# DEEP DOWN DETECTIVES

Curriculum Resources for Unit 7, Bible Truth 3:

What Are God's Laws Like?
God's Laws Are Perfect...
They Tell Us How to
Love God and Others

# **Session Prep (especially good for newbies!)**

#### Pray!



Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in your and the children's hearts.

#### **Review**



If new to the curriculum, look at the **Getting Started with Deep Down Detectives section of the Core Curriculum book.** (p.5) It will be especially helpful to read through the Deep Down Detectives section of **The Praise Factory Tour: Extended Version Book.** This is a visual way to understand what goes on in the classroom. (A pdf of the book is found in the samples section on the website.)

#### Look through and Learn the Lesson



Read over **lesson plan**. Practice any **songs or action rhymes** you are using. Choose/make up motions to go with these. Choose less with younger children and more with older preschoolers. **Practice the lesson with the visual aids** and using the Big Question Box/Briefcase.

#### **Read and Rehearse the Bible Story with Pictures**





Read the Bible story from the Bible. Read the curriculum version. Practice telling it with the storyboard pictures. (If you have not previously laminated the story pictures, do that now.)

#### **Let There Be Music**



Download the music and listen to the songs. Choose which of the songs you will use with the children. If using live musicians, make sure they have the sheet music (Appendix A, Core Curriculum book).

# **Put the Props in Place**



- 1. Prepare your Visual Aids. Put the Big Question, Unit Bible Truths, Bible Truth, Bible Verse, and Listening Assignment signs, as well as the Bible Story script in one side of the Bible folder.
- 2. Get out your storyboard. Put all background pictures in place (they have a BG by the number). Put the rest of the storyboard pictures (these have a SB by the number) in order of use in the other side of the Bible folder.
- 3. Put the DDD Bible Folder as well as the Big Question sign in the Big Question Box/Briefcase and shut it. If your box/briefcase has locks and you want to use the unlocking the box as part of your session, lock it now....but make sure you have the key or know the code first.
- 4. Prepare the music CD or sheet music or mp3 device for use in your session.

#### **Set Out Free Play Activities**



Choose and set up free time activities you will use with the children. Choose a variety of different activities that will be enjoyed by different types of children. Rotate the activities you provide to keep them interesting and fresh to your children. (Suggestions in Appendix D, Core Curriculum books.)

#### **Prepare Any Activities**



Choose which (if any) of the Bible Truth games and crafts activities you want to use in the session. Bear in mind your time frame as well as the developmental abilities and attention span of your children as you decide which/how many to prepare. **Look over the Discussion Sheet** and choose a few questions you might use to spark discussion with the children as they do their activities (especially good for ages 3's+). Pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about these things with the children.

#### **Let Them Take It with Them**



Make copies of the craft/take home sheets, if you are not already using them as one of your activities. You may also want to make copies of the story (see take-home version of each story included in Appendix C with the other take home resources) to have for parents to use with their children at home. There's a link on each craft/take home sheet to the story, if you don't make hard copies.

#### Store It



After your session is over, collect the resources and store them for future use. This curriculum can be used over and over for years to come.

# **Unit 7: The Law-Giving God**

#### **UNIT OVERVIEW**

A law is a big rule made by someone in charge. God is our Maker. He is in charge of everyone in the whole world. He has given us His laws to live by.

God is good and loving, wise and fair. He is perfect! God's laws are just like Him. They are good and loving, wise and fair, too. They are perfect!

God's laws show us the very best way to live. They show us how to love God and love others. They are exactly what we need.

In this unit we will learn three truths about the laws God has given us.

#### **UNIT BIBLE VERSE:** Psalm 19:7, ESV

"The law of the LORD is perfect."

#### **BIG QUESTION UNDER INVESTIGATION:** What Are God's Laws Like?

**ANSWER:** God's Laws Are Perfect!

#### OPTIONAL Big Question 7 INTRODUCTION LESSON (Use Hide 'n' Seek Kids Unit 7 Material)

Story: The Case of the Big Voice Bible Verse: Exodus 19-20, 24

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 1: They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Big Ten Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21

Bible Verse: Exodus 16,19,20

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 2: They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us** (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Rotten Innerds Luke 18:9-14

Bible Verse: Luke 18:9-14

# BIBLE TRUTH 3: They Tell Us How to Love God and Others (3 Lessons Available)

Story: The Case of the Do's and Don'ts Matthew 5,6,22

Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-40

# **Deep Down Detectives ESV Songs 7 Track Numbers**

This is a listing of all songs mentioned in the unit curriculum. You may or may not choose to use all of the songs. They are listed in easy-reference order--NOT in the order used in the curriculum.

You may choose to simply burn a CD/load them onto an mp3 device in this order. Or, you may want to do what we do: choose the songs we want to use and create a play list of them in that order. Then, we burn a CD/upload the play list onto an mp3 device. A teacher only has to click forward to the next song, instead of hunting for the right track. The track number have been included as part of the title of each song, teachers will still have a reference to the track number listed in the curriculum (same as those listed below), even if you change the order on your customized play list.

