

BIG QUESTION II



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!

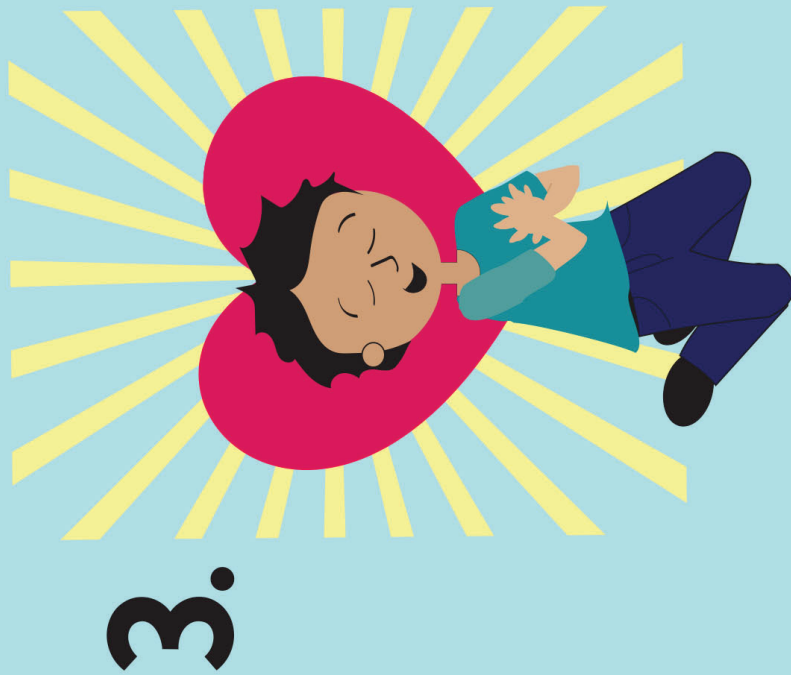
Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A II Song

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

How can we be saved?
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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 two truths about God's free gift of salvation. They are: "When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them"; and, "When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior." (point to picture 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.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3?

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

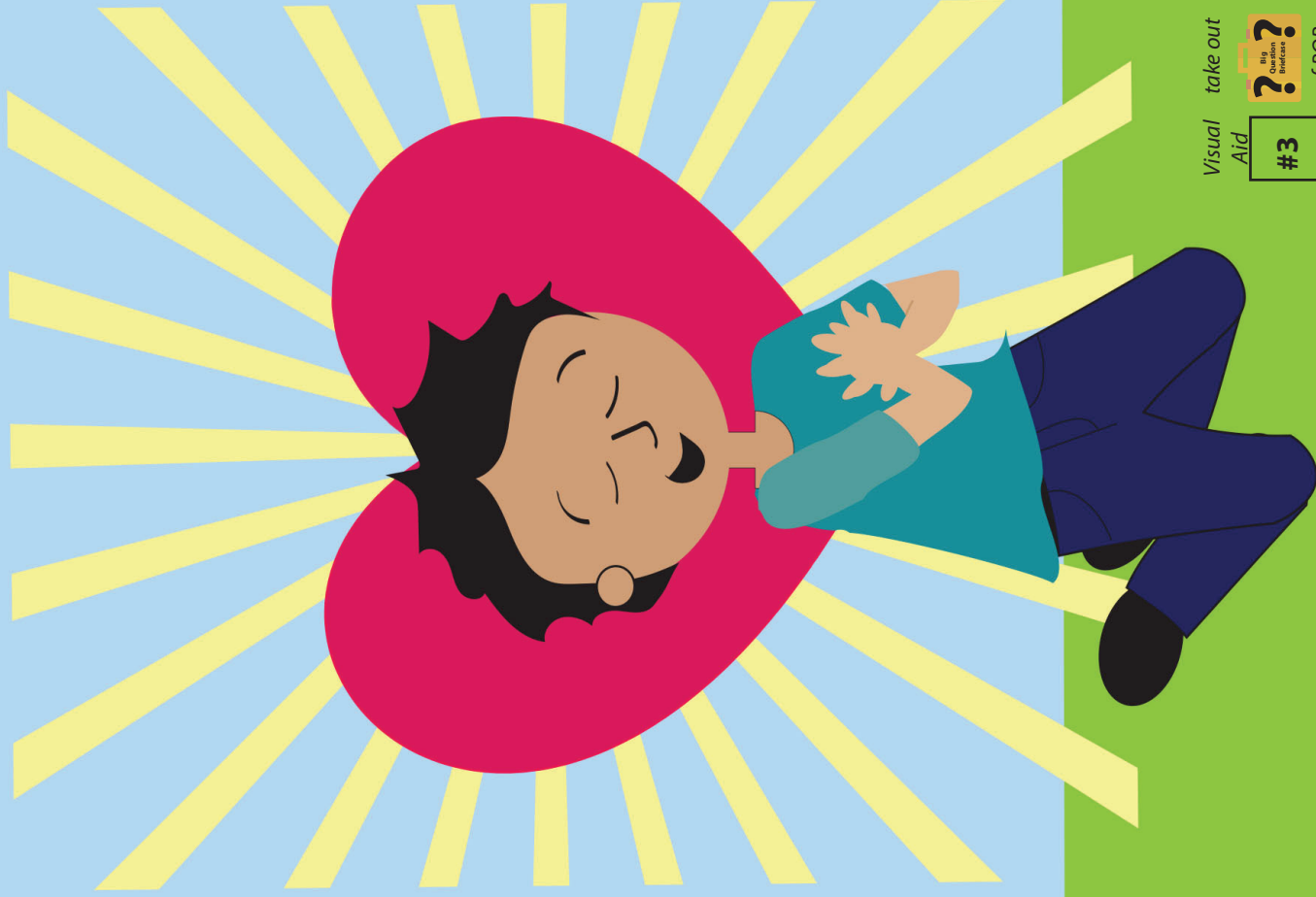
**When the Holy Spirit
Works in Our ????!**

