



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 ESV Songs 3, track 12

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

What's the gospel?

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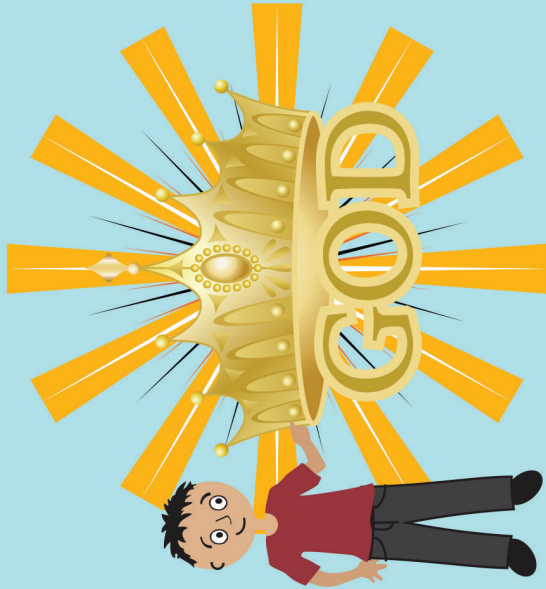
Can you tell me what it is?

It's salvation through faith in Jesus,

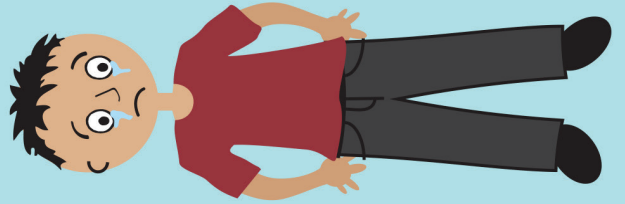
That's what the gospel is. (repeat)

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 three truths about the gospel. They are: "God made us and we should obey Him", "We have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment"; and, "God sent Jesus to pay for the sins of God's people." (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 4?

What Is the Gospel?

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

**God saves all who ??? of
their sins and trust in
Jesus as their Savior!**

HINT: What's the Bible word for
turning away from disobeying God?
It rhymes with "cement."

ANSWER:

**God saves all who REPENT
of their sins and trust in
Jesus as their Savior!**



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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...

God saves all who ??? of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior!”

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the Bible word for turning away from disobeying God? It rhymes with “cement.”

Can you guess? It’s “repent.”

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...

God saves all who REPENT of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior!”

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

God is our good Creator and King. He made us to know Him, love Him and obey His good laws. But sadly, we all have chosen to disobey God and His good laws. We deserve His punishment for our sins. We have all turned away from Him.

But God has made a way for us to be forgiven our sins and to become His people. In His great love and mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never disobeyed God. He offered up His life as the full payment for sin when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead. Jesus had done it! He had beaten sin and death for God’s people!

How can we become one of God’s people? Who can receive God’s gift of forgiveness? All who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Repent means to stop living a life full of disobeying God and to start living to please God, instead. God can help us repent and believe. Ask Him!

How wonderful it is to be one of God’s people! To have special closeness with God by His Holy Spirit living in your heart now. And one day, to go live with God forever. That will be best of all!

**"The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel."
--Mark 1:15, ESV**



Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

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

Mark 1:15 tells us:

Mark 1:15, ESV

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Learn a Little: "Repent and believe in the gospel."

What does that mean?

For years and years, God had promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins. For years and years, people waited and watched...and they watched and waited. At last, Jesus came! He taught the people about God and did amazing things. He showed them that He was God's Son, the Savior God had promised.

But what did people have to do, if they were to be forgiven by God for their sins? Jesus told them: "Repent and believe in the gospel--the good news that Jesus was God's Son, the Savior, sent to save them. We can be forgiven, too, when we repent--that is, turn away from disobeying God and living life our own way--and believe that Jesus is God's Son, the Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

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

The Time Is Fulfilled:

Mark 1:15

DDD ESV Songs 3, track 26

The time is fulfilled,
The time is fulfilled,
And the kingdom of God is at hand.
The time is fulfilled,
The time is fulfilled,
And the kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe,
Repent and believe in the gospel,
Repent and believe,
Repent and believe in the gospel,
Repent and believe. (repeat)
Mark Chapter One, verse fifteen.

"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?"

