



What Is the Gospel?

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ANSWER:

It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!

The Big Question

*Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see,
and say:*

The Big Question we are investigating today is
Big Question Number 3:

What Is the Gospel?
and the Answer is:

It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!

Meaning:

Gospel means "good news." In the Bible, the gospel is the good news that God sent His Son Jesus to save sinners like you and me from the punishment we deserve for our sins. That salvation is ours when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Now that is good news indeed!

Let's sing our Big Question Song:

Big Q & A 3 Song

DDD NIV Songs 3, track 12

(adapted version of "Oh, My Darlin' Clementine")

What's the gospel?

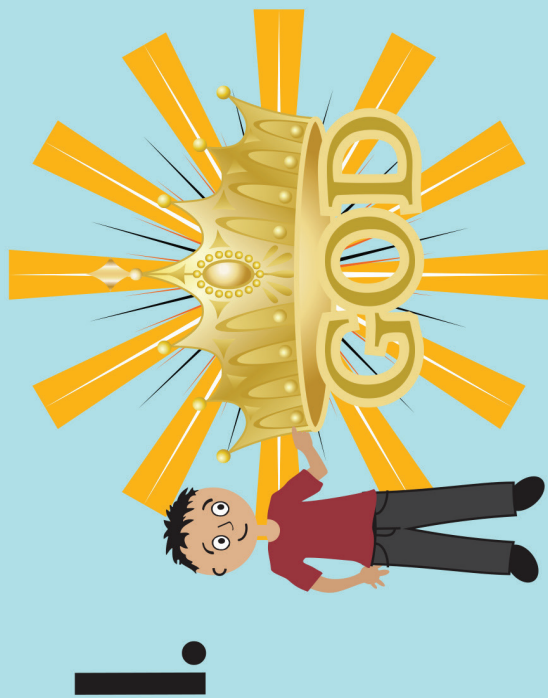
What's the gospel?

Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

That's what the gospel is. (repeat)

BIG QUESTION 3: Four truths about the Gospel



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This Unit's Bible Truths

"It's salvation through faith in Jesus Christ" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning FOUR Bible truths that all tell us more about the wonderful good news of God-the gospel.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about the gospel. It's this one: "God made us and we should obey Him" (point to pictures as you identify each Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these four truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2?

What Is the Gospel?

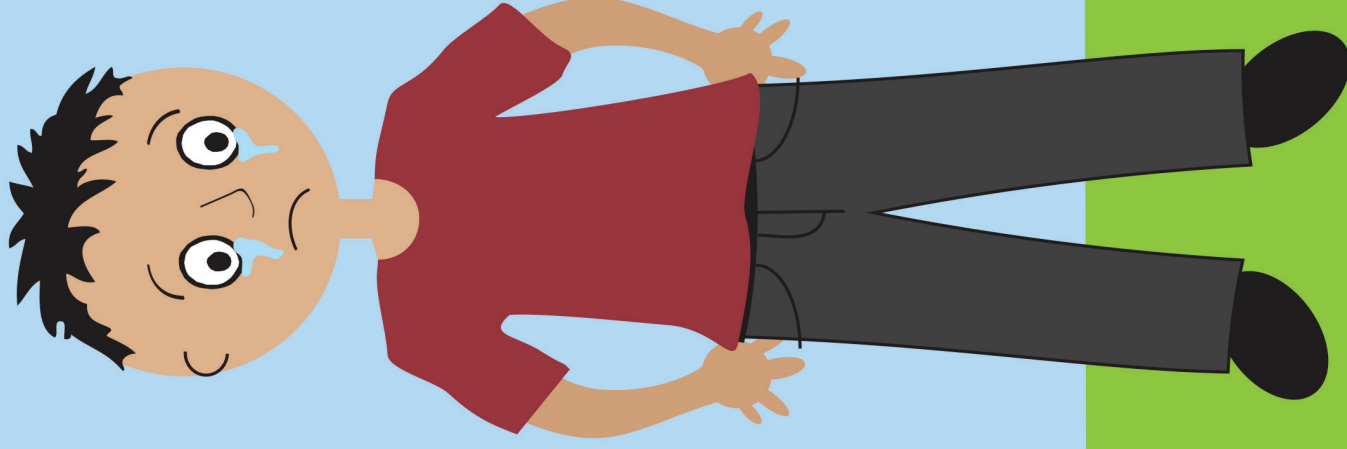
**It's Salvation through Faith
in Jesus Christ...**

**we have all disobeyed God
and deserve His ???**

**HINT: What we deserve when
we do something wrong on purpose.
It's a sad word that rhymes with "compliment."**

ANSWER:

**We have all disobeyed God
and deserve His PUNISHMENT!**



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Revealing the Bible Truth We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“What Is the Gospel?
It’s Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!
We have all disobeyed God and deserve His ??? !”**

“We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What we deserve when we do something wrong on purpose. It’s a sad word that rhymes with “compliment.”

