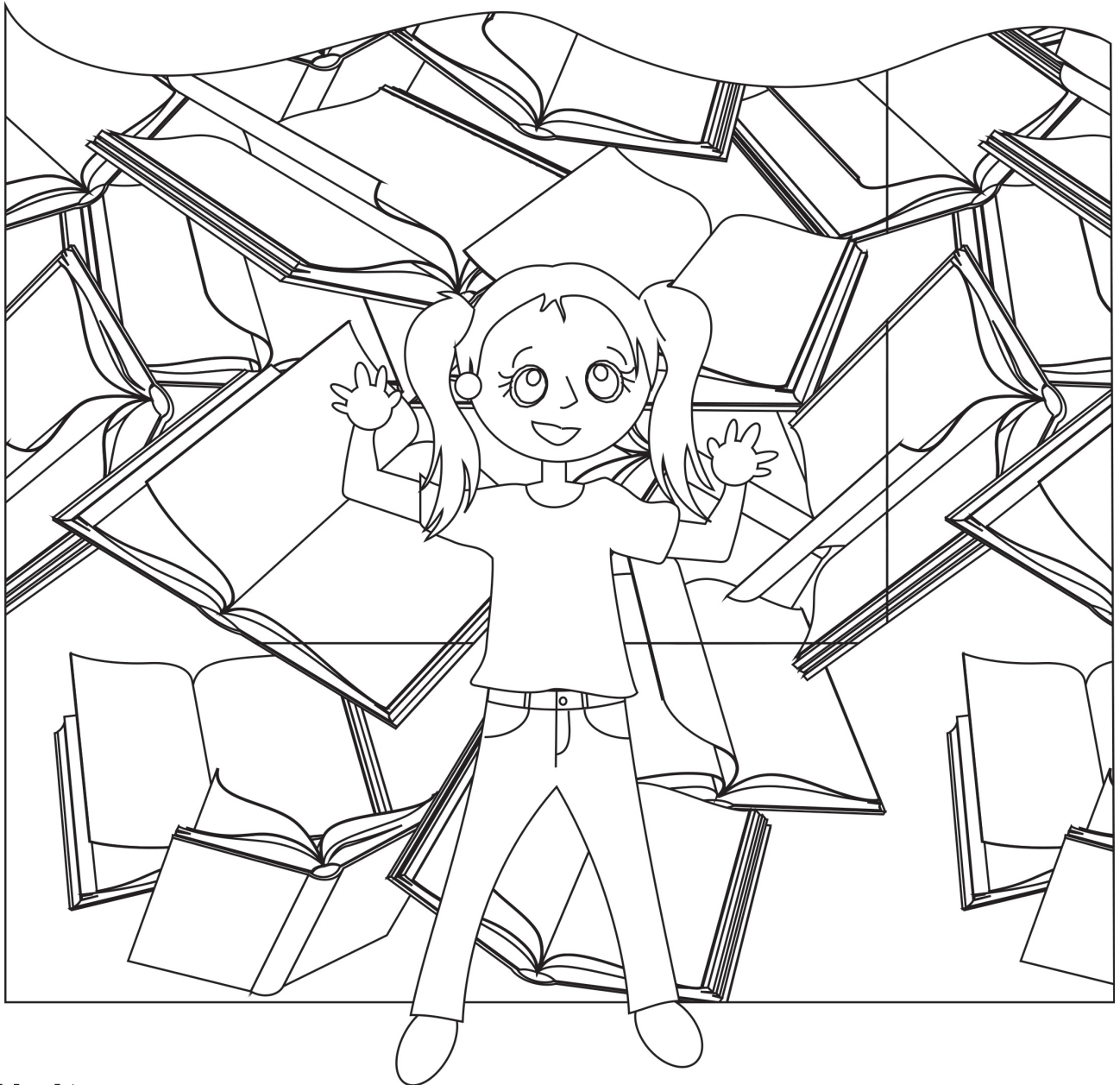


CAN YOU GUESS Bible Truth 5:
Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?
He's Not Like Anyone Else...



He Knows

There Is to Know!

HINT: "It's a word that means the opposite of "nothing."

It starts with the letter "E."