#### SONGS USED EVERY UNIT OF THE CURRICULUM

- 1 The Classroom Song v.1
- 2 The Classroom Song v.2
- 3 The Classroom Song v.3
- 4 The Classroom Song v.4
- 5 Deep Down Detectives Theme Song
- 6 The Classroom Rules Song
- 7 Let's Pray Song
- 8 The Big Question Box Song
- 9 The Bible Chant Song
- 10 ACTS Prayer Song (Short Version)
- 11 ACTS Prayer Song (Full Version)

#### Why the Extra Songs?

Deep Down Detectives is a curriculum used by a wide age-span of kids. Sometimes one of the other songs is a better fit for your kids. Or, you may simply want to teach them more songs on the same Bible Truth. Use as many or as few as you want.

#### **UNIT 7: THE LAW-GIVING GOD**

- 12 Big Q & A 7 Song
- 13 Big Question 7 Song: What Are God's Laws Like?
- 14 Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV
- 15 Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV (full version)
- 16 Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV (short version)
- 17 Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine
- 18 Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

# What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect...

#### Bible Truth 1: They Are Written in the Bible, God's Word

- 19 Bible Verse: Hear, O Israel Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21, ESV (full version)
- 20 Bible Verse: Hear, O Israel Deuteronomy 5:1,7-21, ESV (short version)

#### Bible Truth 2: They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us

- 21 Bible Verse: By Works of the Law Romans 3:20-23, HCSB
- 22 Extra Bible Verse: Now We Know Romans 3:19-24, ESV
- 23 Extra Bible Verse: For Christ Suffered Once for Sins 1 Peter 3:18, ESV
- 24 Extra Bible Verse: The Lord Looks Down Psalm 14:2-3, HCSB
- 25 Extra Bible Verse: All We Like Sheep Isaiah 53:6, ESV
- 26 Extra Bible Verse: Seek the Lord Isaiah 55:6-7, ESV

#### Bible Truth 3: They Tell Us How to Love God and Others

27 Bible Verse: Love the Lord Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

# Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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#### Unit 7: God, the Just and Merciful

Unit Big Question (and Answer): What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

**Unit Bible Verse:** "The law of the LORD is perfect." Psalm 19:7

#### Bible Truth 3 Concept: God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

The LORD is the one, true God. He deserves our love. He made us to love Him more than anything else. Loving God is the most delightful thing we can do. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him. When we obey His laws, we are living out our love for Him.

God made us not just to love Him, but also to love each other. He gave His laws so we can know how to love each other. He tells us to treat others in the same loving way we want others to treat us. When we obey God's laws we are living out God's love for others. And, we are showing them a little bit of what He is like, that they might seek to know and love Him, too.

Obeying God's laws is not just the right way to live. It is also the happiest way to live with God and with other people. God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He gives us a new heart filled with His Holy Spirit and helps us to live in love as He wants us to.

#### Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Learn a Little: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Meaning

God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

#### **Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- **C** God, many times we do not obey Your good laws. Many times we do not love You or others as Your laws tell us to. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws that show us we how to love You and others. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. He helps us to obey Your good and loving laws.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away frou our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts and help us to love You and others as You want us to. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **Bible Truth 3 Story**

#### The Case of the Do's and Don'ts

Matthew 5,6,22

# Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3 Overview: Key Concepts

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# **Songs Used in Bible Truth 3**

Big Q & A 7 Song

Big Question 7 Song: What Are God's Laws Like?

Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV

Extra Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song: The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV (full version)

Big Question 7 Hymn: Holy Bible, Book Divine

Big Question 7 Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song: Love the Lord Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

	Question 7, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons	p.1
1. GETTING STARTED = follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan		
Intake		
Activity Ideas	Choose one of these open-ended activities to include children	as they join the class:
Free Play Time		
suggestions in Appendix D	Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activitie	es suggested in Appendix D.
OR Sing-along Music Time lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	Music from Deep Down Detectives (DDD) ESV Songs 7: Big Q & A 7 Song Big Question 7 Song Big Question 7 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 12 DDD ESV Songs 7, track 13
препакт	The Law of the Lord Psalm 19:7, ESV  Extra Big Question 7 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 14
	The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV (full version)  Extra Big Question 7 (Unit) Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 15
	The Law of the Lord Is Perfect Psalm 19:7, ESV (short version)  Big Question 7 Hymn:	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 16
	Holy Bible, Book Divine Big Question 7 Praise Song:	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 17
	The Best Book to Read Is the Bible Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse Song:	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 18
	Love the Lord Matthew 22:37-40, ESV	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 27
	on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Activities. Instructions found in Appe	
OR Bible Verse Memory Game	Lesson 1 Game: Slap, Clap and Stack Lesson 2 Game: Simon Says How	
instructions found in	Lesson 3 Game: Roll 'n' Toss	
Appendix B	These activities are also included on p.10 of this lesson plan with the Response Act	ivities.
2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related Bible story)		
Gathering the Children	Sing verse 1 of The Classroom Song to gather the children for Circle	: Time.
lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A	The Classroom Song, verse 1 Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Let's gather together to worship God, Come gather here with me!	DDD ESV Songs 7, track 1
Welcome to Deep Down Detectives	"Welcome to Deep Down Detectives. We're so glad you've joined us! Detectives are people who look for answers to questions. In Deep Down Detectives, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God's Word to find them."	

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2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Deep Down Detectives

"Let's sing our Deep Down Detectives Theme Song."

