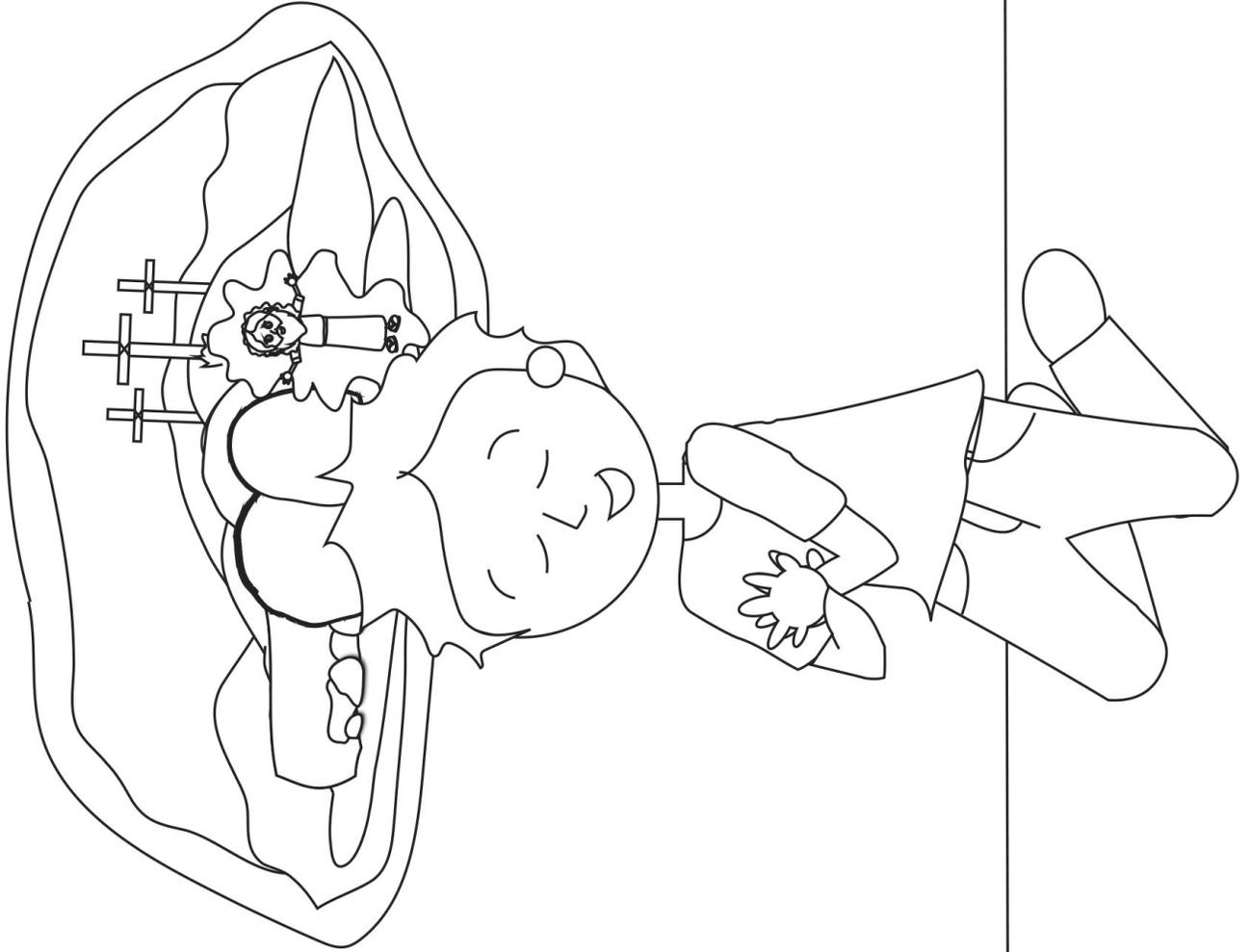


**CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2:
How Can We Be Saved?
It Is God's Free Gift...**

When We Trust in

As Our Own Savior!"

HINT: What's the name of God's Son? His name starts with a "J" and it sounds like "sneezes."