HINT: What did God put deep inside of us
so we can know and love Him?
It starts with an "h" and it rhymes with "starts."

ANSWER:

**When the Holy Spirit Works in
Our HEARTS!**

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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 the Holy Spirit Works in Our ????!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "What did God put deep inside of us so we can know and love Him? It starts with an "h" and it rhymes with "starts."

Can you guess? It's "HEARTS."

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 the Holy Spirit Works in Our HEARTS!"

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

All of us are sinners. We would rather do things our own way rather than obey God. We have hearts that are dead and empty of love for Him and His good ways! We would never choose to love God on our own.

But guess what God does for His people? He treats them so much better than they deserve! He sends His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. When they hear God's Word, He helps them know they are sinners. He helps them want to stop disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He makes their hearts alive to God and gives them a special closeness with Him. Now they want to obey Him and love Him.

We can be God's people, too! We can ask God to send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to ask God to forgive our sins, trust Jesus as our Savior, and live for Him. Then we can have special closeness with God now; and when we die, we will go to live perfectly happily with Him forever.

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.” --Titus 3:5-7, ESV



Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

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

Titus 3:5-7 tells us:

Titus 3:5-7, ESV

"...He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

Learn a Little: "He saved us by the Holy Spirit."

What does that mean?

We could never please God with our own good works. Only through Jesus' perfect life offered up in the place of sinners can we be saved. And what a salvation it is! God, Himself, sends His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of His people. He gives them the gift of faith. He helps them turn away from their sins. He makes them clean of their sins and all new on the inside. This is how we become God's people--His heirs; that is, His children who will receive eternal life with Him forever.

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

He Saved Us:

Titus 3:5-7

DDD ESV Songs 11, track 21

He saved us, he saved us,
By regeneration
And renewal of the Spirit.
He saved us, he saved us,
By the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,
On us richly,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The Holy Spirit whom he poured out,
On us, through Jesus Christ.
Titus Three, verses five through seven.

"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 Surprising, Second Birthday."

I need to find out:

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promised to all who trust in him as her Savior?

AND

2. To Who did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did they find so surprising about it?

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.