# Theme Song

#### Deep Down Detectives Theme Song

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 5

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A We're Deep Down Detectives, diggin' deep in God's Word,

For truths about God and His plans for this world, We're seeking to love Him, with all of our heart, We're Deep Down Detectives!

Come on! Let's start!

# Classroom Rules Song

There are two very important things that Deep Down Detectives do together: we worship God and we love one another. Our Classroom Rules Song reminds us how we should act. Let's sing it."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

#### **Classroom Rules Song**

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 6

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 7

Shh, be quiet while someone is talking,

Raise your hand, if you have something to say, Don't touch your friend, sitting beside you,

Obey your teachers, Be kind as you play.

These are our classroom rules, These are our classroom rules,

They help us worship God and love one another,

These are our classroom rules.

### Opening Prayer Time

"Children, we need God's help to keep these rules. Let's ask Him to help us right now. Let's get ready and pray."

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Let's Pray

1-2-3!

Fold your hands,

Bow your head,

Close your eyes.

Let's pray! (repeat)

"Let's pray:"

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#### **Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We're so glad to get to gather together to worship You!

Please help us keep the classroom rules.

Please help us to love You and learn about You today.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Reveal the **Big Question**

# Introduce the **Big Question Box/Briefcase**

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"Detectives INVESTIGATE things. That means they ask questions and look for answers. Deep Down Detectives investigate big questions about God. The Big Question we are investigating today is right inside our Big Question Box/Briefcase.

#### The Big Question Box Song

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 8

We've got a big box, All closed up and locked, Filled with the truths of God's Word.

We've got a brief case, There's no time to waste, Come on, kids, let's open it up!

# **The Big Question** under Investigation

VISUAL take out

AID



of BQB

Big Question & Answer Sign, front side \*found in the DDD Unit 7 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Ok, who would like to open for me and pull out the Big Question?"

Choose a child to open the box/briefcase, take out the Big Question and hand it to you, then 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 7:

What Are God's Laws Like?

and the Answer is:

**God's Laws Are Perfect!** 

# **Big Question** Meaning

'A law is a big rule made by someone in charge. God is our Maker. He is in charge of everyone in the whole world. He has given us His laws to live by.

God is good and loving, wise and fair. He is perfect! God's laws are just like Him. They are good and loving, wise and fair, too. They are perfect!

God's laws show us the very best way to live. They show us how to love God and love others. They are exactly what we need.

#### **Big Question Songs**

"Let's sing our Big Question Song:

#### Big Q & A 6 Song

#### Big Q & A 7 Song

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 12

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

(adapted version of "The Farmer in the Dell")

What are God's laws like? What are God's laws like? What are God's laws like? God's laws are perfect!

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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## **Learning about** the Big Question (use one or both)

Repeat the Big Question and Answer again:

#### "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!"



Say: "Hmmmm, I wonder what that means... Let's do our action rhyme/sing our song that explains it."

Then do the action rhyme or sing the song using any of the optional motions suggested, if desired.

# **Big Question Action Rhyme**

# **Big Question 7 Action Rhyme**

#### (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

God's laws are God's big, big rules for everyone to obey.

They tell me how to love God most, In how I live each day.

They tell me how to love you, too, In all the things I say and do. God's laws are always good and fair and best. Let's keep God's big, big rules!

Point out to everyone Point up to God

Point out to others

# **Big Question** (Action Rhyme) Song

Appendix A

#### **Big Question 7 Action Rhyme/ Song**

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 13

#### **Refrain:**

lyrics and sheet music,

What are God's laws like? What are they like? God's laws are perfect! God's laws are perfect! What are God's laws like? What are they like? God's laws are like Him,

They are good and just.

## (POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

Make question gesture with your arms (arms bent and palms facing upward)

#### Verse 1

God is our Creator,

He's in charge of the whole world. He gave us laws to live by,

They are written in His Word. Refrain

Make globe shape with arms

Make "Ok" sign with your fingers

Write with index finger on flat palm of

other hand.

Point up to God

#### Verse 2

God's laws are the best way, For us all to live, God calls us to obey them, To reflect His righteousness. Refrain

Point out to everyone

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued

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# Learning the Bible Truth

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VISUAL AID All the Bible Truths Sign "God's laws are perfect 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 **THREE** Bible truths that all tell us more about God's perfect laws.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our three 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 three truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look, say...

#### **Bible Truth Clue**

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Bible Truth Clue Sign, front side VISUAL AID "Ok, we've learned two truths about God's laws. They are: "They Were Written in the Bible, God's Word" and, "They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us" (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 three 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. Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

#### Hint

"What Are God's Laws Like?
God's Laws Are Perfect!
They Tell Us How to ???? God and Others!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "How does God want us to feel and act towards Him and others? It starts with a "I" and it rhymes with "dove."

Can you guess? It's "love."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is: (uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

# "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

They Tell Us How to LOVE God and Others!"

## Bible Truth Meaning

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

The LORD is the one, true God. He deserves our love. He made us to love Him more than anything else. Loving God is the most delightful thing we can do. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him. When we obey His laws, we are living out our love for Him.

God made us not just to love Him, but also to love each other. He gave His laws so we can know how to love each other. He tells us to treat others in the same loving way we want others to treat us. When we obey God's laws we are living out God's love for others. And, we are showing them a little bit of what He is like, that they might seek to know and love Him, too.