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 1



Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

Answer: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

God created us to love and obey Him, but we have all have chosen to disobey Him. That's why we all deserve His punishment, instead of His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him. God would be fair to punishment us for our sins, but He has chosen to be so kind to us! He offers to forgive our sins and make us His people through Jesus, His Son. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. Then on the cross, Jesus chose to offer up His perfect life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He took the punishment for sins we deserved to save us from our sins. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave, but He didn't stay there. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He rose up from the dead in victory, never to die again! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. They are God's dearly-loved people who have special closeness with Him all the days of their lives. And when they die, they will go to live perfectly happy with Him forever. This wonderful, free gift can be ours, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn't that wonderful news!

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

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
--Romans 10: 9-10

Some Questions for You

1. God created us to do what? *To love and obey Him perfectly.*
2. Do we love and obey God perfectly? *No, we do not. We have all chosen to disobey Him.*
3. Do we deserve special closeness with God? *No.*
4. What do we deserve from God? *His punishment for our sins.*
5. What does God give His people that is better than they deserve? *He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins so that they could be saved.*
6. How can we become God's people and receive the free gift of salvation? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to answer this prayer!*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Savior of sinners who trust in Jesus. We honor You as the wise and good Lord we all should obey.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need a Savior. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God for working in the hearts of sinners that they would trust in Jesus as their Savior and be saved.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and repent of them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to no longer live however we want. Help us now to live to please You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

Big Q & A 11 Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 12*
(adapted version of "Here We Go Looby Loo")

How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
It is God's free gift!

Big Question 11 Action Rhyme Song from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 13*

Refrain:

How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
It's God' free gift.
How can we be saved?
It's God's free gift through Christ.

Verse 1

I disobey God, I need a Savior,
You disobey God, You need a Savior,
We all disobey God, We need a Savior.
To save us from our sins. *Refrain*

Verse 2

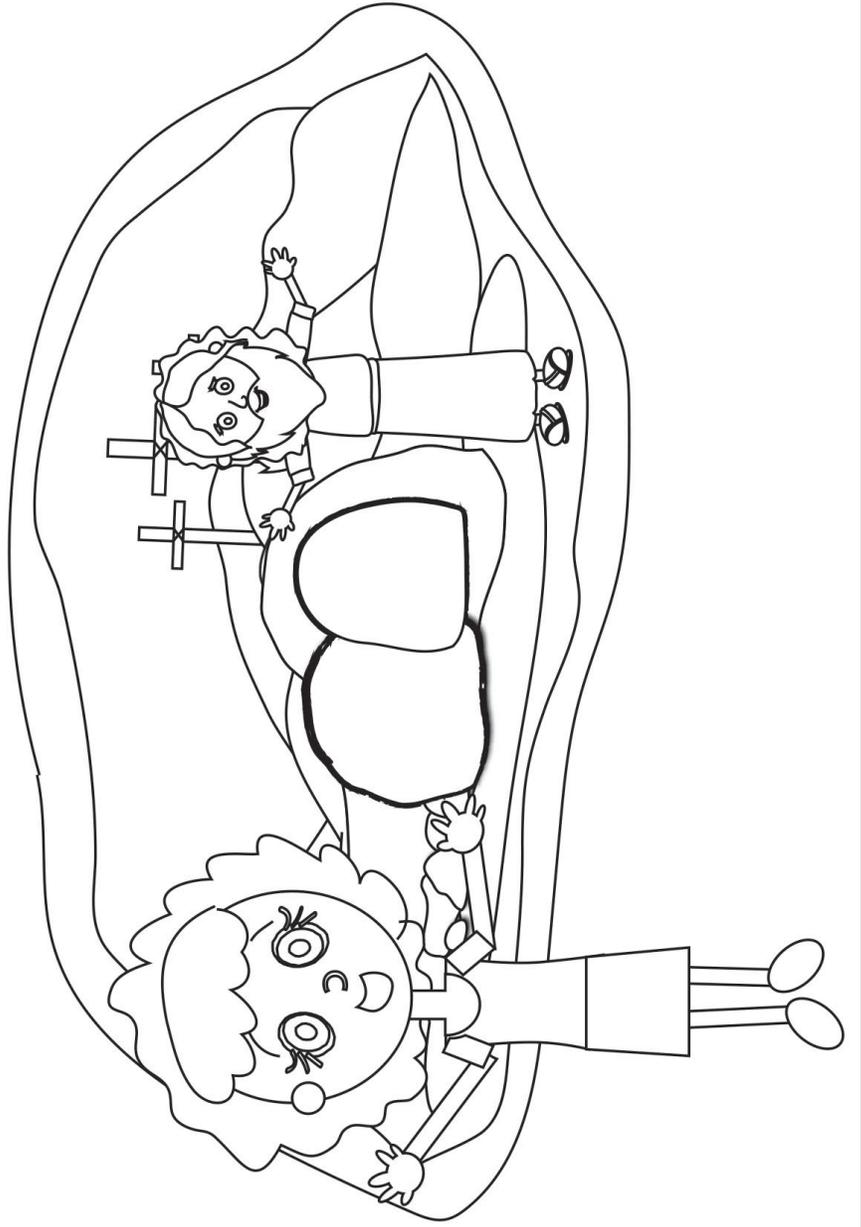
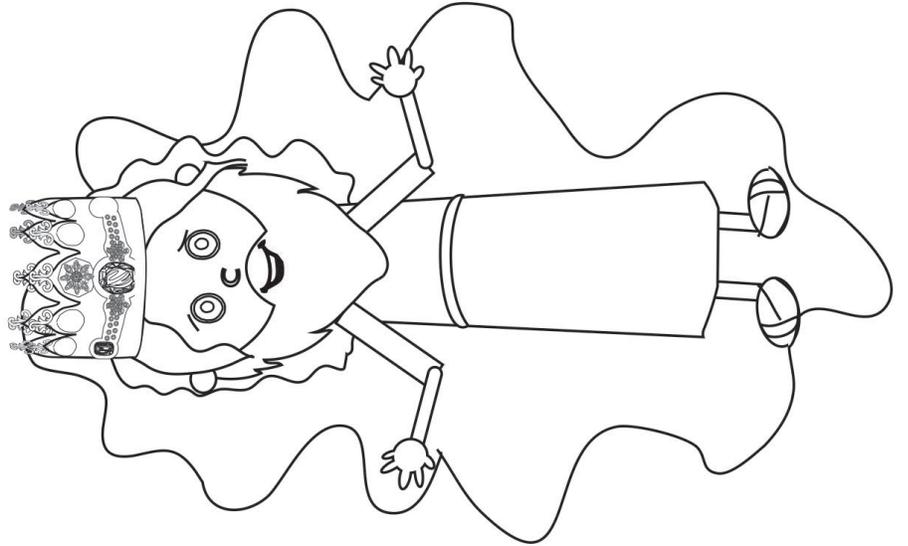
Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice,
On the cross, gave His life,
Bought us eternal life,
Takes away all our sin,
Makes our hearts clean within,
When we repent and believe in Him. *Refrain*