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 1



Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

Bible Truth 5 Meaning

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. Yes, God knows every one of our sins! He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

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

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his." --- Daniel 2:20

Some Questions for You

1. What does God know? *Everything.*
2. What does God know about the world? *Everything that has happened and will happen. Everything that is happening right now.*
3. What does God know about us? *Everything we do and say. Everything we are thinking in our hearts.*
4. Can we hide anything good or bad that we've done from God? *No.*
5. Does God know all of our sins? *Yes.*
6. Why did God send Jesus? *To save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to make us God's people!*
7. What will God do when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? *Forgive us for all our sins and makes us His people.*
8. What does God want us for us? *For us to know and love Him in the wonderful, special closeness that He made us to enjoy.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
- S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust You even more. Help us to be happy with what Your plans since You know everything and always do what's best. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 4 Song from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 12

(sung to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else,
Tell me, tell me, Anyone else, anyone else,
Can anybody tell me, He's not like anyone else,
What the LORD is like? That's what the LORD is like.

Big Question 4 Action Rhyme Song

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 13

Refrain:

Tell me, can anybody tell me,
Tell me, what the LORD is like?
Tell me, can anybody tell me,
Tell me, what the LORD is like?

He's not like anyone else, *Shake head "no"*
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,
He's not like anyone else,

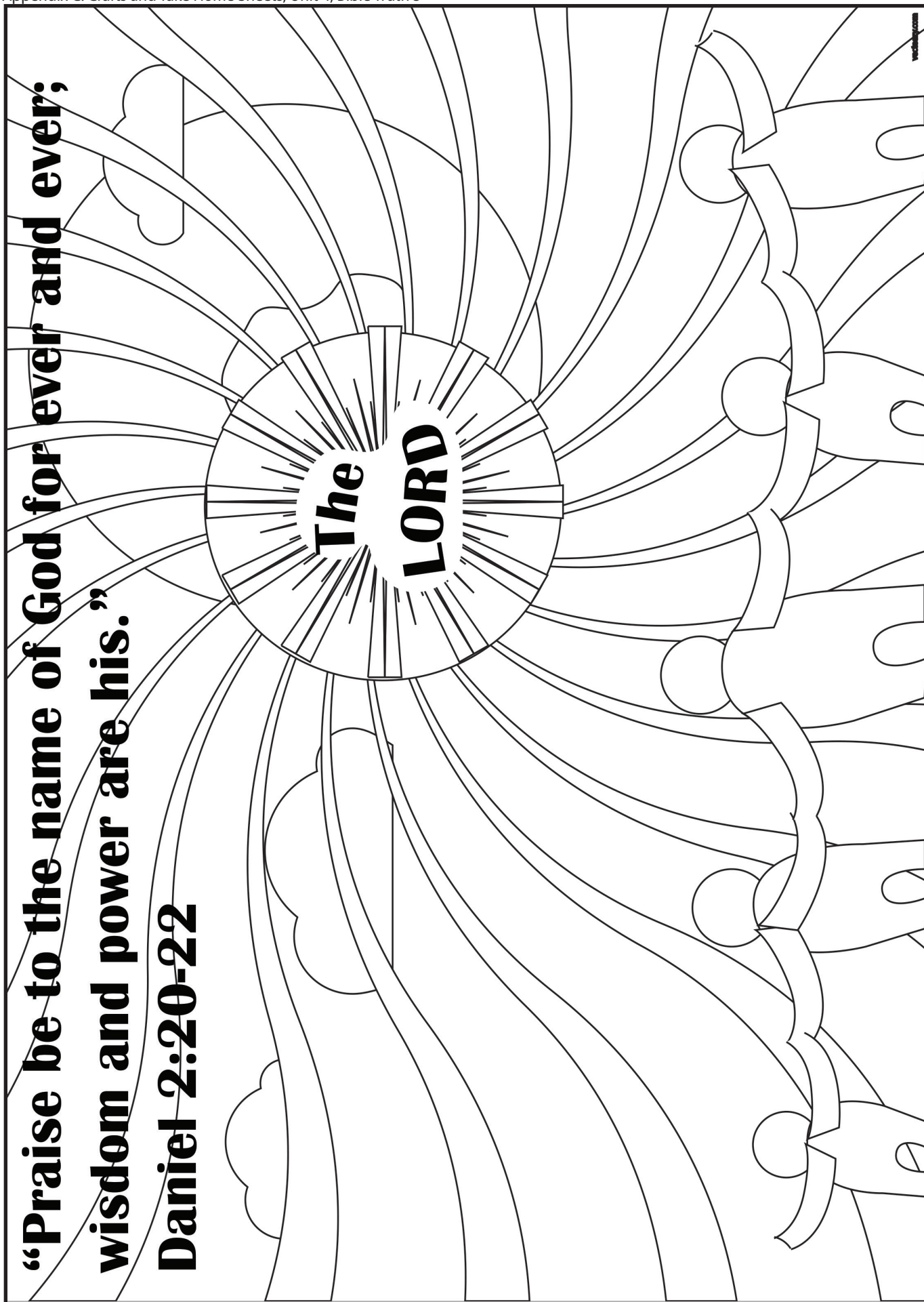
Verse 1

He's Omniscient! (*He knows all things*) *Touch head*
Omnipresent! (*He's everywhere you can be*)
Omni-benevolent! (*He's always good!*)
and Omnipotent! (*He can do all things!*) Refrain *Flex arm*