Obeying God's laws is not just the right way to live. It is also the happiest way to live with God and with other people. God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He gives us a new heart filled with His Holy

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3** use with all THREE lessons

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#### **Learning the Bible Verse**

# The Bible Chant Song

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"And how do I know this is true? God tells me so in His special book, the Bible."

Say or sing the Bible Chant Song.

#### **The Bible Chant Song**

The Bible, the Bible, Let's get out the Bible. Let's hear what God has to say. The Bible, the Bible, God's given us the Bible. It's His Word for us to learn and obey! Yay! DDD ESV Songs 7, track 9

#### **Bible Verse**

DDD 7.3 Bible Verse-front side (in the DDD Bible folder)

VISUAL Place take out verse in AID





Folder

\*found in the DDD Unit 7 Visual Aids, ESV Book

"Who would like to get our Bible folder out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the "Bible" folder and hand it to you. Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Matthew 22:37-40 tells us:

#### Matthew 22:37-40

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Learn a Little: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

# **Bible Verse** Meaning

#### What does that mean?

God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

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# Bible Verse Song

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

lyrics and sheet music,
Appendix A

Love the Lord: Matthew 22:37-40

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 27

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, Love the Lord your God with all your soul, Love the Lord your God with all your mind, This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it...

Love your neighbor as yourself, Love your neighbor as yourself, Love your neighbor as yourself, On these two commandments depend, All the Law and Prophets. Matthew Twenty-two, thirty-seven through forty.

#### **Lesson Plan: Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3** use with all THREE lessons **8.**q 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued T =follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan "Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan **Getting into** the Case wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?" NOTE: Listening assignments are most suitable for ages 3+. Skip straight to the Listening Bible story (see bottom of this page), if working with 2 year olds. **Assignments** "Let's open up our listening assignment and see what we are supposed to figure out Place in take out today. Choose a child to take out the Listening Assignment (from the DDD Bible Folder) and hand it to you. Read Detective Dan's letter to the children that includes the listening assignment. The listening assignments are summarized below: **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID I need to know: #5 1. Who made up extra little rules of do's and don'ts? 2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts? What did Jesus say God's real DDD Unit 7 Visual Aids, ESV laws help people do? **Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID Our Bible Verse is Matthew 22:37-40: #6 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love DDD Unit 7 your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Visual Aids, ESV Prophets." I need to know: 1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to keep? 2. Who was the only person to keep God's laws perfectly? How did He share His perfect life with us? **Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:** VISUAL AID I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. #7A,B,C They are: a pillow, a cup, two fish, a painter, a heart, and God's Ten, Big Laws. Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them. \*Listening Assignment #3 includes the Assignment I need to know: Sheet, plus 6 clue pictures\* 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? DDD Unit 7 2. Who can help us keep God's laws and love others? Visual Aids, ESV

**Tell the Bible Story** 

Place story & pics in take out





of BQB

DDD Unit 7 Visual Aids, ESV

Story text included in this book right after this lesson plan and in Visual Aids book

**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."

# Bible Story: The Case of the Do's and Don'ts

Matthew 5,6,22

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it. Then, have the children answer the listening assignment. Present the gospel and lead in prayer.

\*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.\*

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#### 2. OPENING CIRCLE TIME, continued



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# Story Response Song(s)

As attention span and time allow, you might want to end with one of the following songs which also tie in with the unit. If desired, use the Music and Movement activity ideas while singing, listed with the Response Activities.

#### Hymn

#### Holy Bible, Book Divine

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 17

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Verse 1 Verse 2

Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine,
You're the only Book divine,
Precious treasure, you are mine.

Mine, to learn God's holy ways,
How He'd have us live each day;
Mine, to learn of Jesus Christ,
Who died to give eternal life.

**Tie-in:** "What are God's laws like? God's laws are perfect! God's laws are found in the Bible. Only the Bible is God's Word. It is a holy and divine book. That means that it is completely good and true and comes to us perfectly from God. A precious treasure is something that is worth a lot. The Bible is the most precious treasure there is! It is so valuable because it tells us about God and about how we can be saved through Jesus. It tells us how to live to love God and others. God uses it to work powerfully our hearts, to help us know Him, obey Him, and love Him and others."

#### **Praise Song**

#### Praise Song: The Best Book to Read Is the Bible

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 18

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A Verse 1 Verse 2

The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
It alone is God's true Word,
With the best news ever heard!

The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it ev'ry day,
God will teach you His ways.

Yes! The best book to read is the Bible. Yes! The best book to read is the Bible.

**Tie-in:** "Children, God's big rules are written down in the Bible for us to learn and obey. It's the only book that has God's words in it. That makes the Bible the very best book to read! Let's sing about it!"

#### **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities)



Well, Deep Down Detectives, you've done a great job diggin' deep down for answers in the truths of God's Word. Now it's time to enjoy some activities."

# Transition to Activities

Tell children what activity/s you are providing for them: eTher free play or some of the response activities listed below. When you are ready to dismiss them, use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion to their next activity.

"Children, let's sing our Time to Play Song. When we are finished you may get up and walk over to our next activity."

## Classroom Song, verse 2

#### Classroom Song, verse 2

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 2

We've gathered together to worship God, We've gathered together to worship God,

And now it's time to play.