Can you guess? It’s “punishment.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

**“What Is the Gospel?
It’s Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!
We have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

God is our good Creator. He made us with a spirit so we can know and love Him. He is our good King. He gave us good laws that show us how to love Him and love each other. Life is most wonderful when we know and love God, and we live as He wants us to live.

But instead of choosing God and His wonderful way of life, we have all chosen to disobey Him and His good laws. We have chosen to live life our own, selfish way, instead. This is what the Bible calls sin. Because God is good, He hates sin...and He will punish it. And oh, how terrible is God’s punishment for sin! It is to live apart from Him and everything good forever! Every single one of us deserve this punishment for our sins.

But God isn’t only good; He’s merciful, too. Merciful means treating us better than we deserve, and that’s just exactly how God offers to treat us. Yes, our sins must be punished, but God has chosen to take that punishment on Himself. That’s why He sent Jesus, His own dear Son, to earth. Jesus came to take the punishment we deserved for our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. That can even include you and me! Isn’t God amazing? How great is God’s love for us!

**"Surely there is not a righteous man on earth
who does good and never sins..."**



**See, this alone I found, that God made man upright,
but they have sought out many schemes."**

Ecclesiastes 7:20,29, ESV

or on earth beneath." 1 Kings 8:23



Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Ecclesiastes 7:20,29 tells us:

Ecclesiastes 7:20,29, ESV

"Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins... See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes."

Learn a Little: "There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins."

What does that mean?

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He created it all good. Oh, how wonderful was the love that those first people had for God! Oh, how wonderful it was to know Him and to obey Him! The big Bible word for loving God and living His good way is "righteous."

But that's not the way things are now. Sadly, we all have chosen to disobey God. We want to do things our own way, not God's good way. We make sneaky schemes and plan how we can get what we want or do what we want, instead of what God wants. Our hearts are not full of love for God or for others as they should be.

No one is righteous anymore. No one, that is, except Jesus, God's Son. God sent Jesus live a perfect, righteous life and give it as the payment for our sins. We can have Jesus' righteousness and become one of God's people, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

There Is Not A Righteous Man: Ecclesiastes 7:20,29

DDD ESV Songs 3, track 22

There is not a righteous man on earth,
Who does good and never sins.
See, this alone I found, that God made man upright,
But they have sought,
Sought out many schemes.
Ecclesiastes Seven: twenty and twenty-nine.

"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

DDD 3.2 Bible Verse Picture--Back

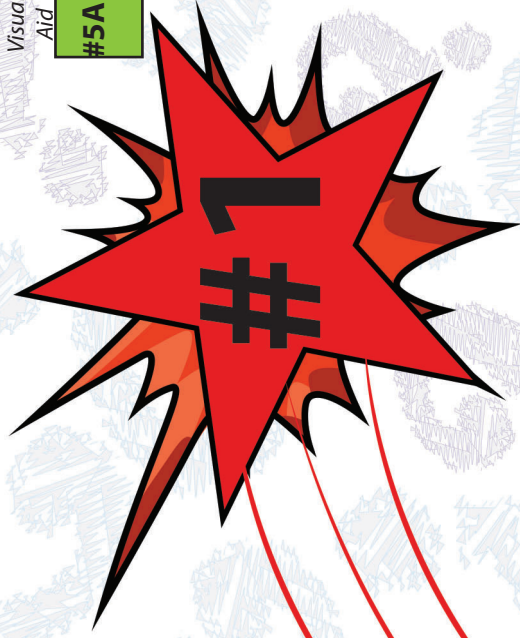
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm working on a brand-new case called:

"The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters."

I need to find out:

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling?

AND

2. What were they squabbling about?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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 of his questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.

At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.

Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.

Answers:

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling? *The believers in Rome.*

2. What were they squabbling about?

They were squabbling about who was best--the Jews or the Gentiles. And, if all believers should keep the Live Together laws of the Jews.

For You and Me:

Just like the believers in Rome, we need to remember that it is only through God's free gift of forgiveness through Jesus that anyone can become one of God's people. This can be His gift to us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters."

Our Bible verse is Psalm Ecclesiastes 7:20,29, ESV:

"Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins... See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes."