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**“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.**

**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”**

--Romans 10:9-10



Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 2



Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

Answer: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior!

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

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
--Romans 10: 9-10

Learn a Little: "If you confess 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Meaning:

To believe something in your heart is to think that something is true. To confess something to others is to tell them what you think is true. Christians are those who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. They believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. They love telling this good news to others that they might believe and be saved, too. We must believe in our own hearts that He is our Savior and be willing to confess to others that He is our Lord, if we are to be saved, too!

Some Questions for You

1. What does it mean to believe something in your heart? *To think that it is true.*
2. What does it mean to confess something? *To tell others what you think is true.*
3. Who do Christians believe in their heart is Lord? What does that mean? *They believe Jesus is Lord. They believe He is the Son of God who we should all obey.*
4. What amazing thing do they believe Jesus did? *He died on the cross for the sins of God's people and on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He beat sin and death for God's people!*
5. How can Jesus become our Savior? *When we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Savior of sinners who trust in Jesus. We honor You as the wise and good Lord we all should obey.
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Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

If You Confess with Your Mouth: Romans 1:9-10

from Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 18

If you confess, with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"
And believe in your heart,
That God raised Him from the dead,
You will be saved, you will be saved.
For it is with your heart,
That you believe and are justified.

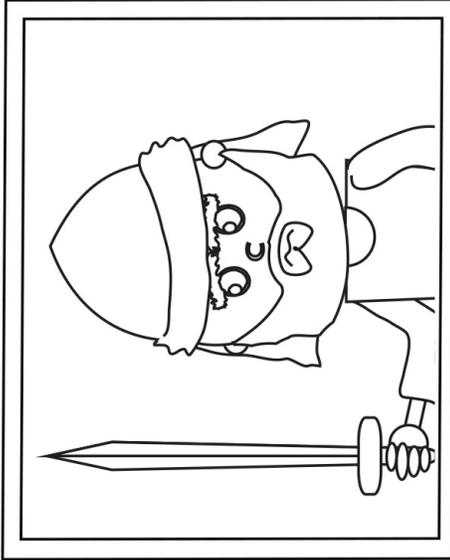
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And believe in your heart,
That God raised Him from the dead,
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For it is with your mouth,
That you confess and are saved.
Romans Ten: nine and ten.

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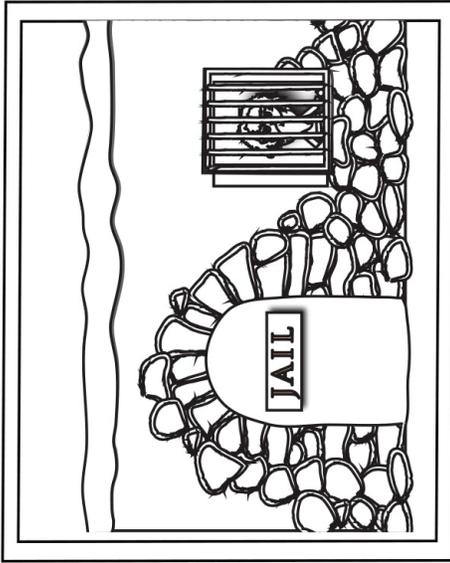
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



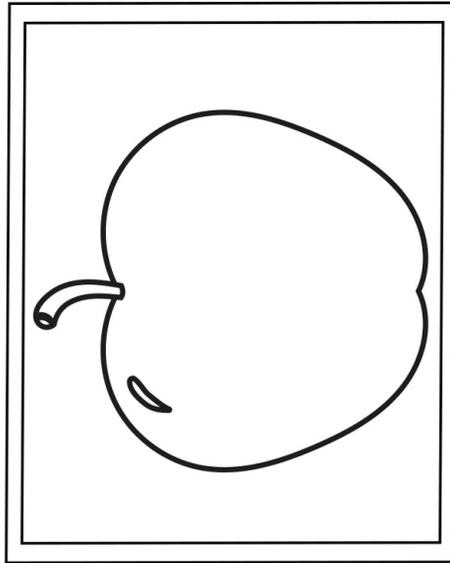
A Barrel



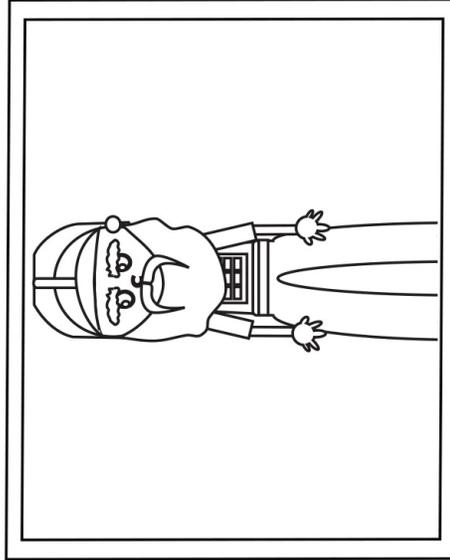
A Soldier



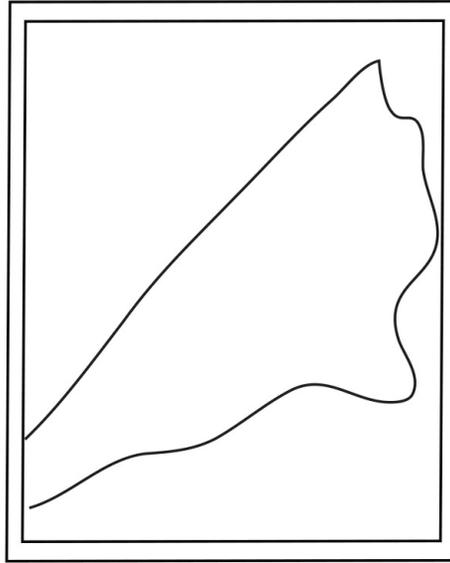
A Jail



An Apple



A High Priest



A Bright Light

Answer: The soldier, the jail, the high priest and the bright light belong. The barrel and the apple do not.

Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2, Lesson 3



Big Question 11: How Can We Be Saved?

Answer: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior!

Bible Truth 2 Meaning

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--Romans 10: 9-10

Some Questions for You

1. What did Jesus' followers do that made Saul so mad? *They told everyone that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to save God's people. They told everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
2. What did Saul tell Jesus' followers to do? *To stop telling people about Jesus.*
3. Why didn't Jesus' followers stop telling others about Jesus? *Because they wanted others to be forgiven their sins and know God.*
4. What did Saul do to Jesus' followers? *He found them, hurt them and had them put in jail.*
5. Why did Jesus' followers move to other cities? *So that Saul couldn't hurt them and so they could tell more people about Jesus.*
6. What happened to Saul when he went to Damascus to get rid of Jesus' followers who had moved there? *Jesus appeared to him on the road. He became blind and was taken to Damascus. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.*
7. What did Saul start doing after he became a follower of Jesus? *He went and told everyone the good news of Jesus, too.*
8. How can we be saved from our sins, like Saul was? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Savior of sinners who trust in Jesus. We honor You as the wise and good Lord we all should obey.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need a Savior. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
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Let's Praise God Right Now!

Big Question 11 Hymn: Grace that Is Greater than All Our Sin from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 15*

Verse 1

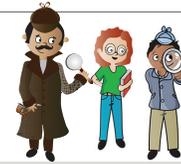
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Words: Julie H. Johnston Music: Daniel B. Towner

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Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 11, track 16*

All praise to Him who reigns above	Blessed be the name,
In majesty supreme.	Blessed be the name,
Who gave His Son for man to die,	Blessed be the name of the Lord;
That He might man redeem!	Blessed be the name,
	Blessed be the name,
	Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Deep Down Devotions: Unit 11, Bible Truth 2 Story Concepts**P.1****The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man***Acts 8-9*

Dear Parents,

Big Question #11 is: "How Can We Be Saved?" Your child is learning that "It Is God's Free Gift.. When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior."

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 know:

- 1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he mad about?**
- 2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Romans 10:9-10**

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified."

I need to know:

- 1. Who told people to stop saying confessing that Jesus is the Savior?**
- 2. Why did he change his mind?**

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a barrel, a soldier, a jail, an apple, a high priest, and a bright light.

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 surprising person praised Jesus for being God's Son, the Savior? What did the bad, bad, bad man pray that pleased God? What did God do for this man?**

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.

The Case of the Amazed, Mad Man Acts 8-9*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Jesus' followers had good news to tell: "Jesus is God's Son. He died on the cross to pay for the sins of God's people. Then Jesus rose from the dead. He beat sin and death!" they said. **"So, turn away from disobeying God! Trust in Jesus as your Savior... and God will forgive your sins. You will be saved!"** they exclaimed. **"Yes! You will be one of God's dearly loved people, too!"** they told everyone in the big city of Jerusalem.

Many people in Jerusalem listened to Jesus' friends and they believed. They turned away from their sins. They trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. God forgave their sins and saved them. How happy they were to become God's dearly loved people, too!

But some people listened to Jesus' friends and they were NOT happy. They were mad. Saul was one of those mad people. He HATED people who believed in Jesus.

"Be quiet! Stop saying that Jesus is God's Son! Stop saying that Jesus died on the cross for God's people's sin and rose from the dead! Stop saying that Jesus is the Savior," Saul told Jesus' followers. **"Jesus is just a fake!"** he exclaimed. **"You are all wrong. And if you don't stop telling people about Jesus, then I'm going to have you hurt and put in jail!"** he warned them. Oh, no! What would Jesus' followers do?

What do you think they did? Did they stop telling others about Jesus?

But no matter how much Saul warned them, they would not stop! Jesus' followers kept on telling others that Jesus was the Savior. And, they kept on telling other people to turn away from disobeying God and to trust in Jesus as their Savior, too. Uh, oh! What would Saul do now?

What do you think he did?

So, Saul did exactly what he warned Jesus' followers he would do: he went from house to house with soldiers to arrest them. **"Bang, bang, bang!"** they knocked on the door. **"Open up!"** They dragged Jesus' followers out of their houses. They hurt them and put them in jail.