Verse 2

He's Immutable! (*He never changes!*)
He's Infallible! (*He makes no mistakes!*) *Shake head "no"*
He's Infinite! (*There's always more of Him to know!*)
And purely Righteous!

Go to the Deep Down Detectives Parent Resources for Unit 4 to get the Bible story and many more resources and songs for this unit at praisefactory.org.



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 2



Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

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

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his." --- Daniel 2:20

Learn a Little: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever."

Meaning

These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

Some Questions for You

1. Whose name should we bless forever and ever? *God's name.*
2. What does it mean to bless God's name? *It means to tell God how good and great He is and to thank Him for all He has done for us!*
3. Who do wisdom and might belong to? What does that mean? *They belong to God. That means that He knows everything there is to know and can do whatever He wants to do. And, whatever He does choose to do is always good and wise.*
4. What is hidden from God? What is something that He doesn't know? *There is nothing hidden from God. There is nothing He does not know.*
5. Who can we trust to take care of us and give us what is best for us? *We can trust God to take care of us and give us what is best. He is wise--so He always knows what is best. And He is mighty--so He always can do what is best.*
6. How do we begin to trust in God and His wisdom and might? *We can ask Him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to guide us and take care of us. He loves to answer these prayers!*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for using everything You know for Your good plans. Thank You that we can trust You to take care of us and always do what's best.
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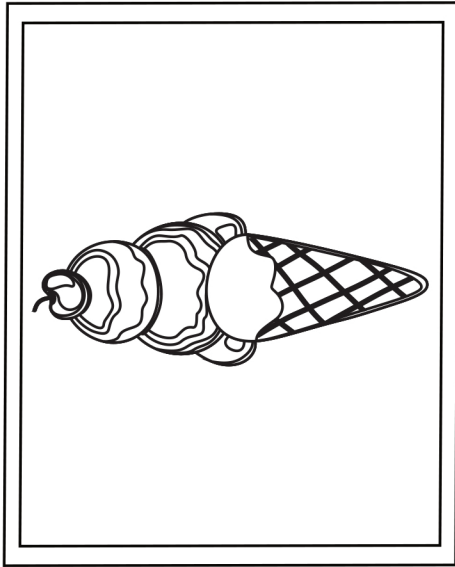
Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

Praise Be the Name of God: Daniel 2:20-22 from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 24*

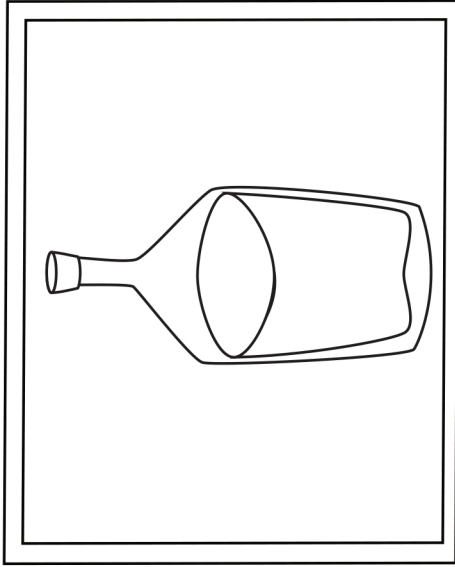
Praise be to the name of God forever and ever,
Wisdom and power are His forever and ever.
He gives wisdom to the wise,
and knowledge to the discerning.
He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him.
Praise be to the name of God forever and ever,
Wisdom and power are His forever and ever.
Daniel Chapter Two, verses twenty through twenty-two.