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"Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins... See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes."

For You and Me:

1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from? From Jew and Gentile families.

2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other? That none of them had been righteous. None of them had pleased God by their own, good work. They were saved only through the Savior, Jesus. That's what mattered. Not the Live Together laws.

For You and Me:

None of us can ever be good enough to please God. None of us would ever be able to know God or be His people on our own. But the good news is that Jesus did live a perfect life. He offered up His righteous to pay for the sins of God's people--all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: Jews; a jar; Gentiles; fake gods; a bear; and a house.

Hold up each of the six pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who thanked God for saving them through Jesus?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

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 of his questions."

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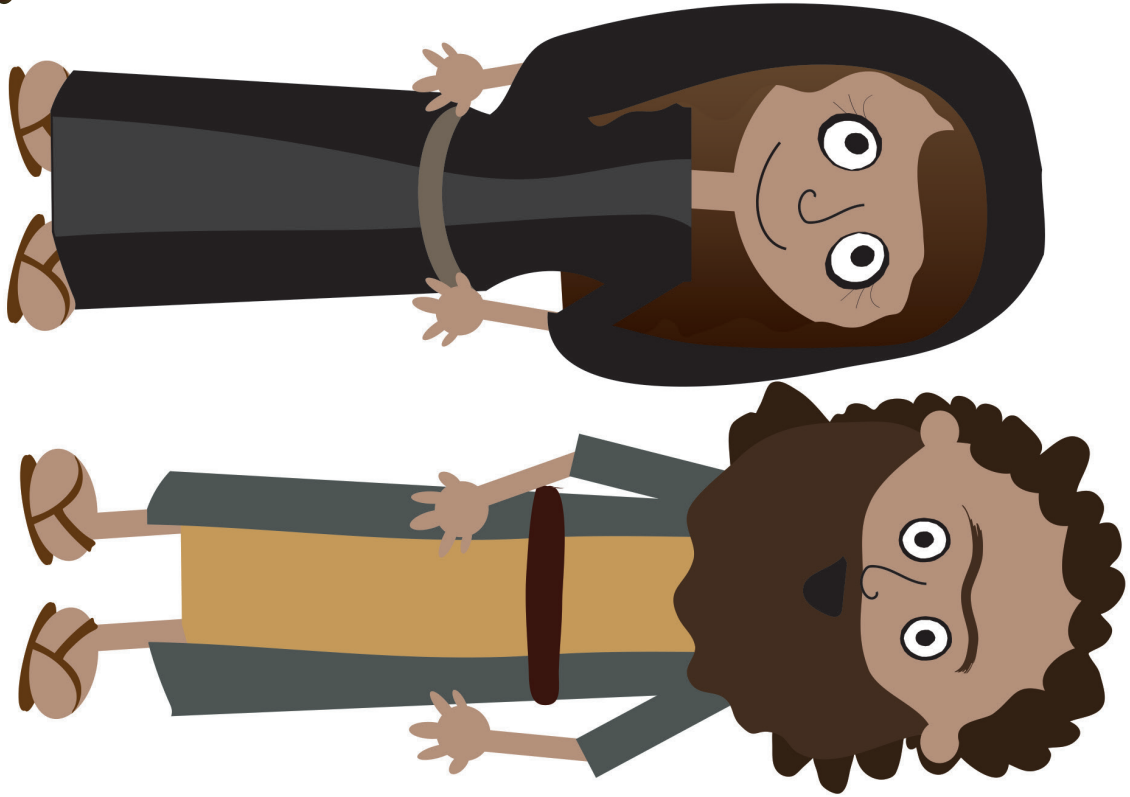
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2. Who thanked God for saving them through Jesus?