Saul made it very hard for Jesus' followers to keep on telling others about Jesus in Jerusalem, so they made a new plan: **"Jesus told us to tell the whole world about Him. Now it's time to go. A few of us will stay here in Jerusalem, but everyone else should go away to live in other cities where Saul cannot bother you,"** Jesus' followers decided. **"People in those cities need to hear about Jesus, too."**

So that's what they did. They packed up their things and moved away to other cities. Some went to nearby new cities; and, some went to faraway new cities. But wherever they went, they told everyone the same, good news about Jesus. Do you know what it was?

Can you tell me the good news about Jesus?

"Jesus is God's Son. He died on the cross to pay for the sins of God's people," they told everyone. **"Then on the third day, He rose from the dead. He beat sin and death for God's people!"** they explained. **"So, turn away from disobeying God! Trust in Jesus as your Savior... and God will forgive your sins. You will be saved! You will be one of God's dearly loved people, too!"** they exclaimed.

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

What good news this was, indeed! Many people in these cities listened and received it with joy! They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. How happy Jesus' followers were to see the people in all of these new cities believing in Jesus, too!

But there was still someone who was very angry about all of this! Can you guess who it was?

Can you guess?

It was Saul! He heard what was going on in these other cities and he planned to stop it! He went to the high priest, the leader of Jesus' enemies and said, "Give me soldiers to go with me and arrest these people, starting with the city of Damascus. I will make them be quiet! Let me bring them back to Jerusalem and put them in jail," Saul pleaded.

The high priest agreed. He gave Saul soldiers to help him arrest the believers in Jesus. Saul was pleased.

March, march, march! Saul and the soldiers headed straight for Damascus. Saul could not wait to get to those people who believed in Jesus and put them in jail! He would stop them from talking about Jesus, yet! Or would he?

What do you think happened to Saul next?

Well, as it turned out, God Himself had very, very different plans for Saul. Saul was the one who was about to be stopped. God was about to turn him around and change him. God was planning to use Saul, himself, to tell many, many others to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Aren't God's plans amazing?

Saul believed Jesus was a fake; but of course, Jesus was not. He was the REAL Son of God. He really had died on the cross to pay for God's people's sins. He really had risen from the dead. He really had beaten sin and death! And God was planning for Saul to become one of His people and tell others this good news, too!

But how would Saul, a man who HATED the believers in Jesus, change into someone who trusted Jesus as his own Savior? God chose to change Saul in a most amazing way.

Just as Saul and the soldiers were almost to the big city of Damascus, light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. It was Jesus! Saul fell to the ground then he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you hurting me?"

Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are hurting," Jesus told Saul. "But get up now and go into the big city of Damascus and you will be told what you are to do."

Saul got up to go; but as he got up, he realized that he could not see! God had put something like scales over Saul's eyes, so he couldn't see—not to punish him, but to give him a special time to think about what Jesus had said to him.

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

The soldiers led Saul to a house in Damascus. Saul sat in the house, in the dark, and thought about all that Jesus had said to him. Now Saul knew the truth! He had thought Jesus' believers were wrong. Now he knew that it was HE who was wrong! He knew he had hurt God's people when he put them in jail! He knew he deserved God's punishment, but he asked God forgiveness through Jesus. What do you think God did?

Do you think God forgave Saul?

And sure enough, God gave Saul just what he prayed for. God helped Saul to turn away from disobeying God and to trust in Jesus as his own Savior. How kind God is to sinners like Saul...and like us!

After three days, God sent a man named Ananias to Saul to talk to him and help him. Ananias laid his hands on Saul and by God's power, Saul's eyes were healed. And even better than that, the Holy Spirit came to live inside Saul's heart.

Saul was so happy! He was forgiven by God for his sins! He was saved through Jesus! He was so excited! He got up and was baptized as a sign that he was beginning a new life living for God, with Jesus as his Savior. Then Saul went out and did something. Something he never, ever dreamed he would do. Can you guess what he did?

Can you guess?

Saul went out to tell the people of Damascus the good news of Jesus--the very one he used to hate. "Jesus is God's Son. He died on the cross to pay for the sins of God's people," Saul told them. "On the third day, He rose from the dead. He beat sin and death!" he exclaimed. "Turn away from disobeying God! Trust in Jesus as your Savior, and God will forgive your sins. You will be saved! You will be one of God's dearly loved people, too!"

