



How can we be saved?



ANSWER:

It is God's free gift!

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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 11:

How Can We Be Saved?
and the Answer is:
It Is God's Free Gift!

Meaning:

We all have disobeyed God. We have all lost the wonderful special closeness with God that He meant for us to have with Him. No matter how hard we try, we can't ever be good enough to win back special closeness with God. No, we can't save ourselves, but God can. That's why He sent Jesus: to save us as a free gift from Him. Anyone who says "sorry" to God for their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, He will forgive all their sins. God will give them special closeness with Himself right now. Then one day, He will take them to live with Him forever. This is the free gift God offers to you and me. God is so kind to us!

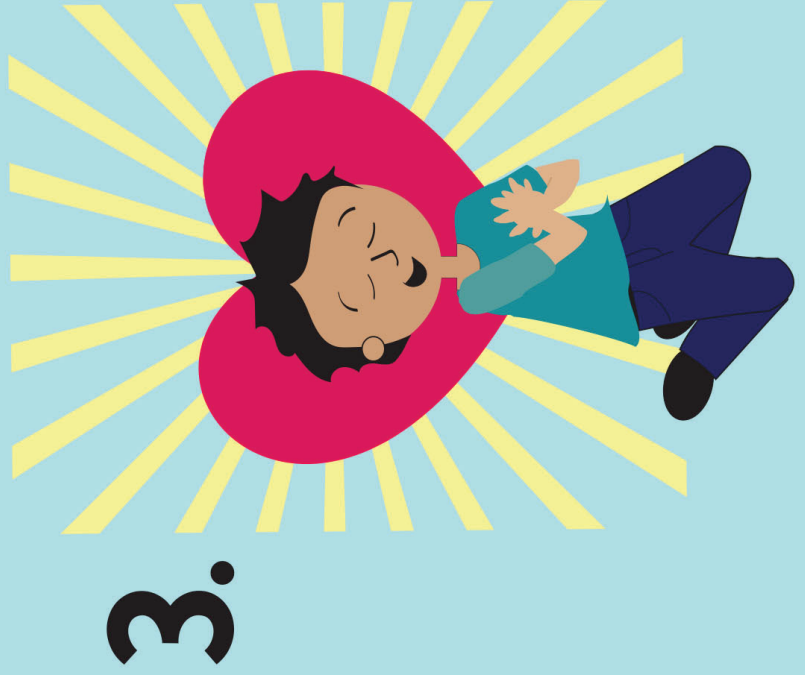
Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A II Song

*DDD ESV Songs 11, track 12
(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")*

How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
How can we be saved?
It is God's free gift!

BIG QUESTION II: Three truths about how we can be saved



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This Unit's Bible Truths

"It is God's free gift" 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 this wonderful, free gift God offers us.

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...

"Ok, we've learned one truth about God's free gift of salvation. It's this one: "When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them." (point to picture as you identify the 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.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 2?

**How Can We Be Saved?
It Is God's Free Gift..**

**When We Trust in ???
As Our Own Savior!**

**HINT: What's the name of God's Son?
His name starts with a "J" and
it sounds like "sneezes."**



ANSWER:
**When We Trust in JESUS as
Our Own 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:

“How Can We Be Saved?

It Is God’s Free Gift!

When We Trust in ??? As Our Own Savior!”

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What’s the name of God’s Son? His name starts with a “j” and it sounds like “sneezes.”

Can you guess? It’s “JESUS.”

So, the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

“How Can We Be Saved?

It Is God’s Free Gift!

When We Trust in JESUS As Our Own Savior!”

And here is what this Bible Truth means:
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

God created us to love and obey Him, but we have all have chosen to disobey Him. That’s why we all deserve His punishment, instead of His friendship. Our sins separate us from Him. God would be fair to punishment us for our sins, but He has chosen to be so kind to us! He offers to forgive our sins and make us His people through Jesus, His Son.

