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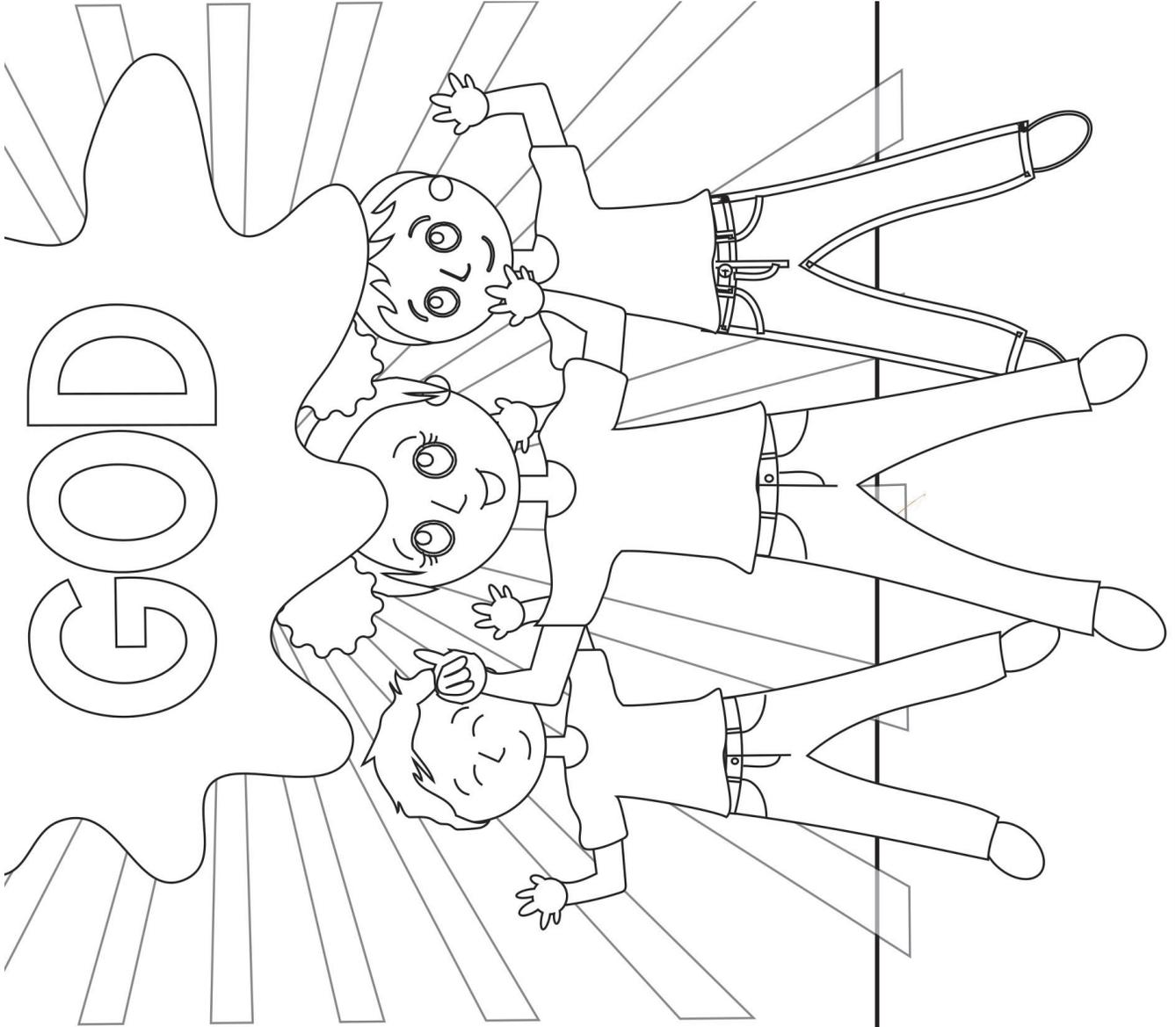
**Why Do God's People  
Keep Believing in Him?**

**It Is God's Sustaining Grace...**

**God -----  
Sustains His People!":!**

**HINT: This word means God only  
sustains His people. It starts with  
an "A" and it rhymes with "bone."**

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## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 1



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!