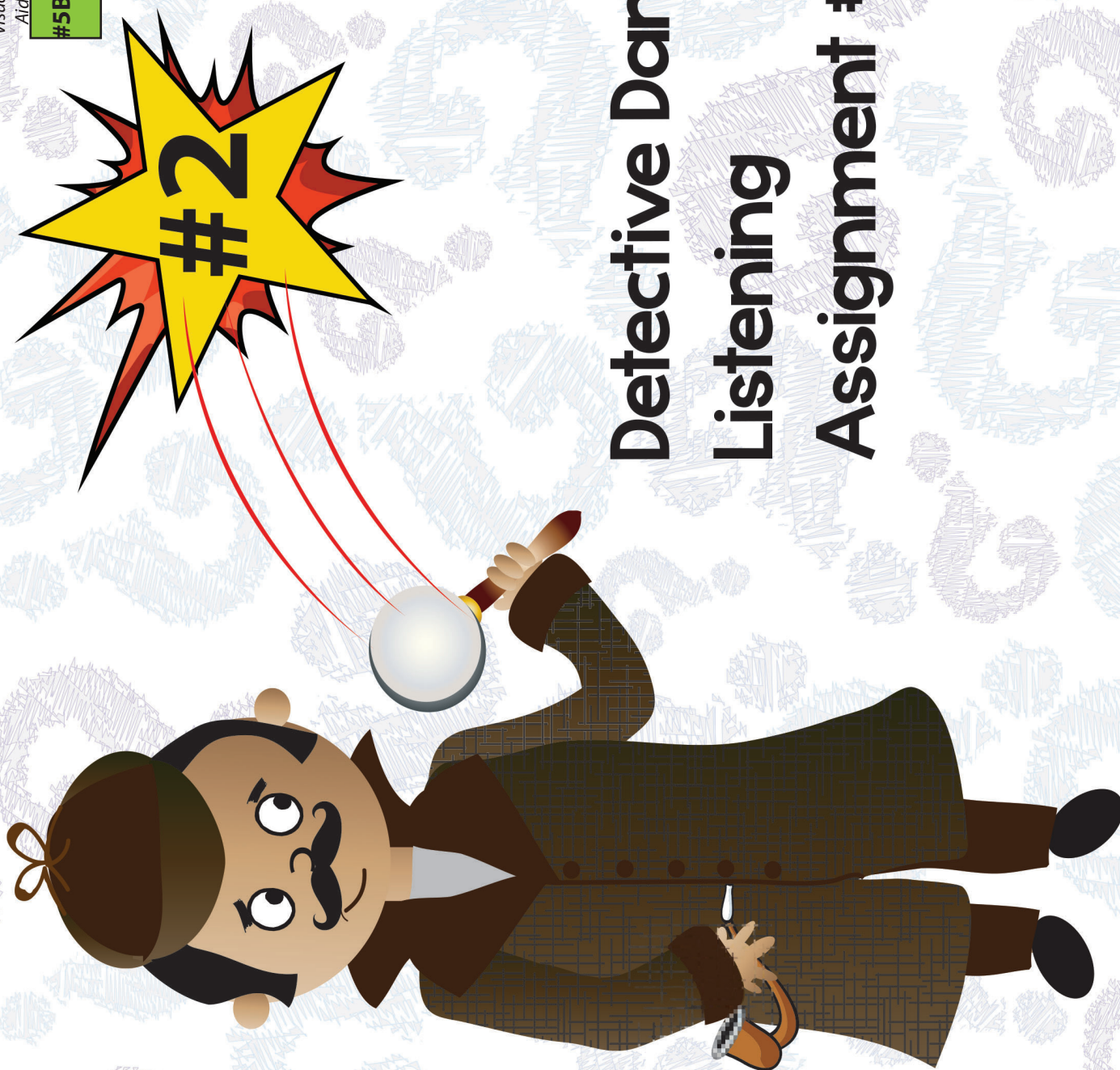
Answers:

1. What special kind of second birthday did Jesus promised to all who trust in him as their Savior? To be a changed person, forgiving of their sins and one of God's dearly-loved people forever.

2. To whom did Jesus tell about this birthday? What did he find so surprising about it? To Nicodemus. He didn't understand that the Holy Spirit is the one who works inside us and changes our hearts. He is the one who helps us repent and believe so we can become God's people.