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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 Changes in Cruddy Crete."

I need to find out:

Cruddy is a word that means something is no good.

1. What was Crete and what was so cruddy about it?

AND

2. Who changed in Crete? How did they change?

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:

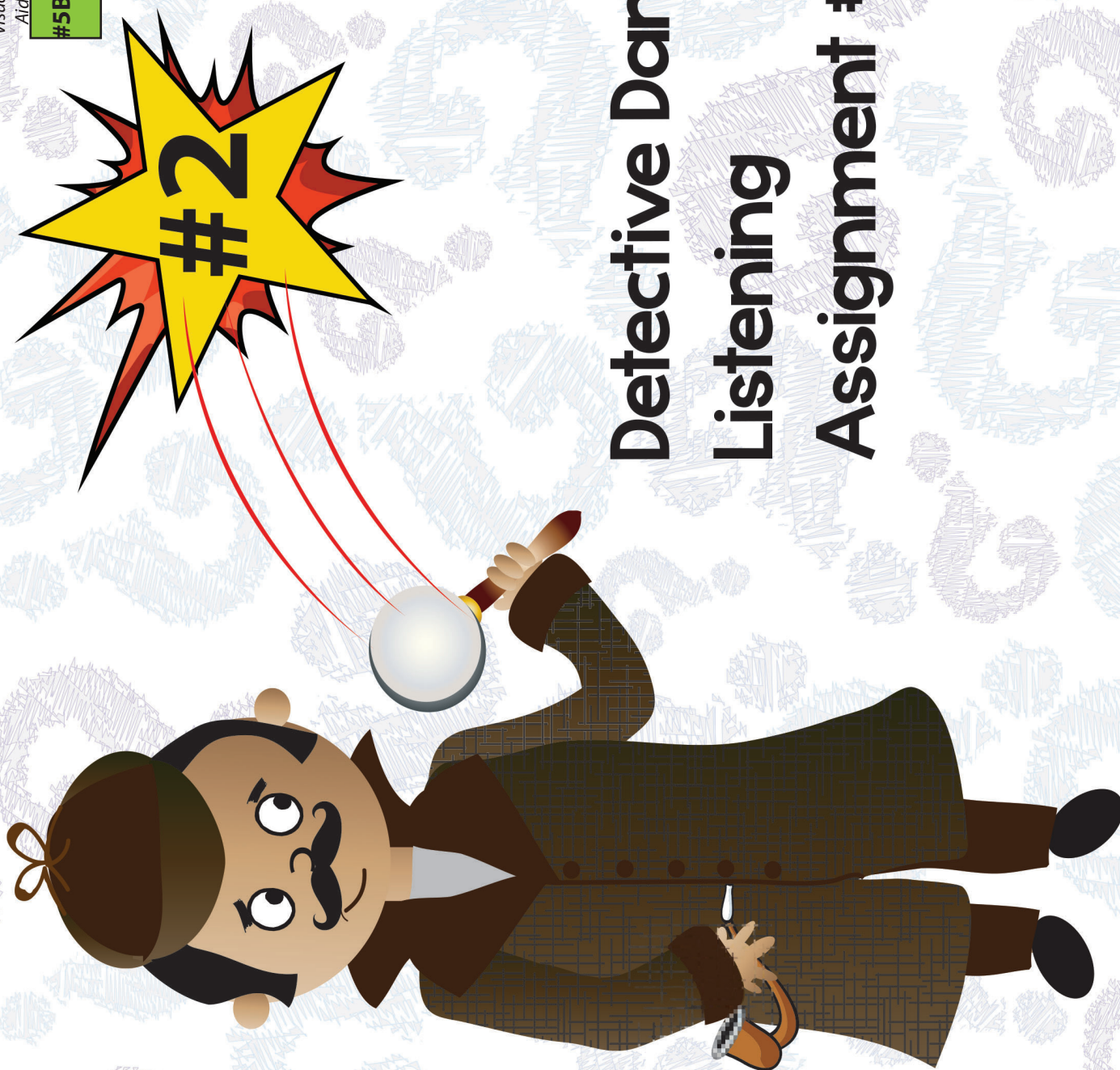
Cruddy is a word that means something is no good.

1. What was Crete and what was so cruddy about it? Crete was an island. It was filled with people who rebelled against God and His good ways. They are what made the island so cruddy.