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

Dismiss the children to whatever activities you have prepared for them to do.

#### Lesson Plan: Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons p.10 **3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** (choose from among these activities) = short & simple lesson plan Response Choose one or more activities appropriate for your children, based on classroom time and **Activities** developmental needs. Add the Discussion Sheet to any activity for deeper learning. **Bible Verse** Though listed with the opening activities, you may choose to use this Bible verse game here **Memory Game** instead (or as a repeat). Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Simon Says How aame directions. Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Roll 'n' Toss Appendix B activity for even Lesson 3 Game: Block Clapping deeper learning Discussion Questions Music, Movement A music activity that uses the songs from the Bible Truth and Big Question unit. & Memory DDD Songs for this Bible Truth, plus: Use the Discussion **Activity** Lesson 1 Activity: Say, Spring Up and Shout Sheet with this activity for even ${\cal V}$ Lesson 2 Activity: Freeze Frame game directions, deeper learning Discussion Lesson 3 Activity: Egg Shakers Appendix B Questions **Bible Story** A game that uses the storyboard pictures from the story to review the story. **Review Game** Use the Discussion Lesson 1 Game: Missing in Action Sheet with this Lesson 2 Game: Treasure Hunt activity for even L game directions, Lesson 3 Game: Look Who's Coming Down the Tracks deeper learning Appendix B Discussion Questions **Coloring Pages/** A coloring page related to the lesson assignment question is provided for each lesson. On **Take Home Sheets** the back of each are the key concepts, a few questions and a song for parents to use with in Appendix C their children. NOTE: Upgrade your coloring sheet to a more interesting craft by offering simple embellishments, such as jiggly eyes, craft sand, glitter, glitter glue, colored paper dots (made with a hole punch), fabric scraps, etc. Make cut-to-size glued-on clothes, hair, etc for characters by using a copy of the coloring sheet, cutting out the selected portions and making them the patterns for whatever you want to cut out of fabri-Use the Discussion Sheet with this Lesson 1 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Truth activity for even deeper learning Lesson 2 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: Bible Verse Discussion Lesson 3 Coloring Sheet Emphasis: ACTS Prayer Questions **Extra Crafts:** These crafts are slightly more complex than the coloring/take home sheets: **Big Question** Use the Discussion The Bible Concept Go-and-Tell Craft is a craft that summarizes Craft Sheet with these the Bible concept and includes the Bible verse is included for activities for even in Appendix C those desiring more than a coloring sheet. This more complex deeper learning Discussion **Bible Verse Craft** craft will involve gluing, sticking, etc. Can be used at any time. Questions in Appendix C The **Bible Story Coloring Sheet** provides a tie in between the Bible story and the Bible truth they are learning. **Bible Story Puzzle** in Appendix C The Storyboard Picture Placement Page has been made into a puzzle that can be cut out and re-assembled by the children. This provides a nice summary of the story.

**Activities** ideas in Appendix D

Free Play

Offer your own or some of the easy-to-make, free play activities suggested in Appendix D.

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**4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME** (End-of-session activities for the last 5-10 minutes of class time)



= short & simple lesson plan

**Transition to Closing Circle**  Use this song to help the children transition in an orderly fashion. Start singing this song and ask the children to gather with you for Closing Circle Time.

#### Classroom Song, verse 3

# Classroom Song, verse 3

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 3

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

It's time to get ready to go and tell, It's time to get ready to go and tell, Come gather here with me.

#### **Closing Circle Time**

When children are settled in the circle, say:

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

"It's almost time for your parents to come pick you up. And do you know what that means? It means.... (draw this out to build anticipation and excitement)...that it's almost time to go home and....it's almost time to...Go and Tell! We have learned some big news about God today. God wants us to take and tell it to the whole world!"

First of all, can you tell me the answer to our Big Question: "What Are God's Laws Like?"

#### Classroom Song, verse 4

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 4

DDD ESV Songs 7, tracks 12,13

So what's our big news to go and tell, So what's our big news to go and tell, Can you tell me now?

### **Big News to Tell**

"Let's see....there's so much big news to tell! There's so much we've learned!

# **Big Question 7**

VISUAL



Hold up the Bible Truth Clue Picture.

\*found in the DDD Unit 7 Visual Aids, ESV Book

Say the answer with me: "God's Laws Are Perfect!"

(If desired, you can sing one/both of the Big Question songs.)

And what's one way He does this? What did we learn? *Point to the picture*.

lyrics and sheet music, Appendix A

They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

## Big Question 7, **Bible Truth 3**

VISUAL



"And how do I know this is true? Can you tell me? Say it with me: "The Bible tells me so!" That's right!

#### **Big Question 7 Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse**

VISUAL AID



We learned: Matthew 22:37-40

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Learn a Little: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

\*found in the DDD Unit 7 Visual Aids, ESV Book

lyrics and sheet music. Appendix A

#### What does that mean?

God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

(If desired, you can sing the Bible verse song.)

DDD ESV Songs 7, track 27

#### 4. CLOSING CIRCLE TIME, continued



T =follow the stars for a short & simple lesson plan

# **Closing ACTS Prayer Time**

Let's ask God to help us to remember this and even tell others this good news. Let's get ready and pray our ACTS prayer.