For You and Me:

That special second birthday wasn't just for important people like Nicodemus. It's for anyone who turns away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and help you. He loves to answer these prayers!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Surprising, Second Birthday."

Our Bible Verse is Titus 3:5-7, ESV:

"...He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

I need to find out:

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people?

AND

2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday?

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 Titus 3:5-7, ESV

"...He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

I need to find out:

1. What kind of special, second birthday does God give to each of His people? To be made a new person inside their heart. God forgives their sins and helps them trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2. Who does God send to work in their hearts and give them this special, second birthday? The Holy Spirit.

For You and Me:

That second that special second birthday that God gave to his people long ago is something he still gives to people even today. How? When? When they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and work in your heart and help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!

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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 Surprising, Second Birthday."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a farmer, a pizza, a leaf, an important city person, a heart, and the moon.

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 did the Holy Spirit work inside of as they listened to Jesus preach? What special birthday did God give them when he worked?

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:

1. Which four belong in our story?

The farmer, important city person, a heart, and the moon belong. The pizza and the leaf do not.

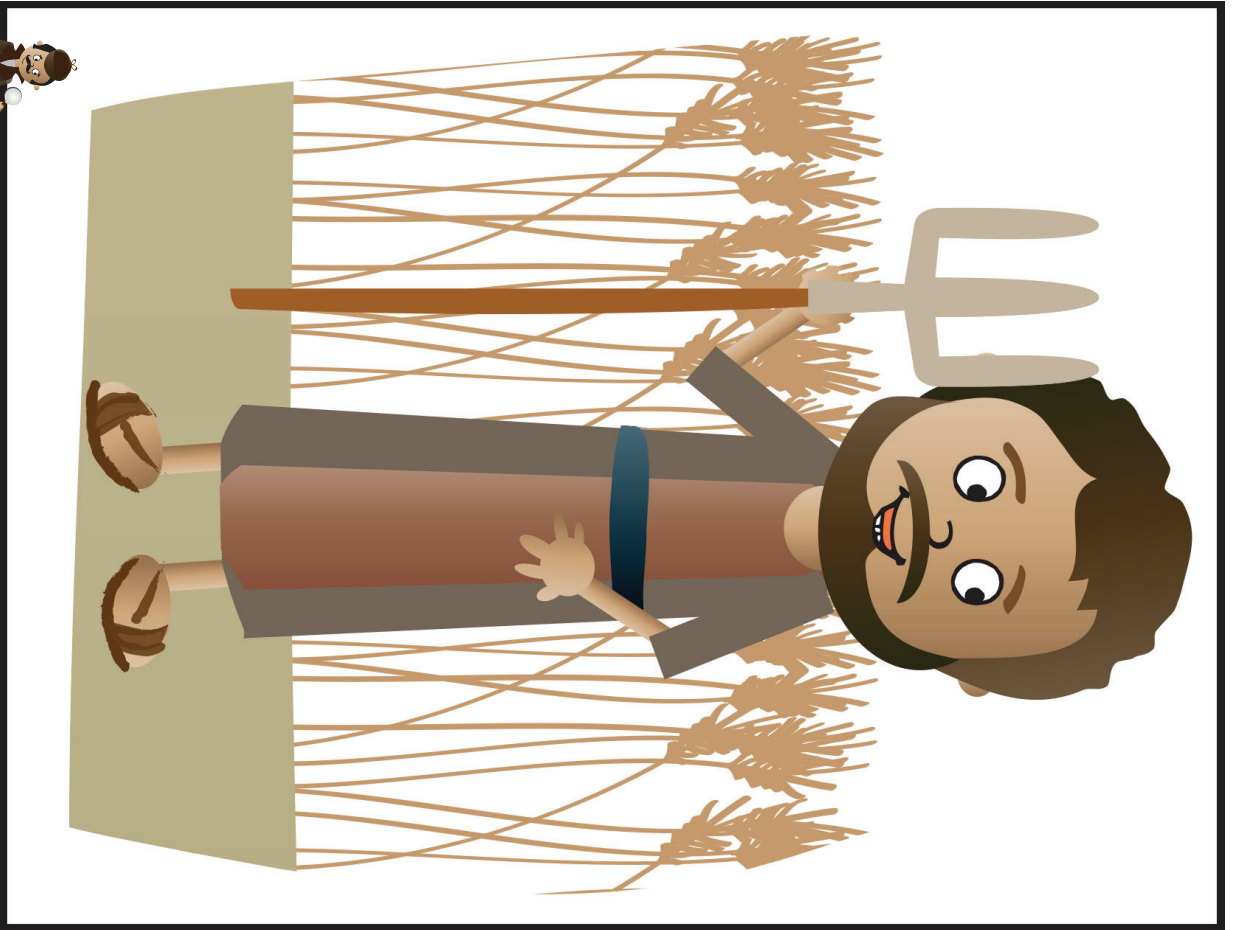
2. Who did the Holy Spirit work inside of as they listened to Jesus preach? What special birthday did God give them when he worked? He worked inside of many country and city people. The Holy Spirit helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He changed their hearts so they would become God's people. This is the special, second birth of salvation through Jesus.