2. Who changed in Crete? How did they change? Many people changed in Crete when they heard the good news of Jesus. God's Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and helped them to repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

For You and Me:

Maybe we don't live in Cruddy Crete, but we need Jesus to be our Savior, just as much as they did. God can help us repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, just like He helped them! Ask Him to help you!



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 Changes in Cruddy Crete."

Our Bible verse is Mark 1:5, ESV

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

I need to find out:

1. Who went to Crete to tell the people to repent and believe?

AND

2. What was the gospel that he wanted them to repent and believe in?

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

Thanks for your help!

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.

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Answers:

Our Bible Verse is: Mark 1:15, ESV

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

1. Who went to Crete to tell the people to repent and believe? Paul with his young friend, Titus.

2. What was the gospel that he wanted them to repent and believe in? The good news that we can be forgiven our sins and become God's people through Jesus. Paul wanted the people of Crete to repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He wanted them to become God's people, too.

For You and Me:

The gospel Paul shared with the people of Crete is for us, too. God offers to forgive our sins and make us His people when repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

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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 Changes in Cruddy Crete."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a liar; a palm tree; a pizza; a pair of shoes; a man named Titus; and, a lazy, over-eater.

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** pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. Who repented of their sins and asked God for forgiveness? Who helped them do this?

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.

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Answers:

Our six clues were: a liar; a palm tree; a pizza; a pair of shoes; a man named Titus; and, a lazy, over-eater.

1. Which four belong in our story?

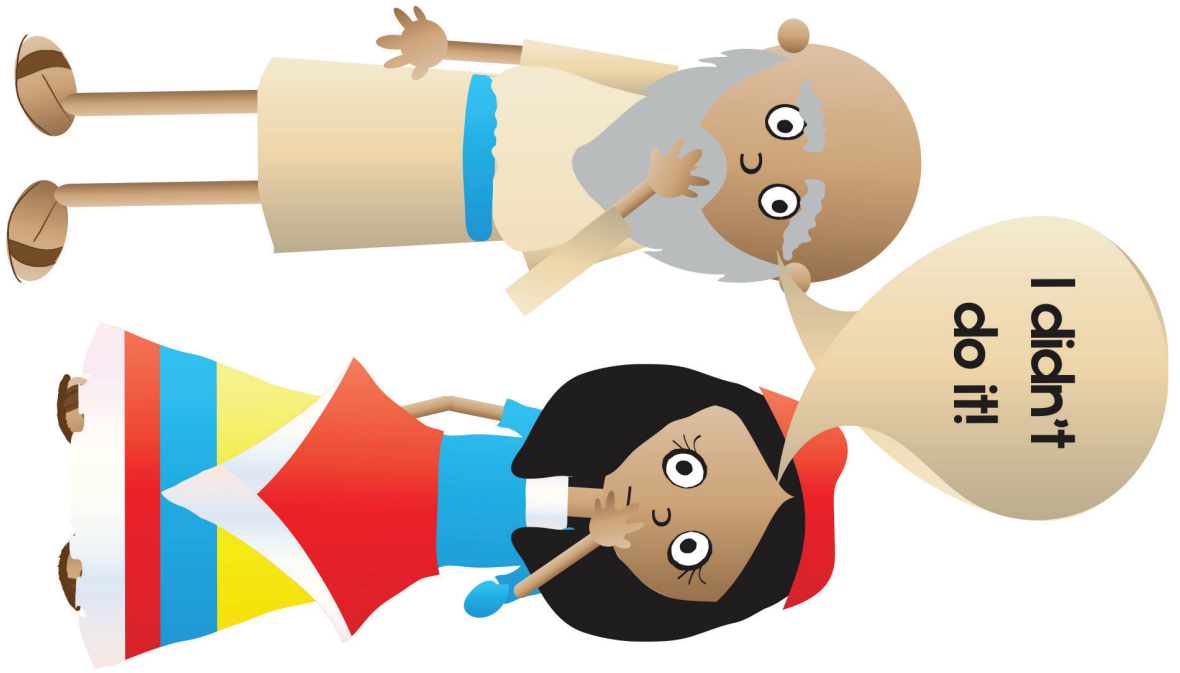
The liar; the palm tree; Titus; and, the lazy, over-eater.

