

## 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 10:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? and the Answer is:

# He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...

#### Meaning:

God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people.

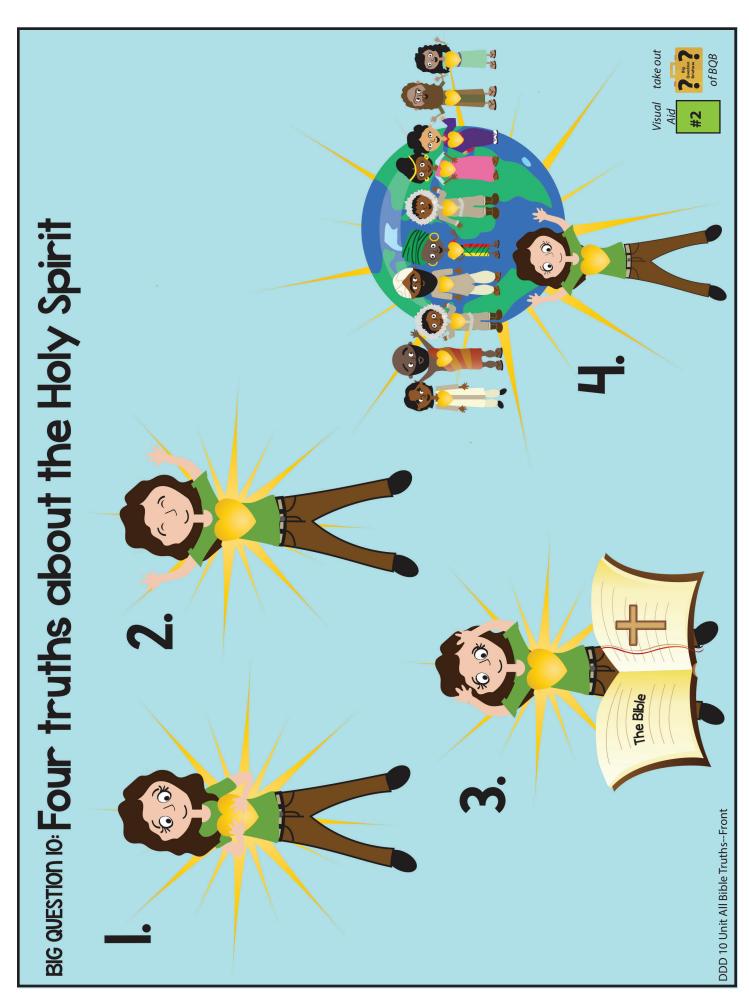
But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others like Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

## Big Q & A IO Song

DDD NIV Songs 10, track 12 (adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

What does the Holy Spirit do, Inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart!



## This Unit's Bible Truths

"He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus" 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 Holy Spirit.

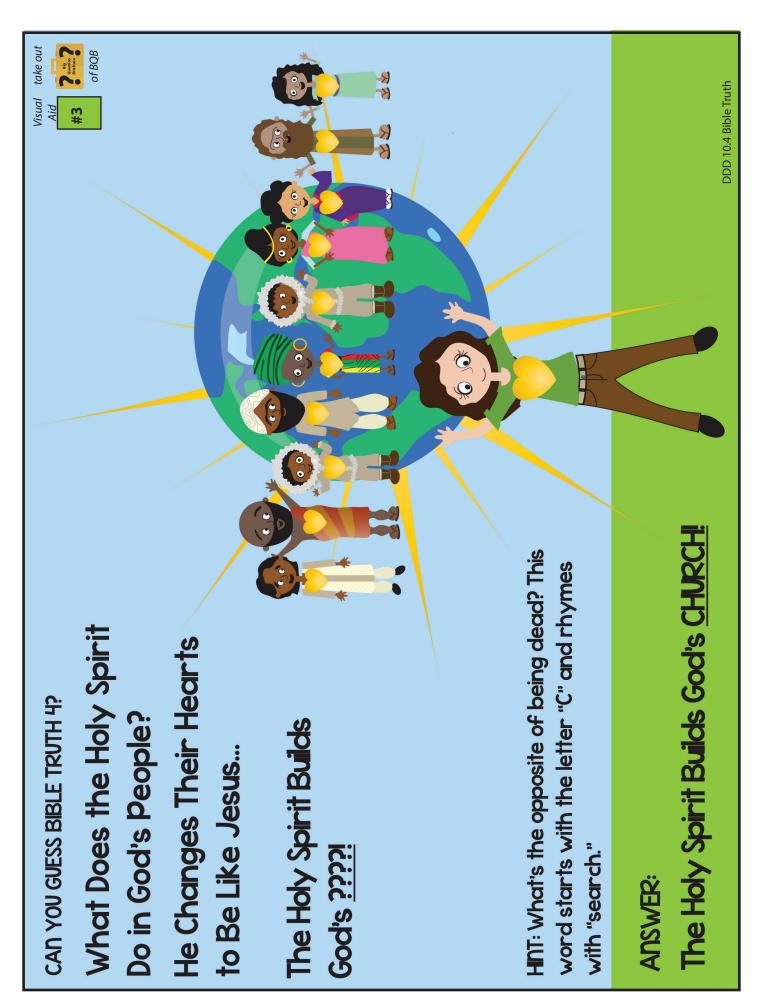
Who would like to hand me the picture with our four Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