### Bible Truth 1 Meaning

God is not only Creator of all things; He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He is the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes: the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals and people. Absolutely everything! God created people with a body and with a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain not just our bodies, but our spirit, too. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him more and more. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face. Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves, but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25

### Some Questions for You

1. Who is the Creator and Sustainer of everything in our world? *God is.*
2. Who keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes? *God does.*
3. What did God create people with, so they could know and love Him? *A spirit.*
4. Who do we depend on to sustain our bodies—give us what we need to live? *God*
5. Who sustains our spirits, too? Who must we depend on to help us to work in our hearts and help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior? *God.*
6. Who does God give to His people to live inside of their hearts and help them to keep on loving God and living for Him? *His Holy Spirit.*
7. Who helps God's people to keep on fighting sin in their hearts and to keep on trusting in Him, even when it is very hard? *God does.*
8. How can we become one of God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!*

### Let's Pray!

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Each day, give us what we need to love You and live for You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Let's Sing about What We're Learning!

**Big Q & A 13 Song** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 13, track 12* (adapted version of "On Top of Old Smoky")

Why do God's people keep believing in God?  
And why do God's people keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them, yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep believing in God.

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

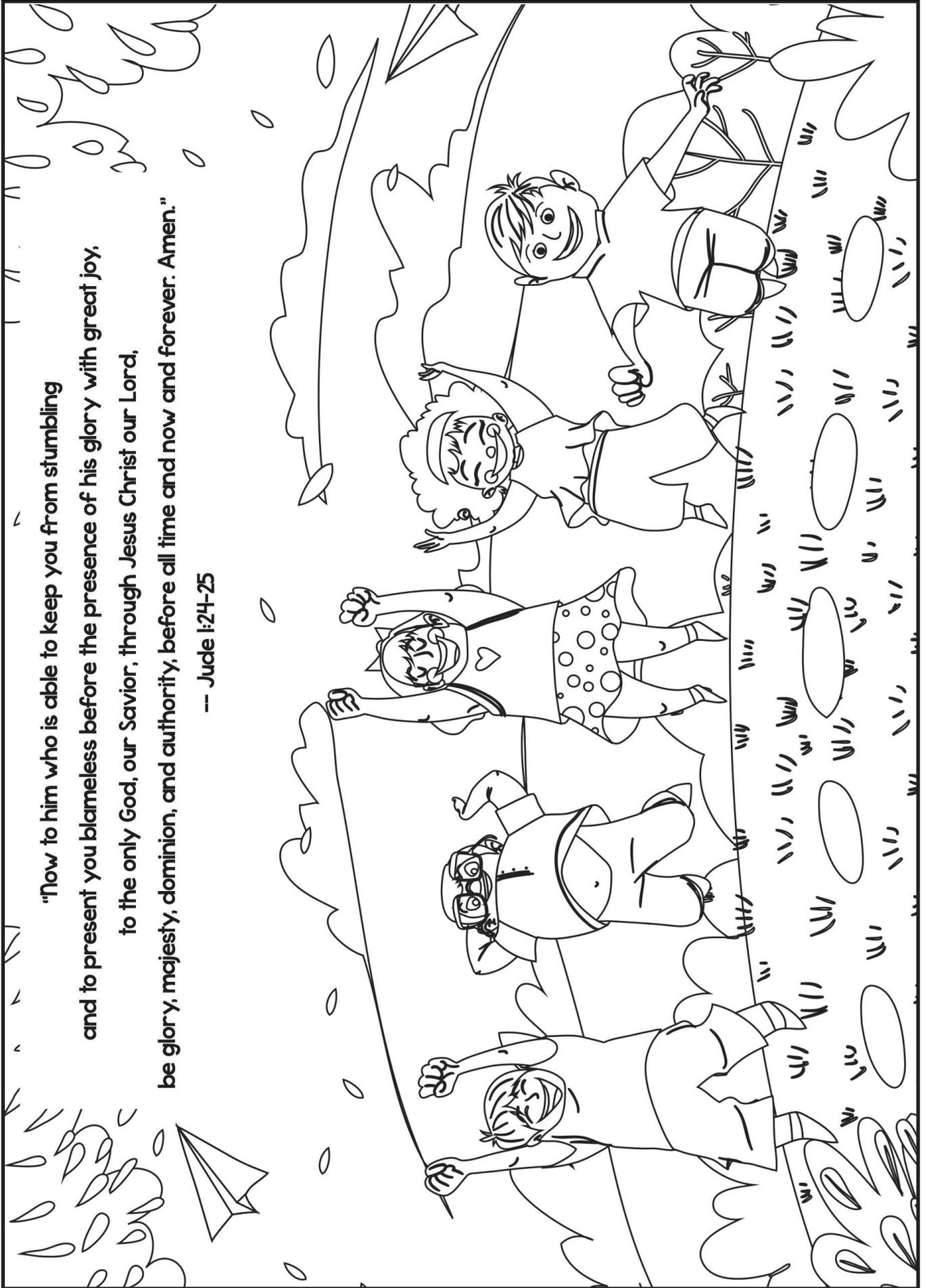
Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?  
Why do God's people keep believing in Him?  
What keeps them going? Why do they persevere?  
There's just one reason for their lasting faith,  
It is grace, God's sustaining grace.