2. Who repented of their sins and asked God for forgiveness? Who helped them do this?

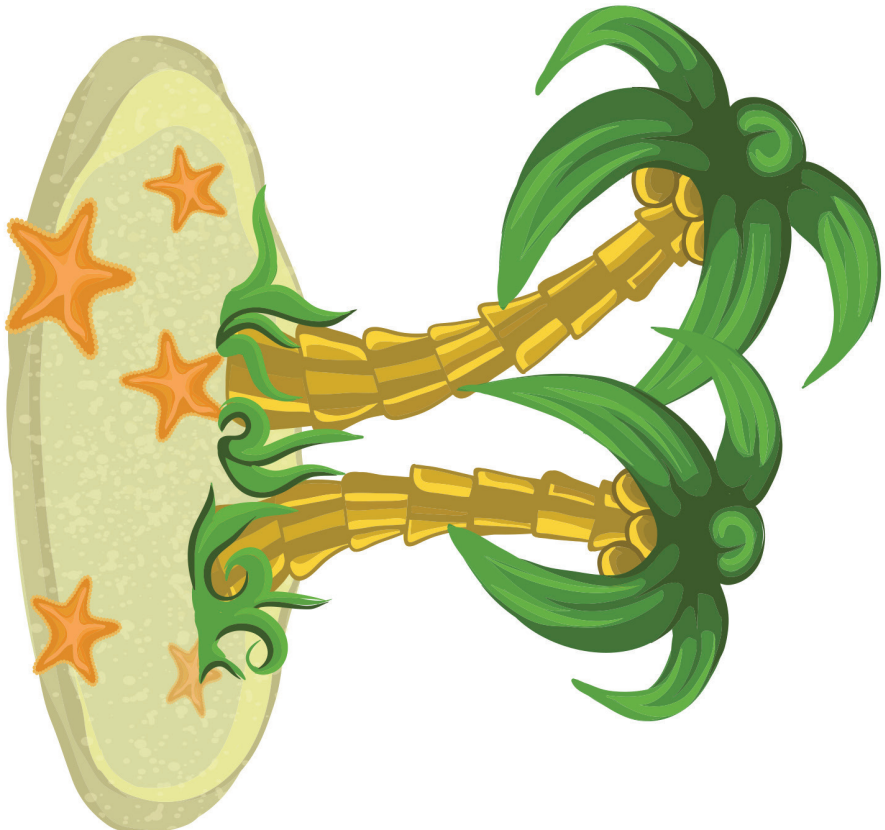
Many people in Crete. Paul helped them do this, by telling the gospel and preaching God's Word. God's Holy Spirit helped them do this by working in their hearts as they listened to Paul.

For You and Me:

Just like the people in Crete, we have heard the good news of Jesus. Just like them, God calls us to repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God helped the people of Crete repent and believe. He can help us, too. Ask Him to help you!



A Liar



A Palm Tree



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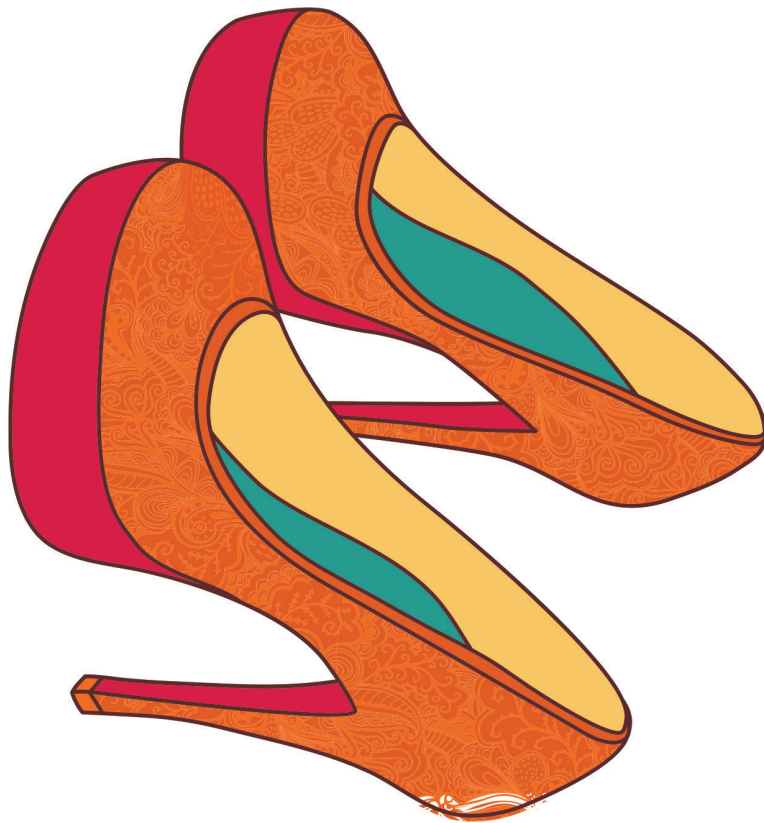
DDD 3.4 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 2 for kids