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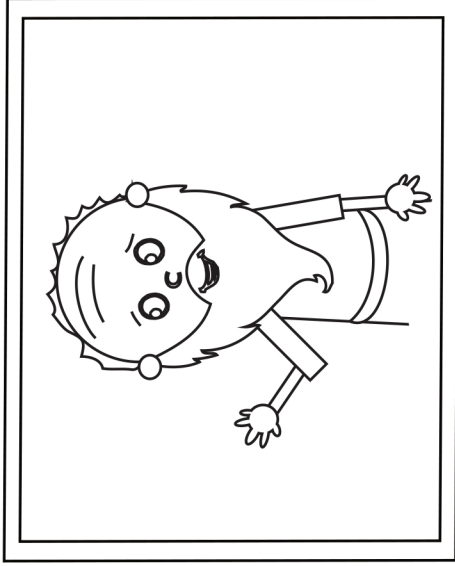
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



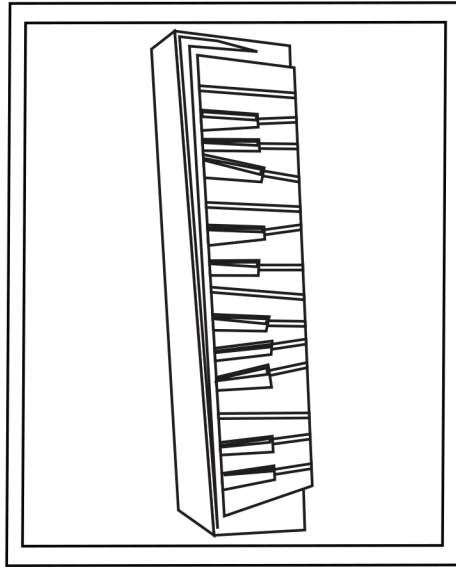
☐ An Ice Cream Cone



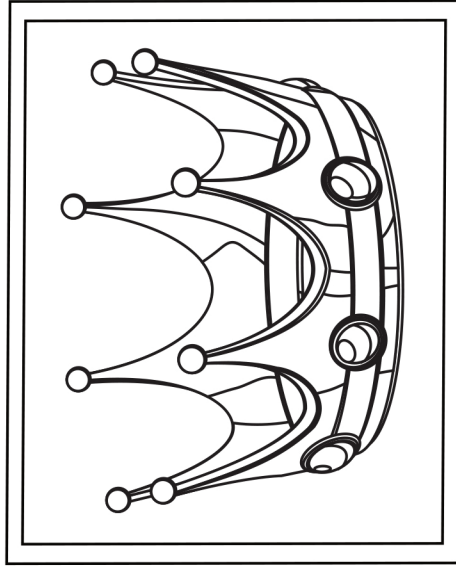
☐ A Jar of Oil



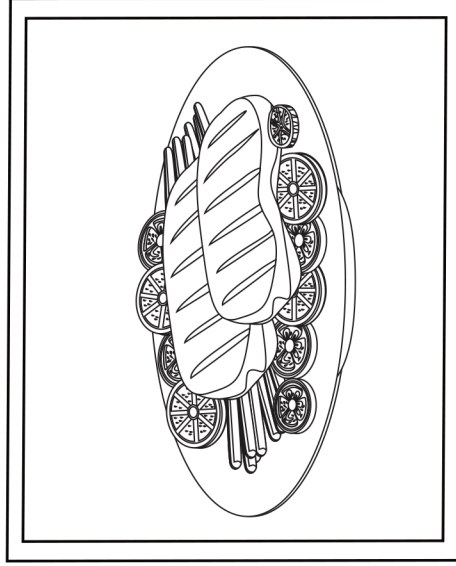
☐ A Man Named Kish



☐ A Piano



☐ A Crown



☐ Good Food

Answer: The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food belong in the story. The ice cream cone and the piano do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5, Lesson 3



Big Question 4: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Answer: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

Bible Truth 5 Meaning

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Some Questions for You

1. What was Kish missing? *His donkeys.*
2. Who did he send to look for the donkeys? *His son, Saul, and a servant.*
3. What good thing did God have planned for Saul? *He would be made King of Israel.*
4. Why did Samuel trust God when He told him to get a big party ready for Saul when he hadn't even seen Saul before and hadn't told him about the party? *He knew that God knows everything there is to know. He knew God already knew exactly what Saul would do. He even planned it.*
5. How did Samuel know what had happened to Kish's donkeys? *God told him.*
6. How did God know what had happened to Kish's donkeys? *He knows everything there is to know. He always knew exactly where those donkeys were the whole time.*
7. What is the greatest way that we can accept God's wisdom and trust in Him to guide us? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
- C** God, You know everything we think, say and do. You know that we have all chosen to disobey You. Please forgive our sins. We need a Savior!
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Q & A 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

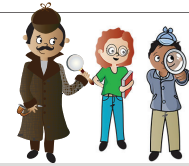
from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 17

Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy), God is love (powerful, holy),
Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy),
Praise Him, praise Him, All ye little children,
God is love (powerful, holy).