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 Holy Spirit's work inside of God's people. They are: "The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People", "The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage"; and, "The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom." (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.



# 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 Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?
He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Builds God's ????!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What's the name for God's people, gathered together? This word starts with the letter "C" and rhymes with "search."

Can you guess? It's "Church."

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

"What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...
The Holy Spirit Builds God's <a href="CHURCH!">CHURCH!"</a>

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

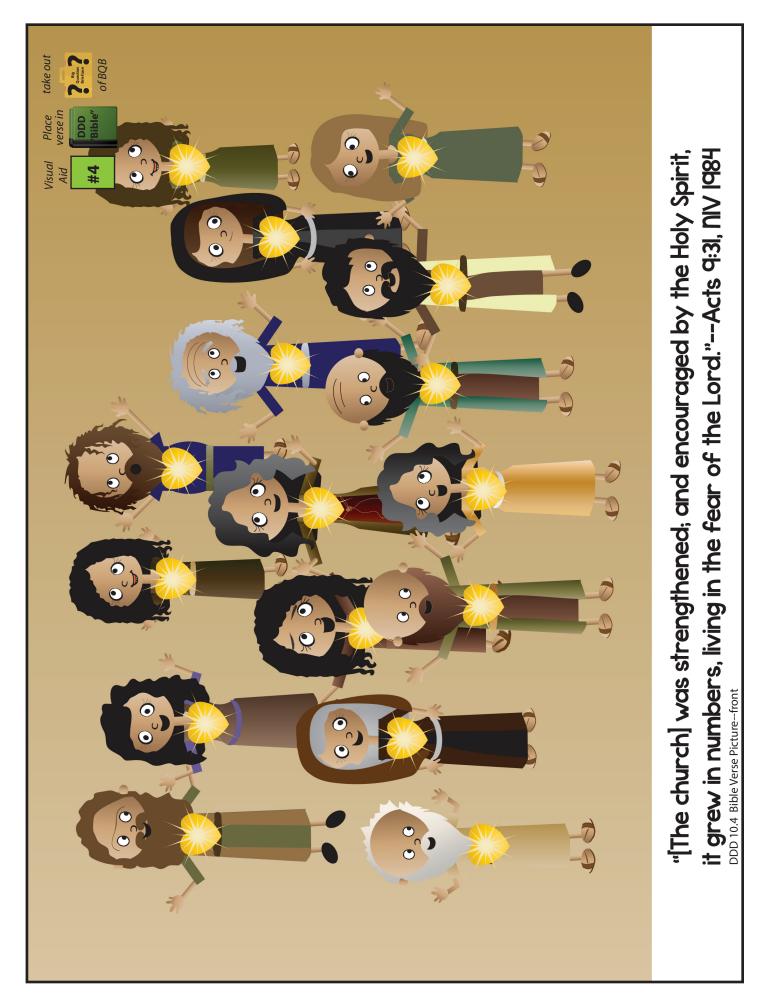
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people.

God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world.

Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church-all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church--God's people--too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



# 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:

Acts 9:31 tells us

### Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

**Learn a Little:** "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit."

## What does that mean?

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord—that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins an trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

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

# The Church Was Strengthened: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

DDD ESV Songs 10, track 30

The church was strengthened, and encouraged, By the Holy Spirit, by the Holy Spirit, It grew in numbers, it grew in numbers, Living in the fear of, The fear of the Lord, (repeat)

Acts Nine, thirty-one.

"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?"



## Listening Assignment #I Detective Dan's



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

"The Case of the World's Biggest Building." I'm working on a brand-new case called:



need to find out:

Who was the builder?

like when it was finished? 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be

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

Detective Dan Thanks!