A Pizza



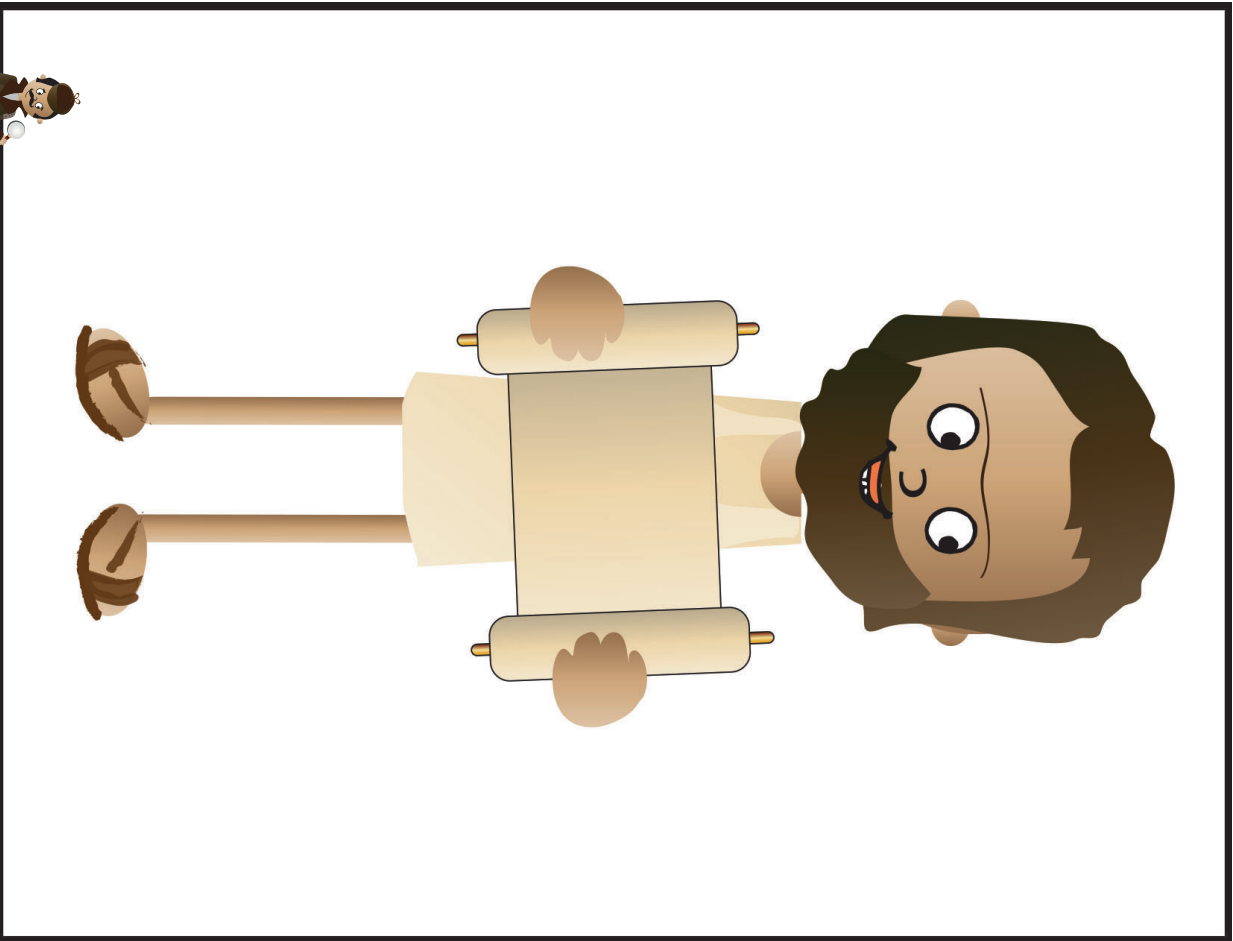
A Pair of Shoes



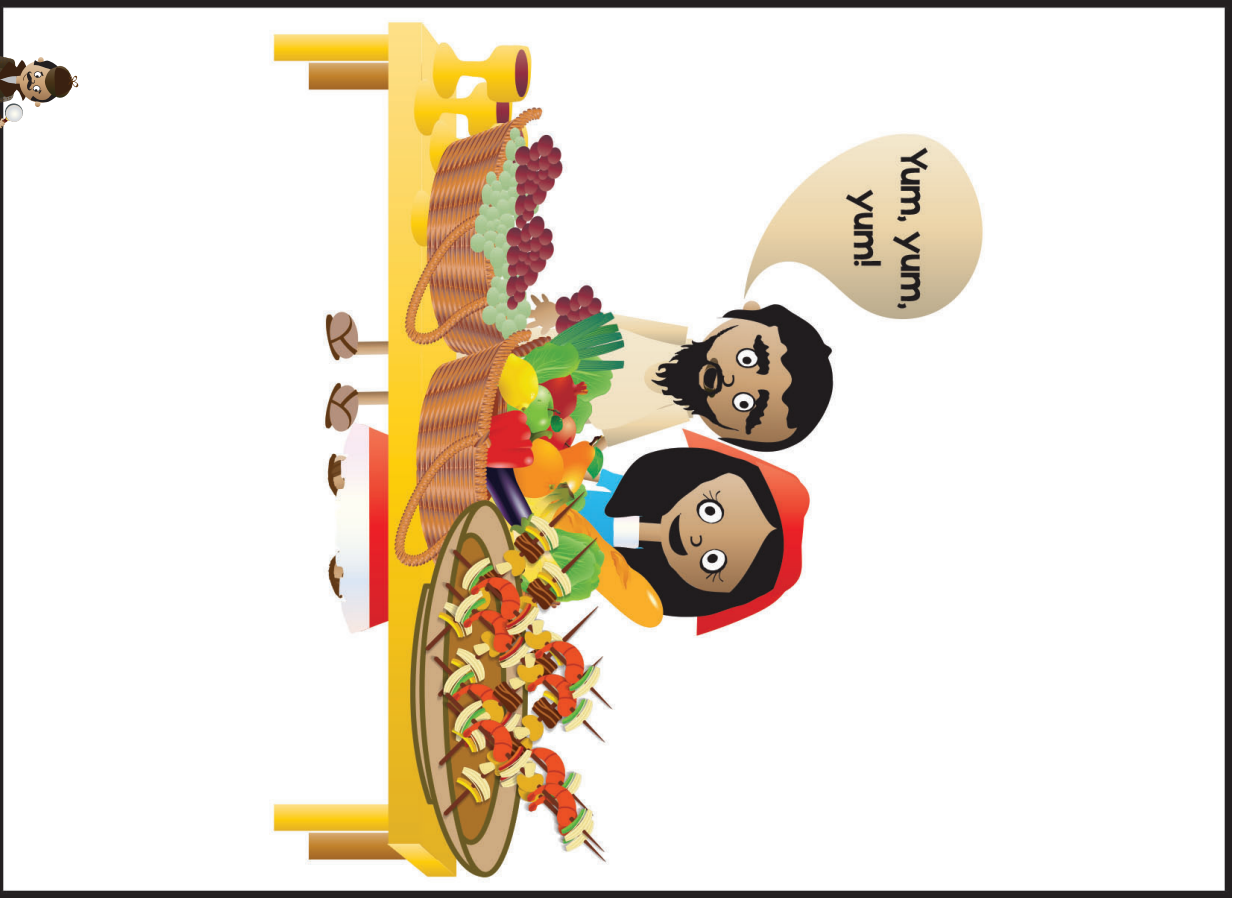


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DDD 3.4 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture3 for kids



A Man Named Titus



A Lazy Over-eater



DDD 3.4 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 5 for kids



DDD 3.4 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 6 for kids