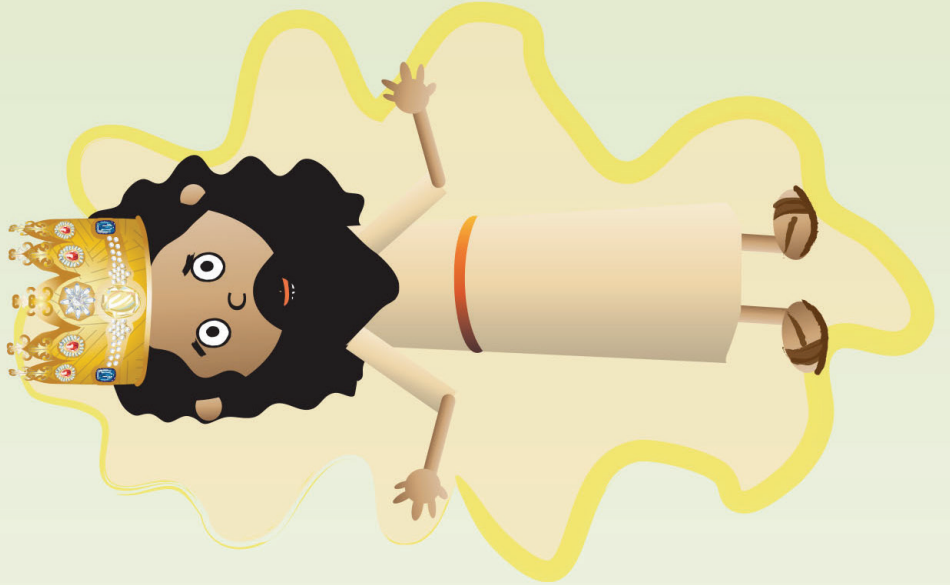
Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. He never, ever disobeyed God. Then on the cross, Jesus chose to offer up His perfect life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He took the punishment for sins we deserved to save us from our sins.

Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave, but He didn’t stay there. He had beaten sin and death for God’s people. He rose up from the dead in victory, never to die again! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, are forgiven their sins. They are God’s dearly-loved people who have special closeness with Him all the days of their lives. And when they die, they will go to live perfectly happy with Him forever. This wonderful, free gift can be ours, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn’t that wonderful news!

**“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.**

**For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”**

--Romans 10:9-10, ESV



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:

Romans 10:9-10 tells us:

Romans 10:9-10, ESV

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

Learn a Little: "If you confess Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

To believe something in your heart is to think that something is true. To confess something is to others is to tell them what you think is true. Christians are those who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. They believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. They love telling this good news to others that they might believe and be saved, too. We must believe in our own hearts that He is our Savior and be willing to confess to others that He is our Lord, if we are to be saved, too!

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

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If You Confess with Your Mouth:

Romans 10:9-10

DDD ESV Songs 11, track 19

If you confess, with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"
And believe in your heart,
That God raised Him from the dead,
You will be saved, you will be saved.
For with the heart, one believes and is justified.

If you confess, with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"
And believe in your heart,
That God raised Him from the dead,
You will be saved, you will be saved.
For with the mouth, one confesses and is saved.
Romans Ten: nine through ten.