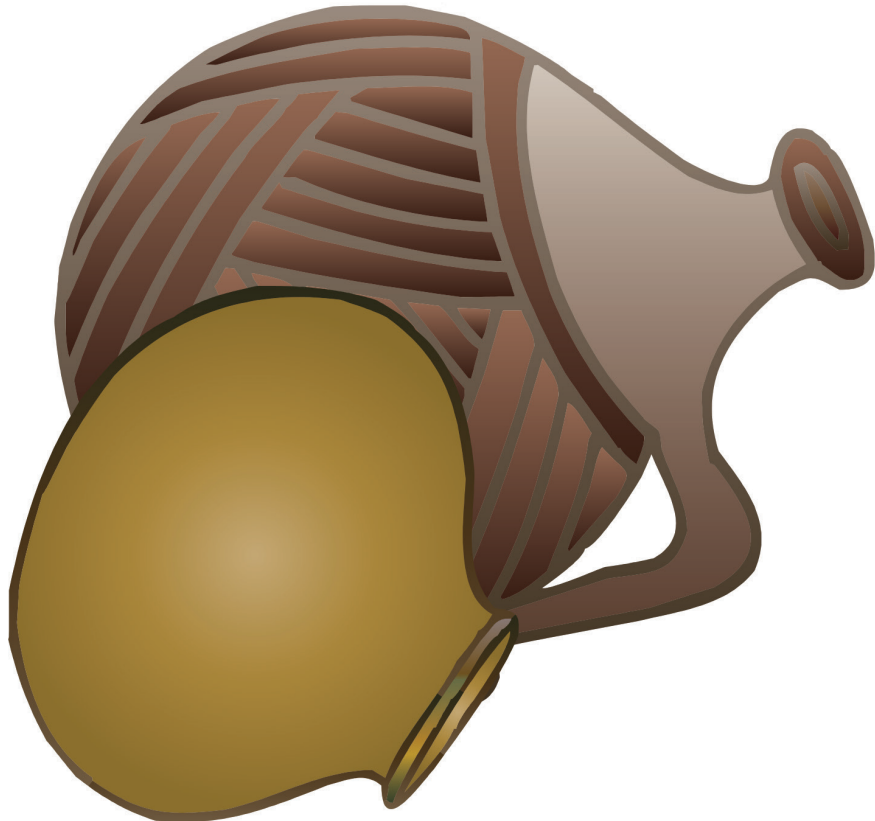
Paul and the believers in Rome all thanked God for saving them through Jesus.

For You and Me:

God's people know that they could never live good enough lives to get to be God's people. They thank God for sending Jesus to pay for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus can pay for our sins, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then we can thank God for saving us and making us His people, too!