> 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." Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and

them. Present the gospel and close in prayer. At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.

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

#### Answers:

- 1. Who was the builder? The LORD
- Him and praising Him forever. finished? His Church. It would be a huge gathering of God's people, loving 2. What did this builder plan to build? What would it be like when it was

#### For You and Me:

us with His Holy Spirit and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too. How? and forever.



## Detective Dan's



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called

"The Case of the World's Biggest Building."



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Answers:

## Our Bible Verse is: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

1. Who helped Jesus' disciples obey God's plan to tell others about Jesus? God's Holy Spirit.

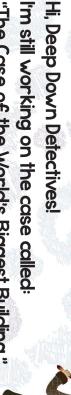
2. How did Holy Spirit help the Church grow? He helped the believers be hearts of those listening and helped them put their trust in Jesus, too. bold to tell others about Jesus and gave them words to say. He worked in the

#### For You and Me:

and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to love God and We can ask Him to work in our hearts and help us turn away from our sins God's Holy Spirit can help us become a part of God's people, the Church, too.



# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3



"The Case of the World's Biggest Building."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.

They are: a boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses.

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:

- I. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
- 2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished?

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 boat, a kangaroo, a hamburger, a listening man, a big plan, and sunglasses.

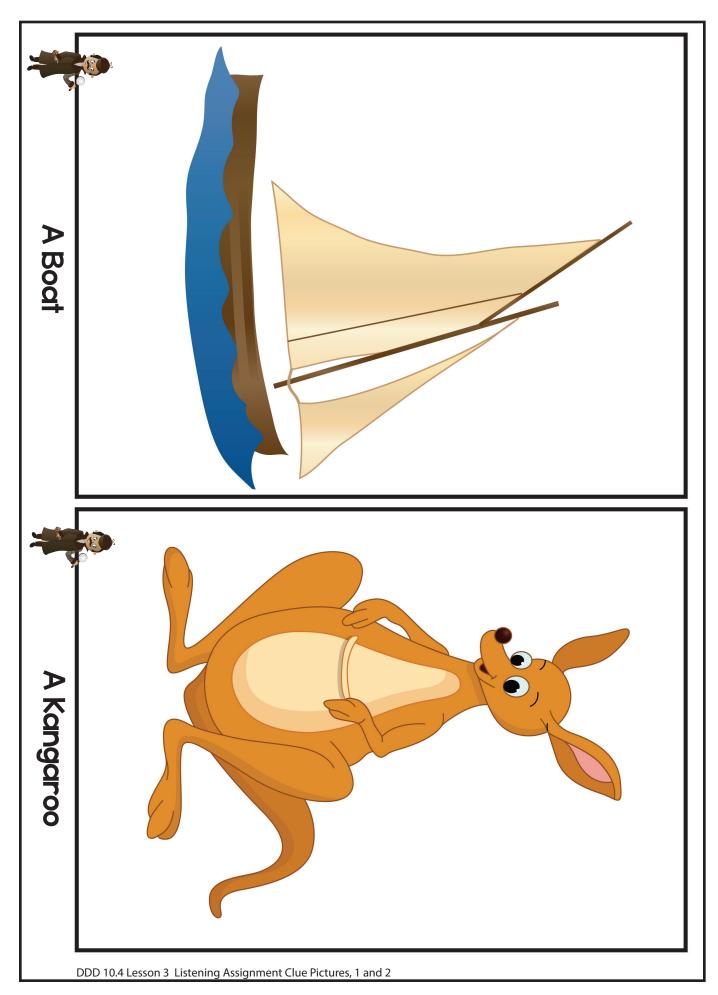
## 1. Which four belong in our story?

The boat, the kangaroo, the listening man and the big plan belong. The hamburger and the sunglasses do not.

2. Who would one day praise God all together, when God's plans were finished? All of God's people, the Church!

#### For You and Me:

Did you know that we can be a part of God's people, the Church, too. How? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God will fill us with His Holy Spirit and we can join in loving Him and praising Him now and forever.