"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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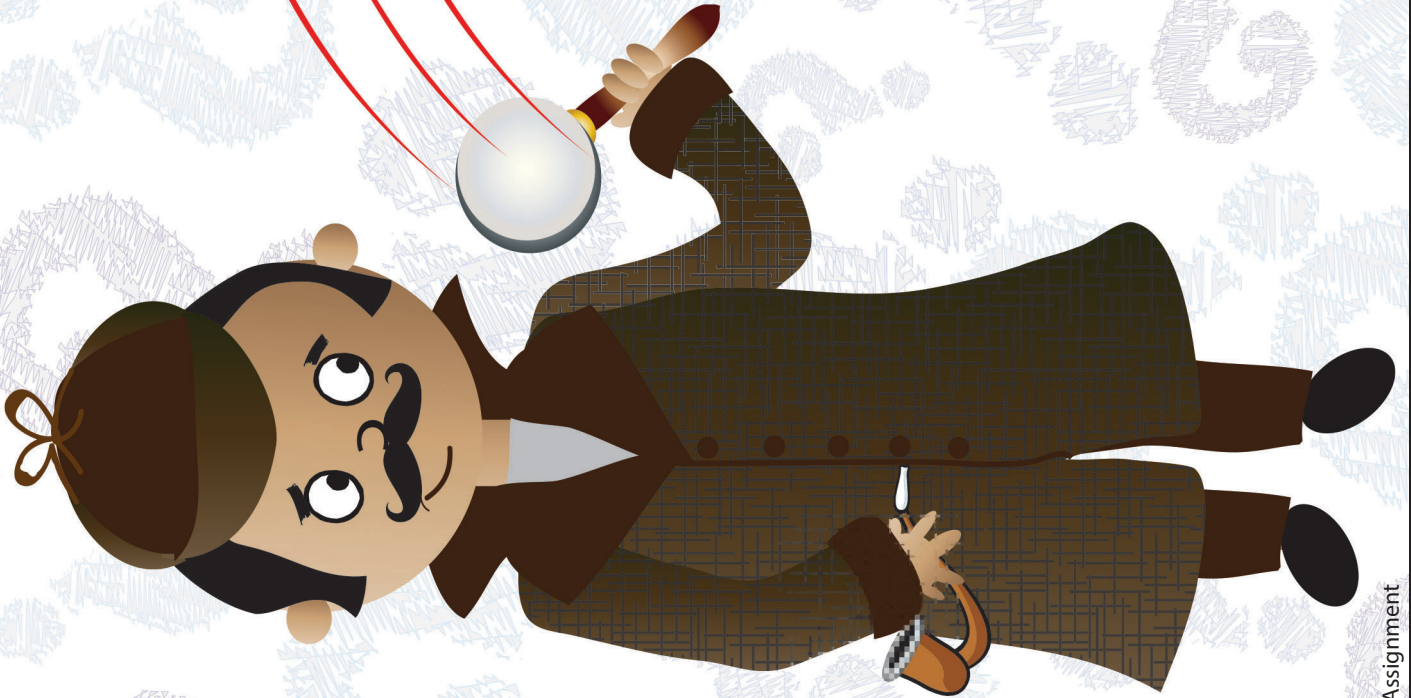


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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Amazed Mad Man."

I need to find out:

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he mad about?

AND

2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened?

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:

1. Who was the man who was so mad? What was he mad about? Saul. He was mad that Jesus' followers were telling people to trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. What amazing thing happened to him? How did he change when it happened? Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He started telling everyone the good news of Jesus, too.

For You and Me:

God turned Saul from a man who hated Jesus and wanted to hurt God's people, to someone who loved Jesus and served him his whole life. God can work powerfully in our life too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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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 Amazed Mad Man."

Our Bible verse is Romans 10:9-10, ESV:

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

I need to find out:

1. Who told people to stop saying confessing that Jesus is the Savior?

AND

2. Why did he change his mind?

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

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

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1. Who told people to stop saying confessing that Jesus is the Savior?

Saul did.

2. Why did he change his mind? Jesus appeared to Saul and Saul knew that He really was the Savior. Saul turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as his Savior.

For You and Me:

How amazing it is that God could change someone like Saul from a man who hated God Jesus, to a man who loved him and trusted in him as his Savior. God can change as to when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

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Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Amazed Mad Man."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a barrel, a soldier, a jail, an apple, a high priest, and a bright light.

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?