**Refrain**  
That's why God's people say:  
"I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
I'm gonna keep on living for Him,  
Yes, I'm gonna keep on believing in God,  
And It's all thanks to Him, thanks to Him.

God sustains His people in many ways,  
His Spirit works inside them  
As they read His Word and pray,  
He gives them faith  
to keep in trusting in Him,  
To keep on living for Him  
to the very end. *Refrain*

**"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling  
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,  
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."**

**-- Jude 1:24-25**



## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 2



**Big Question 13:** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

**Answer:** It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People!

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

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25

**Learn a Little:** "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and present you blameless be glory, forever. Amen."

### Meaning

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### Some Questions for You

1. Who keeps God's people from "stumbling" in loving God and living for Him? *God does.*
2. Who did God send to save His people? *Jesus.*
3. Why will God's people stand before God blameless (that is, not deserving His punishment for their sins)? Who paid for their sins already? *Jesus paid for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross for them.*
4. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

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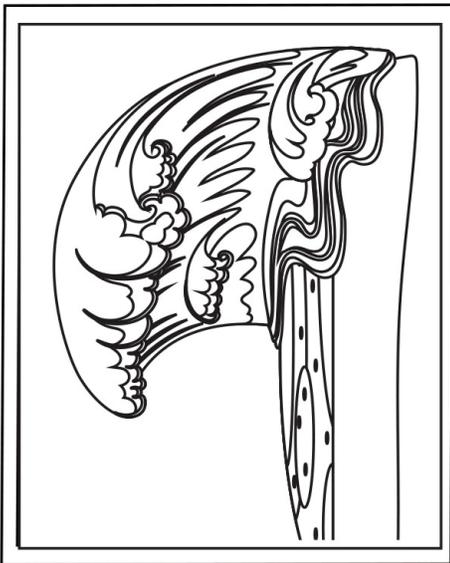
### Let's Sing Our Bible Verse!

**To Him Who Is Able: Jude 1:24-25** from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 13, track 18*

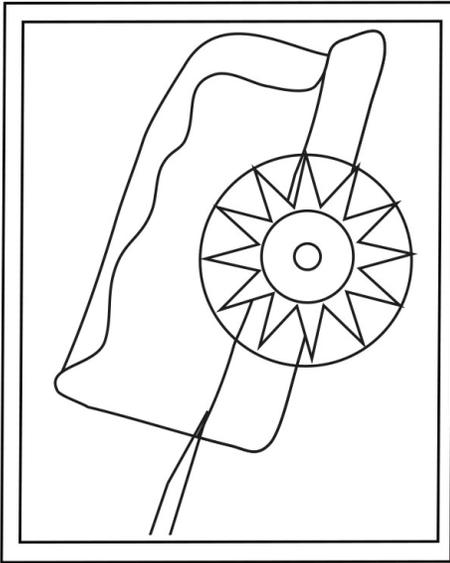
To him, to him,  
 Who is able to keep you from falling, from falling,  
 To present you before His glorious presence without fault,  
 With great joy,  
 To the only God our Savior,  
 To the only God our Savior,  
 Be glory, majesty, power and authority,  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 Before all ages, now and forevermore.  
 Amen, amen, amen.  
 Jude Chapter One, verses twenty four and five.