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 4, track 18

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

Deep Down Devotions: Unit 4, Bible Truth 5 Story Concepts**P.1****The Case of the Missing Donkeys***1 Samuel 9*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #4 is: "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" Your child is learning that "He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Knows Everything There Is to Know.."

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 came be found online at www.praisefactory.org•

Listening Assignments

"Hey, Kids! Detective Dan, here. Listen carefully to the story and help me answer these questions:

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

1. Who lost their donkeys?
2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20:

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

I need to find out:

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare the worship party for?
2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to the party?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

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

They are: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.

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

I need to figure out:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything?

Answers found at end of the story.

Bible Story for Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 use with all THREE lessons**P.2****The Case of the Missing Donkeys** 1 Samuel 9*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Kish was a man with a problem. Some of his animals were missing. Animals that were worth a lot! It wasn't his chickens. It wasn't his sheep or goats. It was another kind of animal--the kind that he used to pull his wagon and ride on, like we would use a truck or car. Can you guess what kind of animals were missing?

Can you guess?

It was his donkeys! Kish looked everywhere for them. He looked all over his farm....but no donkeys. He looked in the stable... but no donkeys. He looked in the fields...no donkeys. He looked faraway to the hills... but still no donkeys!

Kish's donkeys were lost, there was no doubt about that. And Kish just had to find them! So Kish made a plan. He would send his son, Saul to go look for them.

"Saul, take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys," Kish told Saul.

Saul obeyed and soon he and the servant were on their way in search of the lost donkeys. Where could they be?

For three, long days Saul and the servant walked. They climbed up hills and searched there...but there were no donkeys. They walked down into valleys of green grass and searched there...but there were no donkeys. They looked by sparkling streams of cool water, too--all the kinds of places donkeys like to go. But still there were no donkeys!

Where WERE those donkeys? Kish didn't know. Saul and the servant didn't know. Did anyone know? Yes, someone did know.

Who DID know? Can you guess?

That someone was the LORD. He is the God who knows everything there is to know. And He knew exactly where those donkeys had gone off to.

And not only did the LORD know exactly where the donkeys were, He even planned something very good to happen to Saul as he looked for them. The LORD had planned to use this little journey looking for donkeys to put Saul in just the right place, with just the right person to make Saul the first king of Israel. And the LORD was going to do all of this without Saul knowing even one little bit of His good, big plan!

Saul didn't know about God's plans, but a man named Samuel did. Samuel was a prophet--a special messenger for the LORD. The LORD had told Samuel about Saul and His plans to make him king.

"Samuel, tomorrow the man I've chosen to be king over Israel is coming to your town. He will lead the people in fighting off their enemies, the Philistines. I want you to pour the special anointing oil on his head and make him king over Israel," the LORD told him.

This was BIG news! At last the LORD would rescue His people from the Philistines! Samuel was so excited that he wanted to celebrate. So not only did he get his jar of special anointing oil ready to pour on Saul, but he planned to offer worship gifts to the LORD and throw a BIG worship party to honor Saul and the LORD.

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

What a busy day Samuel must have had getting ready for the important man and the big worship party. There were guests to invite and worship gifts to buy. There was food to cook and the dining room up at the worship place to prepare.

By the end of the day, everything was ready. The worship gifts were offered and the guests gathered in the dining hall up at the worship place. Everyone was ready to eat the delicious food. It looked like it was time for the party to begin, but it couldn't. Something--really, someONE was missing.

Can you guess who?

It was Saul. the special guest, himself! After all, no one had told HIM about the big worship party. No one had told HIM he was going to be anointed king of Israel! He was just out looking for lost donkeys. The whole thing seemed rather silly to think that Saul would show up at the party that night, don't you think?

I guess it WOULD be silly, but for one thing: this was the LORD's plan and He is the God who knows everything there is to know. If He said that Saul would be there, then Saul would be there. Samuel had no doubts about that!

Samuel left the guests and went back down to the town and who should be looking for him at the city gates, but Saul and his servant! "This is the man I told you about," the LORD told Samuel. "The man I've chosen to be king."

Saul went up to Samuel and said, "My servant says you are a great man of God and God tells you things. Can you tell me where my father's donkeys are?"