AND

2. What surprising person praised Jesus for being God's Son, the Savior? What did God do for this man?

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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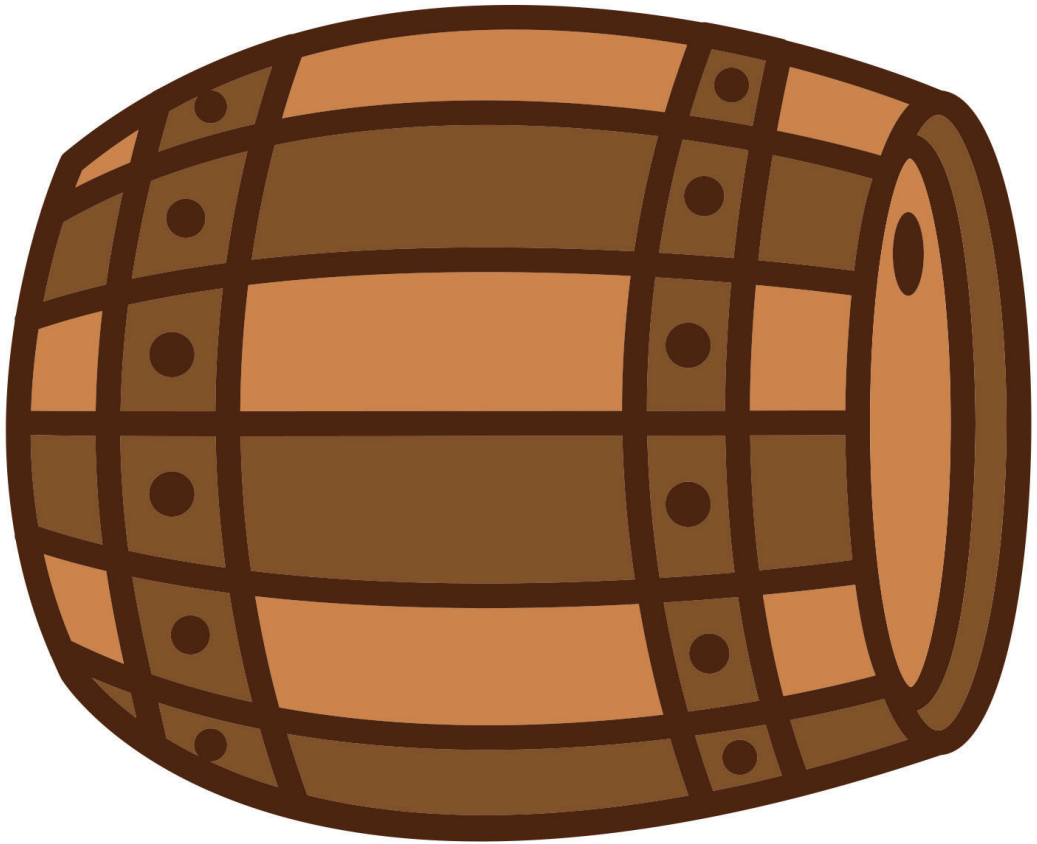
Answers:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The soldier, the jail, the high priest and the bright light belong. The barrel and the apple do not.

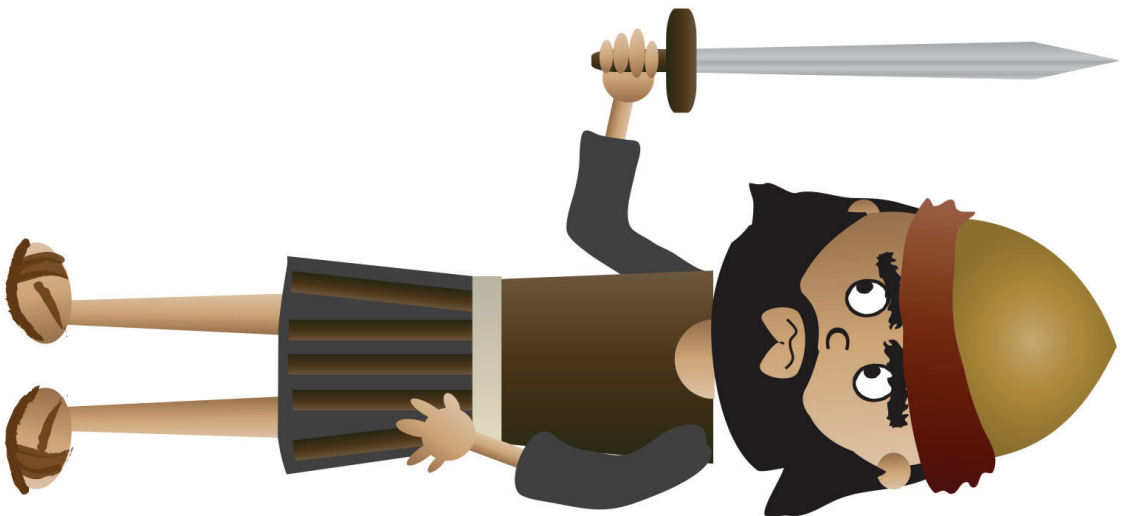
2. What surprising person praised Jesus for being God's Son, the Savior? What did God do for this man? Saul did. God showed him that Jesus really was the Son of God. He helped him to turn away from his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior. God forgave his sins!