How surprised people were! "Wasn't this the man who hated Jesus and His followers? Wasn't this the man who hurt them and put them in jail? And now HE is one of THEM!" they exclaimed. And as Saul preached about Jesus, the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of many. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

Yes, all of God's plans were coming true. Good plans for Saul and good plans for the many others who would trust in Jesus as their Savior through Saul's message. How amazing God is!

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

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

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he mad about? Saul. He was mad that Jesus' followers were telling people to trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened? Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He started telling everyone the good news of Jesus, too.

For You and Me:

God turned Saul from a man who hated Jesus and wanted to hurt God's people, to someone who loved Jesus and served him his whole life. God can work powerfully in our life too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Romans 10:9-10**

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified."

I need to know:

1. Who told people to stop saying confessing that Jesus is the Savior? Saul did.

2. Why did he change his mind? Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:

How amazing it is that God could change someone like Saul from a man who hated God Jesus, to a man who loved him and trusted in him as his Savior. God can change as to when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: a drum, a Pharisee, a golden box, a sick man, the Temple, and a bag of money.

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 soldier, the jail, the high priest and the bright light belong. The barrel and the apple do not.

2. What surprising person praised Jesus for being God's Son, the Savior? What did God do for this man? Saul did. God showed him that Jesus really was the Son of God. He helped him to turn away from his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior. God forgave his sins!

For You and Me:

Everyone was so surprised to see Saul change from a man who hated Jesus, to a man who loved him and trusted in him as his Savior! God is able to change the heart of anyone! He's able to change our hearts to, ask him to change your heart! Ask him to help you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****How Can We Be Saved?****It Is God's Free Gift..****When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior!**

How kind God was to save Saul! Saul had hated God's people and he had hated the good news of Jesus. He had done terribly mean things. But, oh, how God had loved Saul anyway! He came to Saul in a special way. He worked in Saul's heart, helping him to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as His own Savior. God chose to have Jesus appear to Saul to help Saul believe in Him. He changed Saul's life and made him one of His people!

But God doesn't need to do such amazing things to change our hearts. If we ask Him, He will send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to turn away from disobeying God and help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be God's dearly-loved people, too.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Savior of sinners who trust in Jesus. We honor You as the wise and good Lord we all should obey.
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Big Question 11, Bible Truth 2 Overview: Key Concepts

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Unit 11: The God Who Saves**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!**Unit Bible Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
--- Romans 6:23**Bible Truth 2 Concept: It Is God's Free Gift... When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior!**

God created us to love and obey Him, but we have all have chosen to disobey Him. That's why we all deserve His punishment, instead of His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him. God would be fair to punishment us for our sins, but He has chosen to be so kind to us! He offers to forgive our sins and make us His people through Jesus, His Son.

Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. Then on the cross, Jesus chose to offer up His perfect life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He took the punishment for sins we deserved to save us from our sins.

Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave, but He didn't stay there. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. He rose up from the dead in victory, never to die again! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. They are God's dearly-loved people who have special closeness with Him all the days of their lives. And when they die, they will go to live perfectly happy with Him forever. This wonderful, free gift can be ours, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn't that wonderful news!

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: Romans 10:9-10

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Learn a Little: "If you confess 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."**Meaning**

To believe something in your heart is to think that something is true. To confess something to others is to tell them what you think is true. Christians are those who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. They believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. They love telling this good news to others that they might believe and be saved, too. We must believe in our own hearts that He is our Savior and be willing to confess to others that He is our Lord, if we are to be saved, too!

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Savior of sinners who trust in Jesus. We honor You as the wise and good Lord we all should obey.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need a Savior. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God for working in the hearts of sinners that they would trust in Jesus as their Savior and be saved.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and repent of them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to no longer live however we want. Help us now to live to please You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Songs Used in Bible Truth 2

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Big Question 11 Song: How Can We Be Saved?

Big Question 11 Bible Verse Song: The Gift of God Is Eternal Life *Romans 6:23*

Big Question 11 Hymn: Grace Greater than All Our Sin, refrain

Big Question 11 Praise Song: Blessed Be the Name

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse Song: If You Confess with Your Mouth *Romans 10:9-10*

Extra Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse: In My Father's House John 14:2-6