# **ACTS Prayer Chant**

And what does ACTS mean? Let's sing/say our ACTS Prayer Chant!

# lyrics and sheet music,

#### **ACTS Prayer Chant Song**

DDD ESV Songs 7, tracks 10,11

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A, Adoration, God, we praise You! C, Confession, Forgive us our sins. T, Thanksgiving, Thank You for Jesus, S, Supplication, Help us to live like Him.

That's the ACTS prayer, my friend, Bow your head, Close your eyes, Shhh, Let's begin.

## **Closing ACTS Prayer**

"Let's pray!"

Lead the children in the ACTS prayer for this Bible Truth.

- **A** We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- God, many times we do not obey Your good laws. Many times we do not love You or others as Your laws tell us to. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws that show us we how to love You and others. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. He helps us to obey Your good and loving laws.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away frou our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts and help us to love You and others as You want us to.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **5. TAKING IT HOME** (Take Home Sheet)

# Clean up and Dismissal

"Now it's time to work together and clean up."

Have the children join you in cleaning up the room.

#### **Coloring Pages/ Take Home Sheets**

Give out the craft/take home sheet and any other papers from the session, as you dismiss children from class.

in Appendix C



(Reminder: The back side of the coloring page is the take home sheet for each lesson.)

## **Bible Story to** Take-Home

You may also want to include a copy of the story along with the take home sheet. (However, each coloring sheet/take home sheet includes a note to parents telling where they can download the story from the Parent Resources section on the website.

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# Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons The Case of the Do's and Don'ts Matthew 5 6 22

*Matthew 5,6,22* 

#### **Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

- 1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
- 2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
- 3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

#### During your presentation:

- 1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
- 2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
- 3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
- 4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

#### INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Do's and Don'ts. Here is your listening assignment." Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

#### **Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

- 1. Who made up extra little rules of do's and don'ts?
- 2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts? What did Jesus say God's real laws help people do?

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

#### Our Bible Verse is Matthew 22:37-40:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

#### I need to know:

- 1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to keep?
- 2. Who was the only person to keep God's laws perfectly? How did He share His perfect life with us?

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

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a pillow, a cup, two fish, a painter, a heart, and God's Ten, Big Laws.

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. Who can help us keep God's laws and love others?

#### 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.

# Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3 use with all THREE lessons

#### The Case of the Do's and Don'ts

Matthew 5,6,22

**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold,** optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture.

Tip: Stack pictures in numerical before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture.

(SB1) Rules! Rules! Rules! So many rules for God's people to keep! "Do this! Don't do that!" the teachers in Jesus' day taught the people. (SB2) There were of course the Ten, Big Laws—the Ten Commandments—that God had given them through Moses. But there were so many more rules than that. Can you guess how many laws those Pharisees counted up in God's Word for God's people to keep? Twenty? Fifty? Surely not a hundred!

What do you think?

It was more than any of those guesses! It was 613! There were 248 DO laws and 365 DON'T laws.

But soon those 613 laws turned into many, many more as the teachers came up with (SB3) extra ways they wanted God's people to live them out. They came up with "DO's" like: "Do say a special prayer as you wash your hands when you wake up in the morning... or you won't please God." And DON'T's" like: "Don't use the same spoon to stir milk and cook meat or you won't please God." What a lot of rules! (SB4) Oh, how they weighed down on the people! Who could keep all these rules!

But then (SB5) Jesus came. He wasn't like any other teacher the people had ever known. (SB6) He healed sick people without using any medicine! He healed them with just God's power! (SB7) He even brought dead people back to life again!

Jesus did other amazing things, too, like when (SB8) He made the strong winds and the big waves of a huge storm at sea suddenly STOP and be calm at His command. And, when (SB9) He fed a huge, hungry crowd of people with just two fishes and five loaves of bread. Jesus even forgave people's sins. Wow!

The news about Jesus spread quickly. Soon, (SB10) many people were coming to Jesus. They came to have Him heal their sick family and friends. They came to see Him do amazing things. And they came to hear what He had to say about God and His laws. (SB11) Would Jesus be just like all the other teachers? Would He tell them to keep all those Do's and Don'ts? Would He give them lots of extra rules like the Pharisees did?

What do you think?

One day they found out the answer to that question.

On that day, (SB12, SB13) Jesus and a huge crowd of people climbed up, up, up a grassy mountain above the Sea of Galilee. When they reached the top, Jesus sat down and began to teach them about God's laws.

"(SB14) God's laws are very important. They will last until the end of time. I have not come to get rid of even one of God's good laws," Jesus told the people. "Your teachers, the Pharisees, try to please God by adding lots of extra little rules to God's good laws. (SB15) They think all this rule-keeping will make them right with God...but it's not enough. You need something more than all their extra, little rules to please God. You will need a better righteousness than theirs if you want to be God's people," Jesus told them.

Oh, no! This didn't sound good at all! The Pharisees worked so hard to keep all 613 laws in the Bible! And they made up all those hundreds of extra, little rules, trying to please God. How could ANYONE be better than the Pharisees? Was Jesus going to give them even MORE rules to live by? It sure sounded that way.

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

No, Jesus was not. "(SB16) Your teachers are wrong about their extra, little rules. They just weigh people down. They don't help anyone live as God wants them to live," Jesus said. "I have come to fulfill God's law. I will teach you how to really live out God's laws to please Him," He told the crowds.

