guy; and, a book.

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The market; the net full of fish; the moon and the book were in our story. The rabbit and the bad guy were not.

2. Who confessed to Jesus that he was a sinful man? What did Jesus do? Peter confessed that he was a sinful man. Jesus would be Peter's Savior. He asked Peter (and the other fishermen) to come follow Him as His disciples.

For You and Me:

Like Peter, we are sinners who need to confess our sins and be forgiven. We can trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can be one of God's dearly loved people. God loves to help us do this! Ask Him!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:**

What's So Special about the Bible?

It Alone Is God's Word...God uses it to save His people!

God loves to use His Word to save people. He can use it to save us and make us His people. Take time to listen to God's Word. You can even listen to the stories of Jesus that God used Fisherman John and Fisherman Peter to write down. Ask God to work in your heart as you listen. Ask Him to help you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us!

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
- C** God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.
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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Big Question 2, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts**P.7****Unit 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): "What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word!"

Unit Bible Verse: "This God--His ways are perfect. The word of the LORD proves true. The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation." Psalm 18:30,46 ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: God Uses His Word, the Bible, to Save His People

We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans to save sinful people like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are very, very good things for us to learn from the Bible.

But the Bible does more than just help us LEARN about God and His plans. God has made it powerful to DO wonderful things inside of us. God uses His Word to save us from our sins and make us His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts as we think about His Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to want us to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through His Word and save us, too. Ask Him!

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:23

"You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."

Learn a Little: "You have been born again... through the word of God."

Meaning

When we become one of God's people, God calls that being born AGAIN. No, our mothers don't give birth to us again. No, we don't become little babies like we were. But, it IS a new beginning of life--only this time it's life with God.

How do we have this new beginning of life with God? God's Holy Spirit works in our hearts as we think about God's Word. He helps us want to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We tell God about our sins and He forgives them all. He gives us a new heart that knows Him and loves Him and wants to live for Him.

This new life with God makes us a new person on the inside--in our heart. That's why God says we are born again when we become His people. And the amazing thing about this new life with God is that it never ends. We will NEVER perish! When we die, we will go to live with God forever! God loves to help us have this new life. Ask Him to help you!

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, that You are our Savior.
- C** God, You are so kind to offer to save us, but sometimes we still want to keep on doing things our own way. Please forgive us. Help us to turn to You as our Savior.
- T** Thank You for giving us Your Word, the Bible. Thank You for what You tell us about You and about ourselves in it. Thank You for how You use it to save people like us from our sins so we can be Your people.
- S** Work deep inside our hearts as we listen to Your Word, the Bible! Use it to help us turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bible Truth 3 Story**The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed**

Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

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