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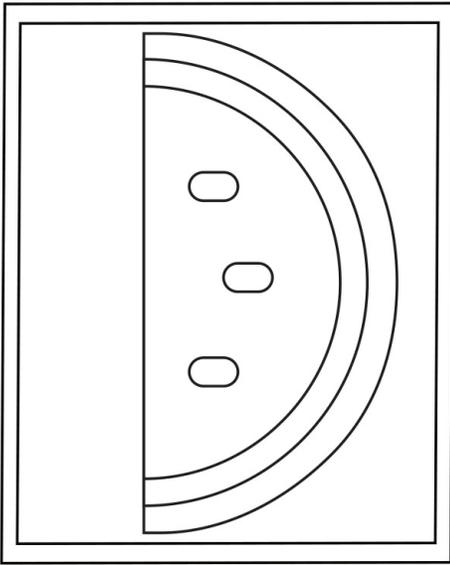
Which four of these clues belong in our story? Which two do not? Put an X in the boxes of the four that belong.



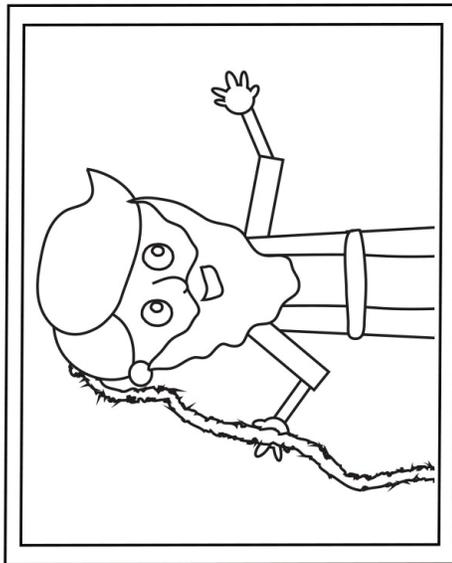
A Wall of Water



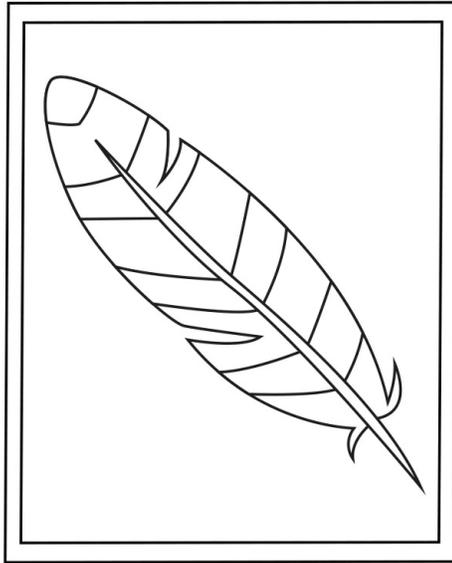
A Chariot



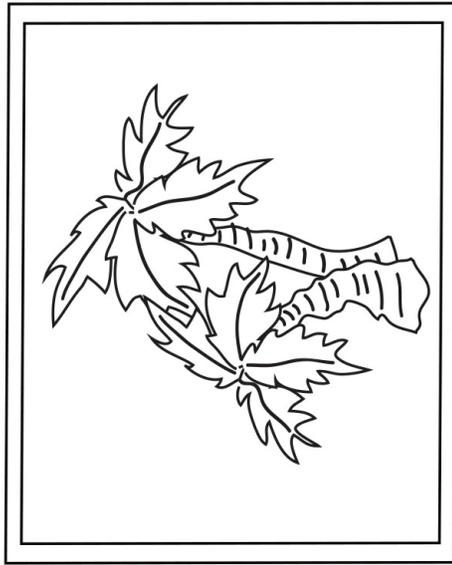
A Watermelon



Moses



A Feather



A Dead Plant

Answer: The wall of water, the chariot; Moses; and, the dead plants belong. The watermelon and the feather do not.