"The Do's and Don'ts in God's Word are about how we show love to God and others. These laws start in the heart with love and they tell us out to live out this love with your whole life, as God wants you to," Jesus explained.

(SB17) "Some people LOOK like they obey God's laws. but really they are still breaking them," Jesus told the people. "They do the right thing on the outside, but in their hearts they are angry or jealous or hateful. God doesn't just look on the inside. He sees inside every heart. He knows the sin that is hiding there. He knows when you are angry or jealous or hateful. What goes on inside your heart breaks God's laws, too," Jesus explained.

The people listened to Jesus and were amazed! Jesus wasn't at all like the other teachers they had heard before. He didn't just give them lots of extra, little rules. He helped them see that God's laws show them how to truly love God and others. (SB18) As Jesus later said: "Love the LORD with all your heart, your mind and your strength. Love others—even your enemies—as much as you love yourself. Do to them only what you want them to do to you. If you do love the LORD and love others like this, you will be obeying all of God's laws, because that's what God's laws are really all about."

How about that! All of those 10 Commandments.... and even all of those 613 laws added up to really only two: love the LORD and love others. Amazing!

(SB19) As the crowds of people climbed back down the mountainside at the end of the day, I wonder what they were thinking? Jesus had given them less rules to follow, but they were much harder than all those 613 Do's and Don'ts in God's Word, and all those extra, little rules of the Pharisees. Anyone could remember to wash their hands when they woke up in the morning or use a different spoon when they stirred the milk and cooked the meat. (SB20) But loving God and others from the heart... that was so hard! How could they ever keep their hearts from being angry or jealous or hateful towards others? How could they really love God most of all? Could they ever really keep God's laws? Could they ever please God and really God's people if this was how they must live? There seemed to be no hope.

What do you think?

Well, there WAS no hope, if they had to keep God's good laws of love on their own. But praise God, they did NOT! That's why God send Jesus! Not just to TELL the people what it really means to live out God's laws. But to do it, Himself. (SB21) Yes, Jesus lived out God's laws perfectly every day He lived here on earth. He always loved God most of all. He always loved people. In everything He thought and said and did. He fulfilled God's law completely. He pleased God with His whole life. And Jesus did this because He truly loved God, His Father. And, He did this because He had come to be our Savior. (SB22)

And what did the Pharisees think about what Jesus taguht? They did NOT like it!

They did not like that He said He was God's Son. They did not like what He had to say about them and all their extra, little rules. And so, the Pharisees and other enemies worked together to get rid of Jesus. (SB23) They nailed Him to a cross to suffer and die...and get rid of Him, once and for all.

But God was up to good, even in the bad plans of Jesus' enemies. For on that cross, Jesus offered up His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. He took their punishment and gave them His perfect life. Now they could please God! Now with their own life, but with His!

# Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3

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

(SB24) Jesus died and was buried in a cave-grave that sad day, but did He stay there?

What do you think?

(SB25) No, He did not! On the third day, He rose from the dead. Jesus had really beaten sin and death for God's people!

(SB26) After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers and taught them more about God's good plans. Best of all, He told them about God's special gift to help them live out God's law from their hearts. Do you know what that special gift was?

Can you guess?

#### It was the Holy Spirit!

(SB27) "I am going back home to heaven, but I will send you the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts," Jesus told His followers. "He will fill your hearts with love. He will help you love God most of all. He will help you love others, too. And He will stay with you your whole lives until the day you come home to live with Me forever," Jesus promised them.

And sure enough, not long after (SB28) Jesus went up to heaven, (SB29) He did send the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of God's people! How they praised God! How happy they were!

God had been so good to them through Jesus! Jesus had lived a perfect life of love and given it to them so they could be God's people. He had sent the Holy Spirit to help them love better the rest of their lives.

(SB30) And how they looked forward to the day when they would go to live with Him forever! Then God would make all things new--even their hearts. (SB31) Then, they would love God and each other perfectly. And at last, God's laws would be perfectly fulfilled, even in them!

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# **Bible Story for Big Question 7, Bible Truth 3**

#### **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 made up extra little rules of do's and don'ts? The Pharisees.
- 2. What did Jesus think of those extra do's and don'ts? What did Jesus say God's real laws help people do? Jesus did not think those do's and don'ts pleased God. Jesus said God's real laws help people love God most of all and love others.

#### For You and Me:

None of us can ever keep enough laws--or even little rules--to please God. Only perfectly keeping God's laws can do that...and we are all law-breakers! Our only hope is by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He is the only way we can please God. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!

#### Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment: Our Bible Verse is Matthew 22:37-40:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

#### I need to find out:

- **1. Which laws did Jesus tell people to keep?** God's laws.
- 2. Who was the only person to keep God's laws perfectly? How did He share His perfect life with us? Jesus. He gave it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross.

#### For You and Me

How amazing that Jesus kept God's laws perfectly! How even more amazing that He offers to share His perfect life with that we might be saved! This is His promise to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Ask Him to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!

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

Our six clues were: a pillow, a cup, two fish, a painter, a heart, and God's Ten, Big Laws.

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

The cup, the fish, the heart and God's Ten, Big Laws.