For You and Me:

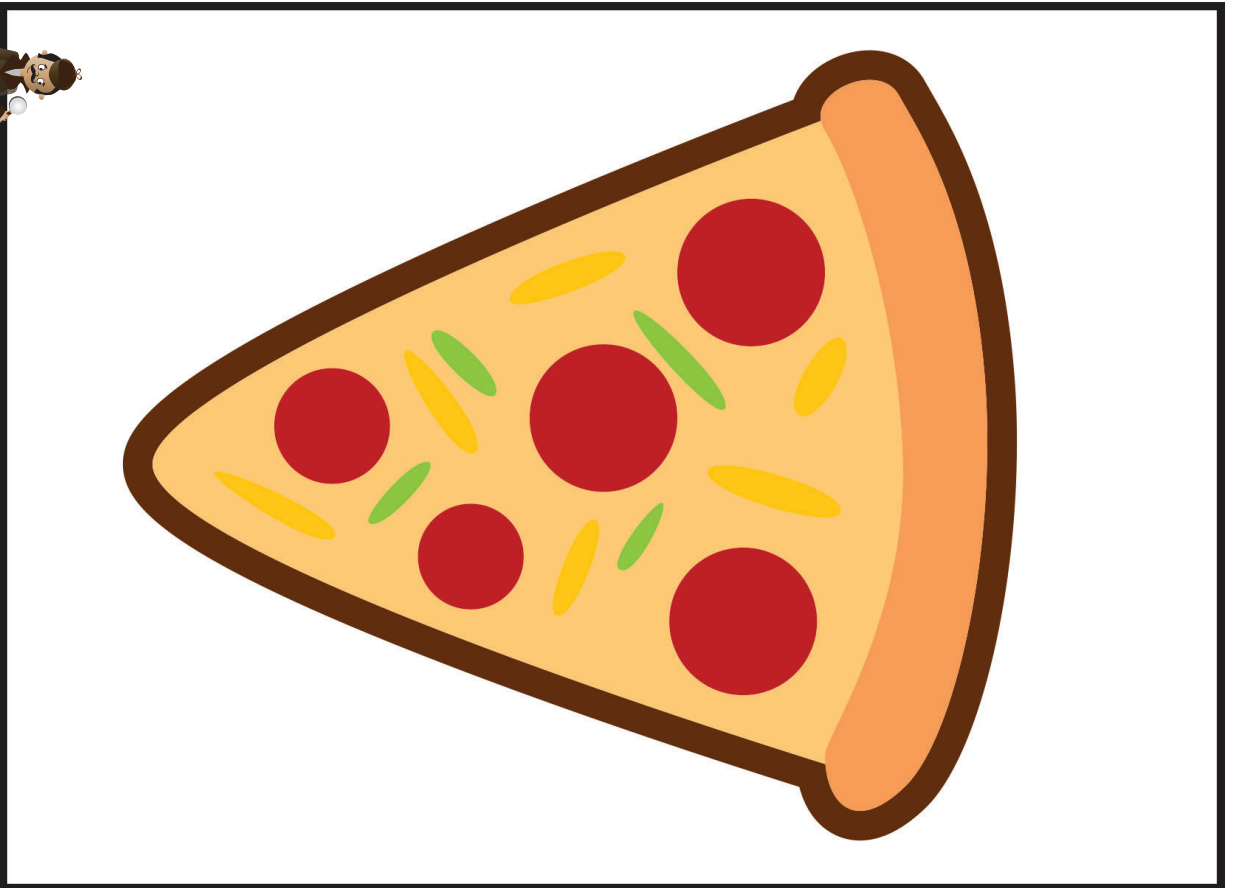
The Holy Spirit work in the hearts of many as they listen to Jesus preach from God's Word long ago. And He still works in hearts today as we listen to God's Word. Ask Him to work in your heart. Ask Him to help you to turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.