For You and Me:

Everyone was so surprised to see Saul change from a man who hated Jesus, to a man who loved him and trusted in him as his Savior! God is able to change the heart of anyone! He's able to change our hearts to, ask him to change your heart! Ask him to help you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior. He loves to answer this prayer!



A Barrel



A Soldier



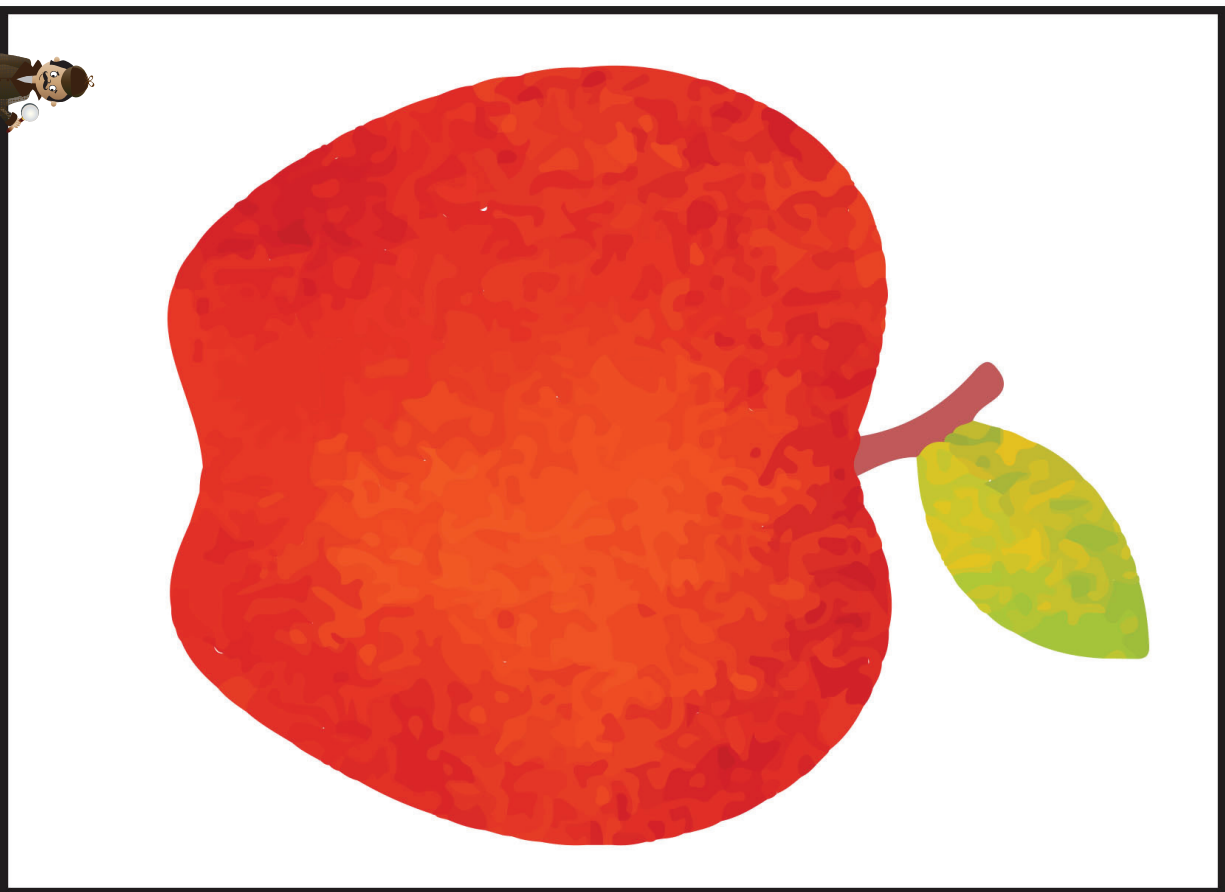
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A Jail