**2. Who can help us keep God's laws and love others?** God's Holy Spirit, living in our hearts.

#### For You and Me:

Can God help us keep His laws and love others, too? Yes, He can! He will send His Holy Spirit to live inside all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. What a wonderful helper He is to have! He can come to live inside you and help you, too!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is: What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

God's laws tell us how to love God and others. But the sad news is that we all choose to not love God and others. We choose to disobey God and to not love Him or others We all deserve His punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all the punishment we deserve for breaking His laws. He is holy and good. But God is so rich in mercy. He chose to give us something better than we deserve. He sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life. Yes! Jesus kept every, single one of God's laws! And on the cross, He suffered and died, giving His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death! Because of Jesus, all who trust in Him as their Savior get to enjoy wonderful, special closeness with God as His special people, even now. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

Close in prayer.

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#### **Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A We praise You, God, for being the Giver of Your perfectly good laws.
- **C** God, many times we do not obey Your good laws. Many times we do not love You or others as Your laws tell us to. We need a Savior!
- Thank You, God, for giving us Your good laws that show us we how to love You and others. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. He helps us to obey Your good and loving laws.
- **S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away frou our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts and help us to love You and others as You want us to.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

#### **BIG QUESTION**

#### What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

#### Meaning

A law is a big rule made by someone in charge. God is our Maker. He is in charge of everyone in the whole world. He has given us His laws to live by. God is good and loving, wise and fair. He is perfect! God's laws are just like Him. They are good and loving, wise and fair, too. They are perfect! God's laws show us the very best way to live. They show us how to love God and love others. They are exactly what we need.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. What are God's laws like? God's laws are perfect!
- 2. What is a law? It's a big rule we are supposed to obey.
- 3. Who makes laws? Someone who is in charge.
- 4. Who is our Maker? God is.
- 5. Who is God in charge of? Everyone!
- 6. Are God's laws like God? Yes, they are good, loving, wise and fair, just like He is.
- 7. What do God's laws show us? How to please God. The best way to live.

# BIBLE TRUTH Meaning

God's Laws Are Perfect... They Tell Us How to Love God and Others!

The LORD is the one, true God. He deserves our love. He made us to love Him more than anything else. Loving God is the most delightful thing we can do. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him. When we obey His laws, we are living out our love for Him.

God made us not just to love Him, but also to love each other. He gave His laws so we can know how to love each other. He tells us to treat others in the same loving way we want others to treat us. When we obey God's laws we are living out God's love for others. And, we are showing them a little bit of what He is like, that they might seek to know and love Him, too.

Obeying God's laws is not just the right way to live. It is also the happiest way to live with God and with other people. God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He gives us a new heart filled with His Holy Spirit and helps us to live in love as He wants us to.

# Discussion Questions

#### choose a few

- 1. Who is the only true God? The LORD.
- 2. Who did the LORD make us to love more than anything or anyone else? *Himself!*
- 3. What is the most delightful thing we can do? Love God.
- 4. Who does God's laws show us how to love? How to love Him and how to love others.
- 5. How should we treat others? *In the same loving way we want others to treat us.*
- 6. What is the right way to live? Obeying God's laws as He tells us to.
- 7. What is the happiest way to live with God and other people? Obeying God's laws.
- 8. Who can help us to love God and others? God can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to love Him and others as He wants us to.

# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! What are God's Laws Like? God's laws are perfect... they tell us how to love God and others. But the sad news is that we all choose to not love God and others. We choose to disobey God and to not love Him or others We all deserve His punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all the punishment we deserve for breaking His laws. He is holy and good. But God is so rich in mercy. He chose to give us something better than we deserve. He sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life. Yes! Jesus kept every, single one of God's laws! And on the cross, He suffered and died, giving His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death! Because of Jesus, all who trust in Him as their Savior get to enjoy wonderful, special closeness with God as His special people, even now. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

# BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

--Matthew 22:37-40, ESV

**Learn a Little:** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Meaning

God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

# Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What did Jesus say was the first and greatest law? To love God most of all.
- 2. What did Jesus say was the second most important law of God that we should all obey? To love others in the same loving way as we want others to treat us.

#### choose a few

- 3. What two laws did Jesus say sum up all of the other laws that God has given us? To love God most of all, and love others in the same loving way as we want others to treat us.
- 4. Who can help us to love God and others? God can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to love Him and others as He wants us to.

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Do's and Don'ts

# Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the name of the Ten, Big Laws that God gave to show us how to love God and others? *The Ten* Commandments.
- 2. Did the teachers in Jesus' day tell people to keep just the 10 Commandments and other laws that God gave them in His Word, the Bible? *No. They told people to keep a lot of other rules, too.*

#### choose a few

- 3. What did Jesus do that was different from the other teachers? Why? He did amazing things, like heal sick people and calm stormy seas with just His words. Jesus do these because He is God.
- 4. Did Jesus tell people to keep all those extra rules the other teachers gave to the people? *No, He did not. He taught them that those extra rules were not God's laws at all.*
- 5. How much did Jesus say we are to love God? Most of all!
- 6. How did Jesus tell us to love others? In the same loving way as we want others to treat us.
- 7. Jesus told people not just to love people with how they act. He wanted them to love them deep inside with what? *With their heart*.
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