Jews



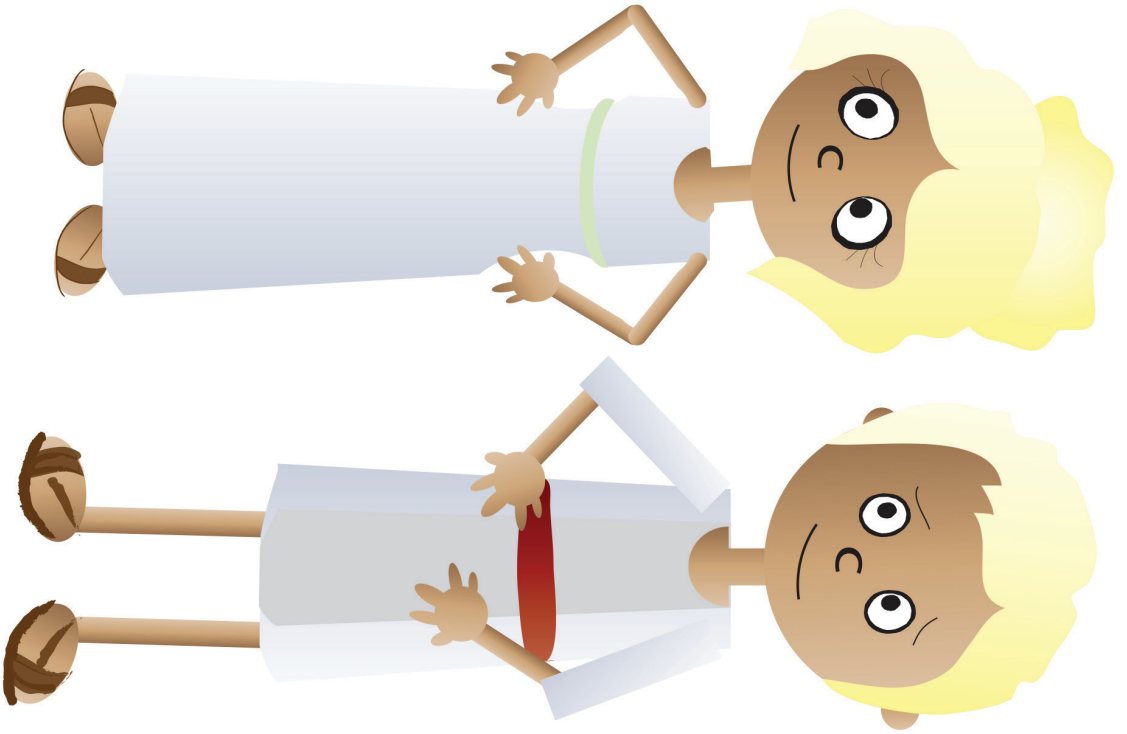
A Jar



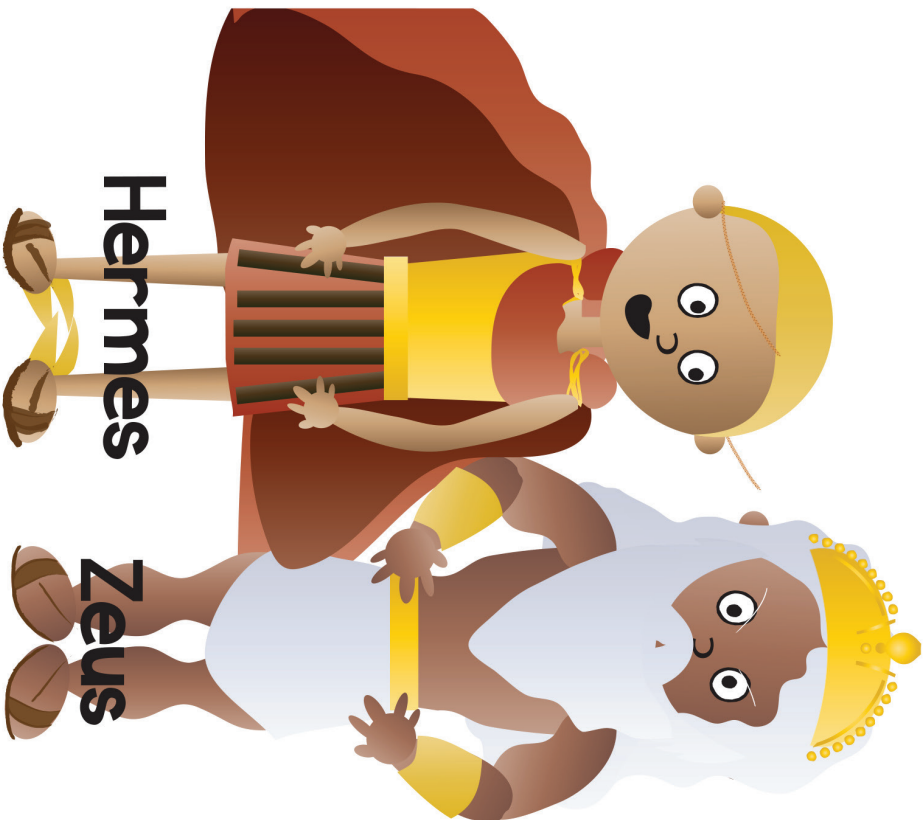
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DDD 3.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 2 for kids



Gentiles



Hermes

Zeus

Fake Gods



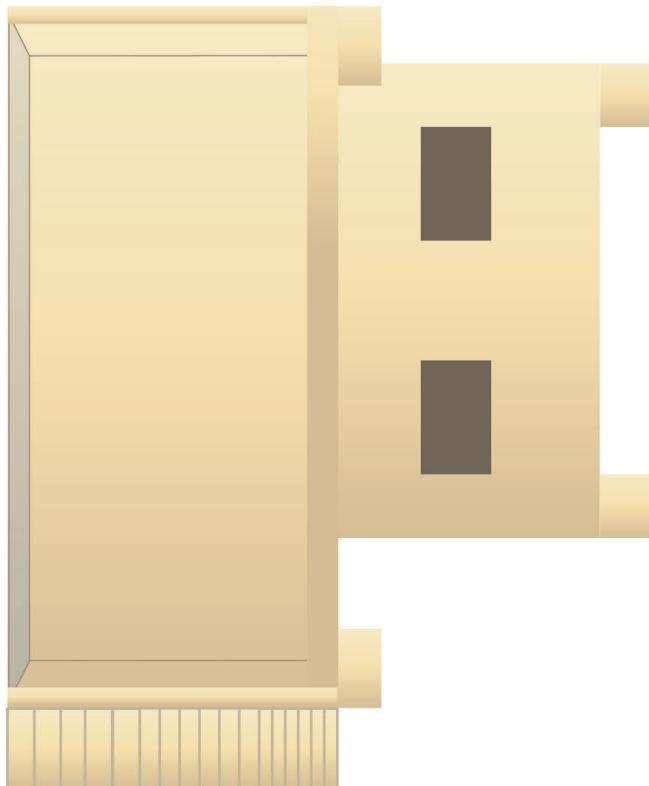
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DDD 3.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 4 for kids



A Bear



A House



DDD 3.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 5 for kids



DDD 3.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 6 for kids