## Deep Down Detective Devotion: Unit 13, Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3



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### Some Questions for You

1. What bad thing happened to Jacob's family when there was no rain? *Their crops died. The water dried up. They had no food.*
2. How did the LORD help Jacob's family get food? *He sent Jacob's son, Joseph, ahead of them to Egypt. Joseph was a very important worker for Pharaoh. He could give Jacob everything he needed.*
3. What happened to Jacob's family while they lived in Egypt? *It grew and grew into a whole people--the people of Israel.*
4. What did the new Pharaoh make Jacob's family do for him? *He made them his slaves. He forced them to build his big, new buildings.*
5. Who did the people of Israel need to rescue them from Pharaoh and their hard life in Egypt? *The LORD.*
6. Who did the LORD send to rescue the people of Israel? *Moses.*
7. What did the LORD do to free the people of Israel from Egypt? *He sent frogs, flies, and many other sadnesses upon Pharaoh and his people until at last Pharaoh let them go.*
8. Who did Pharaoh send after Moses and the people of Israel after they left Egypt? *His soldiers on chariots to bring the people back to be his slaves again.*
9. How did the LORD keep the people of Israel from being caught by Pharaoh's soldiers? *He parted the Red Sea so they could go through on dry land. He let the soldiers be swept away in the waters after they had passed through.*
9. What did the people of Israel sing to the LORD when He rescued them? *They praised Him for rescuing them. They praised Him for His unfailing love.*
10. The LORD promised to sustain the people of Israel long ago and He still promises to sustain His people today. How can we become His people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

### Let's Pray!

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### Let's Praise God Right Now!

#### Big Q & A 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 13, track 16*

##### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all!"

Words: Elvina M. Hall Music: John T. Grape

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##### Refrain

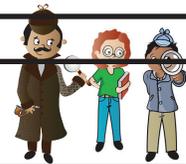
Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

#### Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

from *Deep Down Detectives NIV Songs 13, track 17*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

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**Bible Story for Big Question 13, Bible 1****The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News***Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15***P.1**

Dear Parents,

Big Question #13 is: "Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?" Your child is learning that "It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains 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 came be found online at [www.praisefactory.org](http://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. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?**
- 2. Who turned this bad news into amazing good news each time?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**

**Our Bible Verse is Jude 1:24-25:** "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

I need to find out:

- 1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?**
- 2. How did He help them?**

**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**

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

Our six clues were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants. *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 the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?**

**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 Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News** *Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

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

**Bad news, bad news! There was bad news in Canaan for Jacob's family! No rain fell from the sky. The rivers dried up. Their animals and crops were dying. If they didn't find food and water soon, they would die, too. They HAD to find some! This was impossible, big, bad, SCARY news! What could they do? Where could they go? They needed help. Big help! But where could they find help this big?**

*Can you guess?*

**But Jacob's family didn't need to be afraid! They might be in trouble. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. WHO was their God? That's what mattered! He was the LORD! He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it is to take care of them. He will always save them. He will always sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it! He can take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news...and sure enough He did!**

**Good news! Good news! There was food in nearby Egypt! And who had been put in charge of giving out the food? Joseph, one of Jacob's sons! God had planned for Joseph to be in Egypt ahead of time, so everything would be ready for Jacob's family when the food and water ran out in Canaan.**

**So Jacob gathered up his family, packed his things, and went to live in Egypt. Joseph picked out a beautiful place near the River Nile for Jacob's family to live and care for their animals. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, himself, welcomed Jacob to his land and made sure he and his family had everything they needed.**

**Jacob praised God for taking care of them. How good it was to be with Joseph again! How good it was to have plenty of food and water! How good it was to have a beautiful place to live! God had taken their impossible bad news and turned it into amazing good news! He always sustains His people—faith in the hearts and food for their bodies. God, alone, had provided.**