An Apple



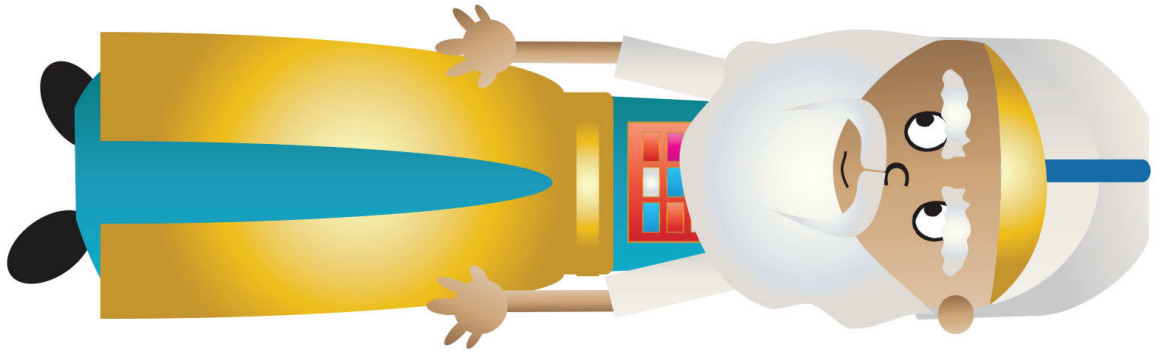
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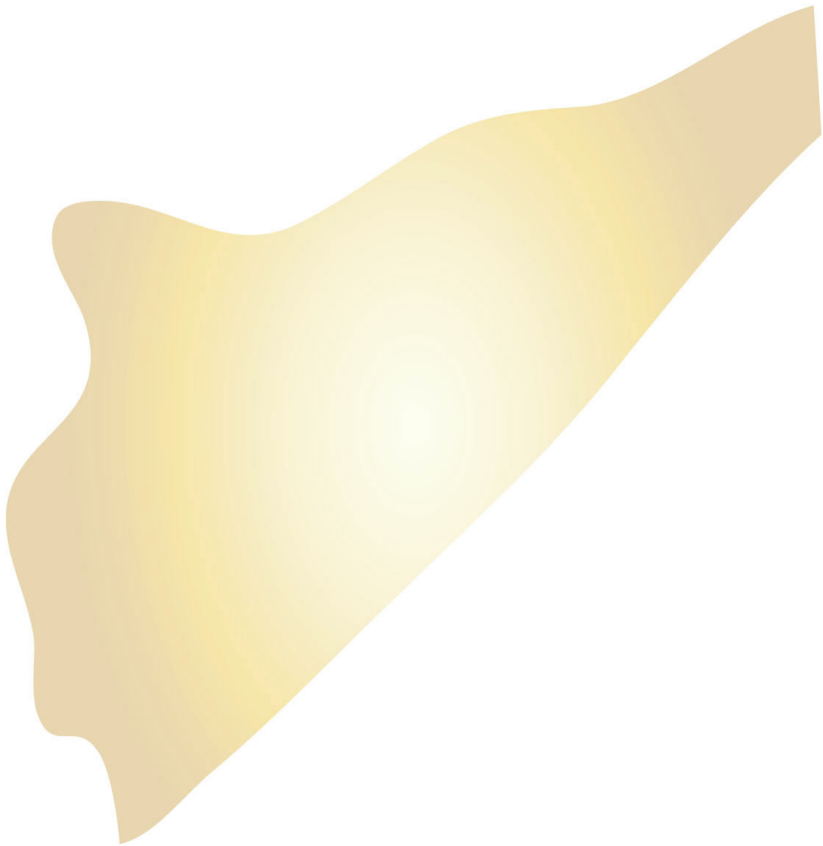
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A High Priest



A Bright Light





DDD 11.2 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 6 for kids



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