"Don't worry about your father's donkeys," Samuel told Saul. "They've been found. They are back at home. Come up here with me to the big worship party. Sit here at the most important place. Eat the best food. We've been waiting for you to come," Samuel said.

Saul didn't understand why Samuel and the people were waiting for him, but he didn't complain. He went with Saul up to the worship place and took the place of honor next to Samuel. He enjoyed the good food and the big worship party. And what a party it was! Why, Samuel had even saved the very best piece of meat for HIM! Yum!

After dinner, Samuel took Saul and his servant down to his house to be his guests for the night. He set up a bed on the roof for them and there they slept out under the stars.

As the sun rose the next morning, Samuel woke Saul and his servant. "Get up so I may send you on your way," Samuel told them. Samuel walked with them out of town. "Send your servant on ahead, Saul. I have something important from God to tell you alone," Samuel said. Saul and his servant obeyed.

When the servant had passed ahead of them, Samuel took out his jar of special oil and poured it on Saul's head. He kissed Saul, then said, "I have poured this oil on your head as a sign that you are to be king of Israel. The LORD has chosen you of all men. You will rule over them and you will rescue them from the enemies who live in the lands around them. In a few days, we will tell all the people. But for now keep this a secret."

What a lot Saul had to think about as he went home with his servant! How amazing were God's plans! The LORD had known about the lost donkeys and used Saul's trip to find them to do wonderful things for him and for all of Israel. He had told Samuel what Saul would do and where he would go, even before Saul did it! How could God do this? Because He is the God who knows everything there is to know! He is like no one else.

Cracking the Case:

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

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:

1. Who lost their donkeys? Kish did.

2. What good, big plan did the LORD use the lost donkeys to bring about? His plan to make Saul king over the people.

For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Daniel 2:20:**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

1. What stranger did the LORD tell Samuel to prepare the worship party for? Saul.

2. Why did Samuel trust the LORD to know when this stranger would come to the party? Samuel knew that the LORD was the God who knows everything there is to know. All wisdom (and power) are His. Samuel knew that if the LORD planned for Saul to come, then Saul would most definitely come. And so he did!

For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:

Our six clues were: an ice cream cone, a jar of oil, a man named Kish, a piano, a crown, and good food.

1. Which four belong in our story? The jar of oil, the man named Kish, the crown and the good food.

2. Who praised God for being so wise and able to know everything? Samuel and Saul did.

For You and Me:

The LORD still knows everything there is to know and He still weaves His good plans into everything that happens to us and to this world. We can always trust the promises that He gives us in His Word, the Bible. We can always trust Him to carry out His good plans, even

when we don't understand how and when He will carry them out. How much more than us He knows! How wise He is!

The Gospel**Our Bible Truth is:**

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

He's Not Like Anyone Else...

He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

Sometimes it is scary to think about how God knows everything about us. We can hide some of the bad things we think or say or do from others, but we can't hide anything from God. We know that He hates sin and He will punish sin. We know that we all choose to do things our own way, not God's good way.

Isn't God so kind to us, though? He knows every bad thing about us, yet He promises to forgive every single one of them, when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, He will not ONLY forgive our sins, but He will give us a new heart to know and love Him. We will get to have special closeness in our hearts with Him for the rest of our lives. Then, one day when we die, we will go to live with Him and enjoy Him forever-- as happy as anyone can ever be! How amazing is the LORD! How good and loving He is to us! There is no one like Him! *Close in prayer.*

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God. You know everything there is to know. There is nothing anyone can hide from You. There is nothing You need to learn. You know it already. There is no one like You!
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Deep Down Detectives Devotions: Big Question 4, Bible Truth 5 Key Concepts p.5**Unit 4: The God Like None Other**

Unit Big Question (and Answer): Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Unit Bible Verse: "O LORD... there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." 1 Kings 8:23

Bible Truth 5 Concept: He's Not Like Anyone Else... He Knows Everything There Is to Know!

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Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his."

Learn a Little: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever."

Meaning

God is the good king and creator of us all. God's people love to praise Him and tell Him. These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer

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Songs Used in Bible Truth 5

Big Q & A 4 Song

Big Question 4 Song: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

Inspector Graff's Rap: The ABC's of God

Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: There Is No God Like You 1 Kings 8:23, NIV 1984

Extra Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song: I Am God Isaiah 46:9,11, NIV 1984

Big Question 4 Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

Big Question 4 Praise Song: God Is So Good

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse Song: Praise Be the Name of God Daniel 2:20-22, NIV 1984