**Life was happy in Egypt for quite some time. Instead of going home to Canaan when the drought was over, Jacob's family decided to stay in Egypt. Many years passed. And as the years passed, Jacob's family grew and grew and grew. They had come from Canaan as just a little family. Now there were hundreds and thousands of them! No one called them Jacob's family anymore. Now they were called a people: the people of Israel. (Israel was a special name God gave Jacob).**

**The people of Egypt couldn't help but notice how Jacob's family had grown so big. Some of them worried about this, including the new Pharaoh over Egypt. This new king didn't know about Joseph. This new king had big plans to make big buildings... and this new king knew just exactly who he would use to build them -- all those people of Israel!**

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

**Bad news, bad news!** The new king didn't ASK the people of Israel to help build his new buildings. He made them his SLAVES! He took over their lives and said he owned them and could make them do whatever he wanted them to do. He FORCED them to build his buildings. He made them work so hard, and without any pay at all! He treated them so badly! Life in Egypt wasn't good for the people of Israel anymore. Oh, how they wanted to go home to Canaan, but how could they? The king would never let them go. This was bad news! Impossible, big, bad, SCARY news!

But the people of Israel didn't need to be afraid! They might be in trouble. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. WHO was their God? That's what mattered! He was the LORD. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it is to take care of them. He will always save them. He will always sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it! He can take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news...and sure enough He did!

Good news! Good news! The LORD sent Moses and Aaron to speak to Pharaoh. "The LORD says, 'Let My people go!'" they demanded. What would the king do? Would he let the people of Israel go free, just because the LORD asked?

*What do you think?*

"No, they can't go!" the king said, at first; but then, when the LORD sent frogs and gnats and hail and sicknesses and many other sadnesses upon the king and his people, he changed his mind. "Go away! Leave us alone," Pharaoh ordered. "The people of Israel are free to go. Make your God stop sending sadnesses in us!" He told Moses.

Hooray, hooray! Praise the LORD!" Moses and the people shouted. They gathered their things pack their things gathered their families and marched out of Egypt. Across the desert, Moses led the people, "Tromp, tromp, tromp." They camped along the shores of the Red Sea. How good it was to be free! How good it was to be going home! The LORD could take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news...and sure enough He did! He always sustains His people. He, alone!

But what was that noise in the middle of the night? Sound of hundreds of rolling wheels. The sound of hundreds of horses neighing. The sound of hundreds of soldiers shouting. Oh, no! It was Pharaoh's army! The king had changed his mind. He wanted his slaves back! And he was sending an army of soldiers on chariots to gather them up and bring them back!

Bad news bad news! The word spread through the camp. "The Pharaoh's soldiers are coming!" "Oh no! Where could they go? How could they escape? The Red Sea was on one side and the soldiers were on the other! They were stuck!

But the people of Israel didn't need to be afraid! They might be in trouble. They might not see any way out, but that didn't matter. WHO was their God? That's what mattered! He was the LORD. He had made them His people. And if there's one thing the LORD promises to do for His people, it is to take care of them. He will always save them. He will always sustain them. He will take care of their needs and grow their trust in Him. He will help them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn't even need anyone's help to do it! He can take impossible, big, bad, SCARY news and make it into amazing, good news...and sure enough He did!

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**“Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the LORD rescue you,”** Moses told the people. **“The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still and watch.”**

Then, at the LORD’s command, Moses raised up his shepherd’s staff and stretched it out towards the Red Sea. **“Whoosh,”** the LORD sent a strong, east wind. It blew and blew and blew on the water of the Red Sea. And as it blew, something amazing happened to the water. Can you guess what it was?

*Can you guess?*

**Good news! Good news!** The people watched the wind split apart the waters with and made them stack up higher and higher and higher, like two, huge, watery walls. And in between those two, great, watery walls, the LORD dried up the sea bed and made a path. The LORD had made them a way of escape and they took it! How amazing that must have been to cross through the Red Sea between those big walls of water!

Pharaoh’s soldiers saw what the LORD had done for His people. They watched as the people of Israel escaped through the middle of the Sea. What would they do? Would they fear the mighty God who had done this amazing thing or would they follow?