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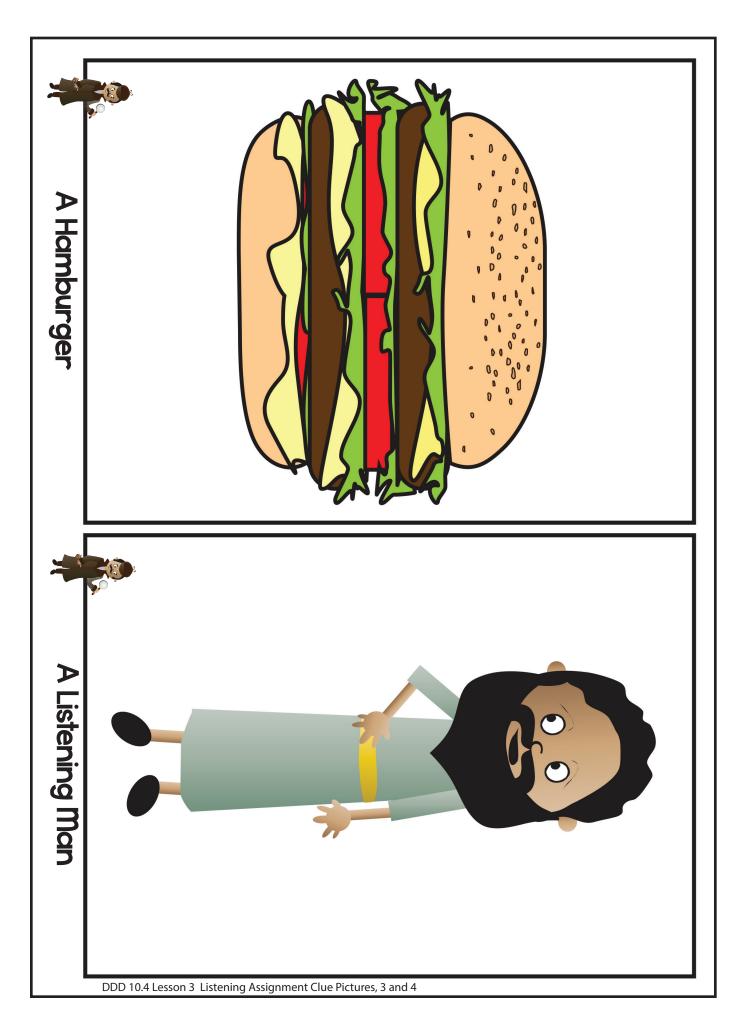
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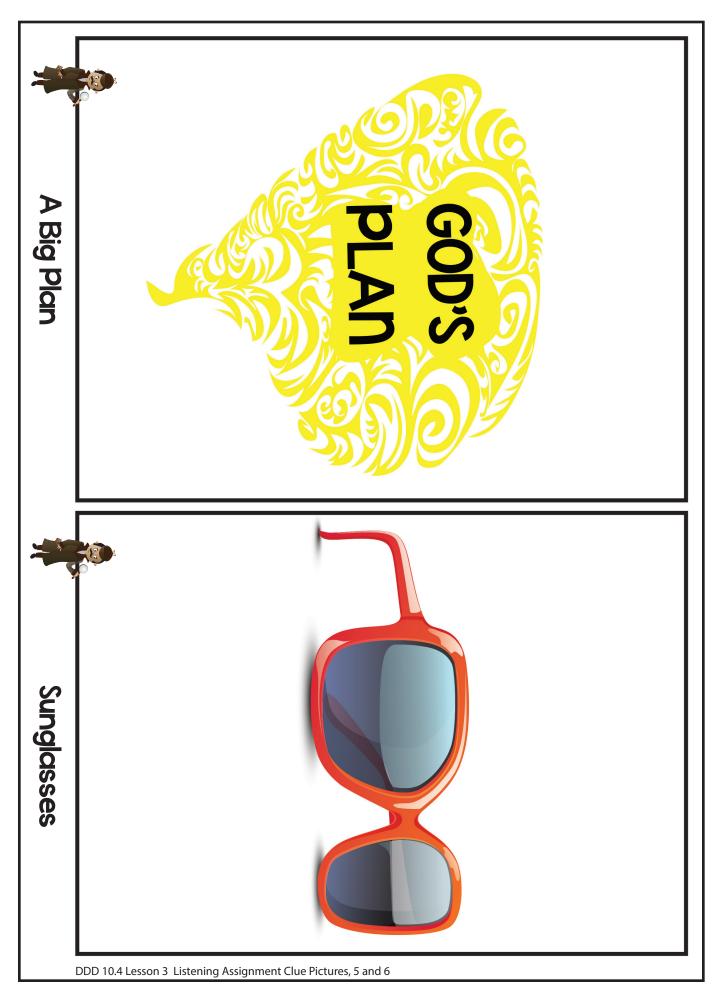
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