*What do you think they did?*

**They did NOT fear the LORD; and, they most certainly DID follow!** Across the sandy beach and onto the dry path between those great, watery walls, those soldiers took their horses. But it was no use! The LORD had made that path for His people, not for their enemies. As the sun rose in the east, and the last of God’s people had crossed safely to the far side of the sea, the LORD ordered the waves back in place. Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and soldiers were swept away, once and for all!

On the banks of the Red Sea that morning, Moses and Miriam and all the people of Israel sang their praises to the LORD:

**“I will sing to the LORD! He is my strength and my Savior. He is my God and I will praise him! He has gotten rid of our enemies. He swept them away in the sea. His love for His people will never fail. He rules over everything forever and ever.”**

**And they were right! The LORD was the one, true God. He would always be with His people and always help them. He would take care of their needs; He would grow their trust in Him.**

It would be many more years before the people of Israel were to make it all the way back home to Canaan. They were to face many more “bad news” days. But no matter what the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news was, can you guess what the LORD always did for His people?

*Can you guess?*

**The LORD always took care of them and gave them amazing, good news. He always saved them and sustained them. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. He helped them keep on believing in Him and living for Him. And He didn’t even need anyone’s help to do it! Yes, the LORD always sustained them and got them all the way home! The LORD, and the LORD alone.**

**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 impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?**

Jacob and the people of Israel faced many times when there looked to be no way out. No food to eat because there was no rain; then, no way to get free from the mighty Pharaoh and his soldiers.

**2. Who turned this bad news into amazing good news each time?** The LORD did! He always helped His people. He always took care of their needs and helped them trust in Him.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Jude 1:24-25**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?** The LORD did!

**2. How did He help them?** He took care of their needs and rescued them. He gave them faith to trust Him and obey Him, even though they were afraid.

**For You and Me:**

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. We may want to stumble in fear, like the people of Israel did. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can know that the LORD will always

sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him, even when we feel like stumbling in fear. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants.

**1. Which four belong in our story?**

The wall of water, the chariot; Moses; and, the dead plants belong. The watermelon and the feather do not belong.

**2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?** The people of Israel did.

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**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?****It Is God's Sustaining Grace...****God Alone Sustains His People!**

The people of Israel saw the LORD save them from their enemies over and over. He took care of their needs and grew their trust in Him. But the biggest enemy the people of Israel faced was not the mean king of Egypt or his army of soldiers. Their biggest enemy was in their hearts. It was choosing to not trust in the LORD or obey His good laws. It was sin! The sin in their hearts deserved God's punishment. It meant they deserved to not be God's people at all. Now this really was impossible, big, bad, SCARY news! But the LORD provided a rescue from their sin, too. How? By sending His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. Through Jesus, God provided the way for them to be saved... and for us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer! *Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Sustainer of all things. You keep everything going according to Your perfect plans.
- C** We confess that many times we doubt that You really will sustain us through hard times. We act like You won't be faithful to us. We need a Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your promises to always sustain Your people, so that they will keep loving and obeying You all their lives.
- S** God, please sustain us. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Each day, give us what we need to love You and live for You.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Unit 13: The God Who Sustains**

**Unit Big Question (and Answer):** Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."  
--Psalm 55:22

**Bible Truth 1 Concept: It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People**

God is not only Creator of all things; He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He is the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes: the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals and people. Absolutely everything!

God created people with a body and with a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain not just our bodies, but our spirit, too. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him more and more. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face.

Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves, but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

**Learn a Little** "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and present you blameless be glory, forever. Amen."

**Meaning**

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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### **Bible Truth 1 Story**

#### **The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News**

*Genesis 37:12-36; 39-50; Exodus 1-15*

### **Songs Used in Bible Truth 1**

Big Q & A 13 Song

Big Question 13 Song: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?

Big Question 13 Bible Verse Song: Cast Your Cares on the LORD Psalm 55:22, NIV 1984

*Big Question 13 Extra Bible Verse Song: The LORD Your God Is with You Zephaniah 3:17, NIV 1984*

Big Question 13 Hymn: Jesus Paid It All, v.1

Big Question 13 Praise Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: To Him Who Is Able Jude 1:24-25, NIV 1984

*Extra Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse: Jude Doxology Jude 1:24-25, NIV 1984*