A Farmer



A Pizza

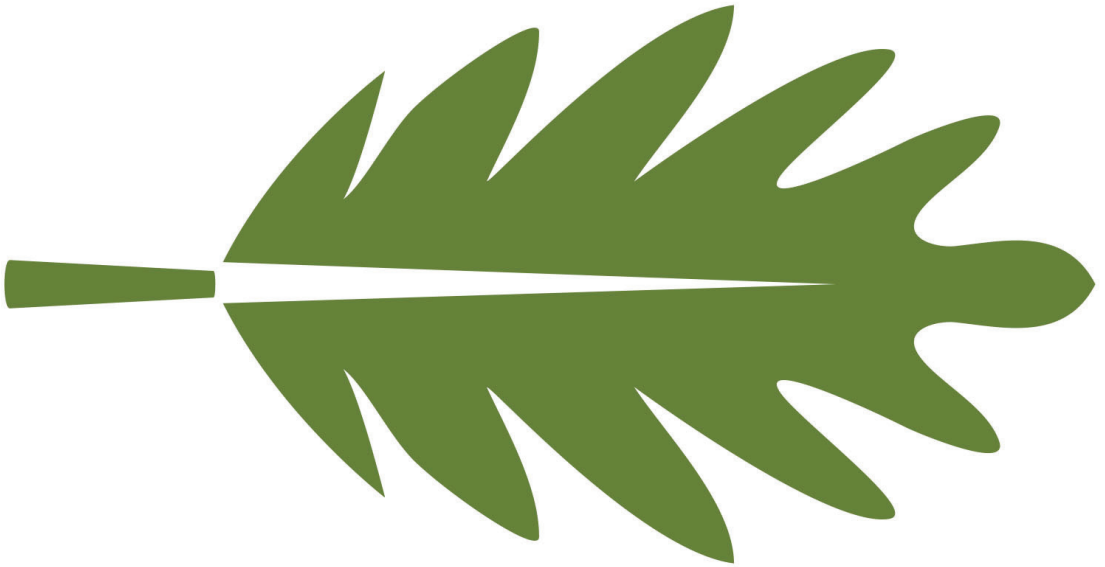




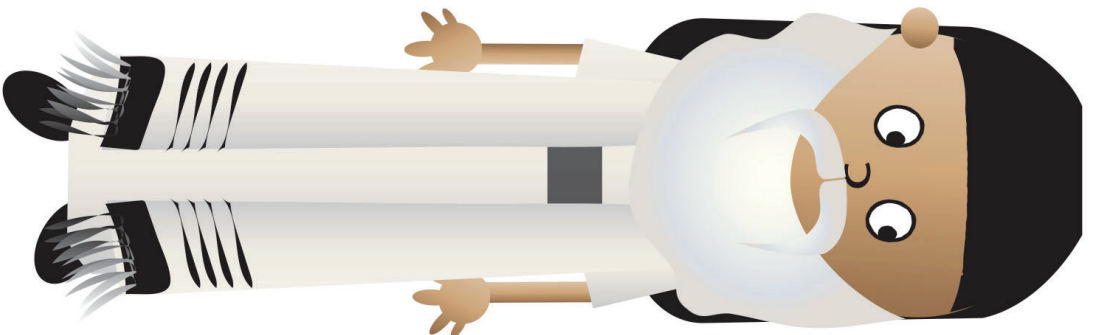
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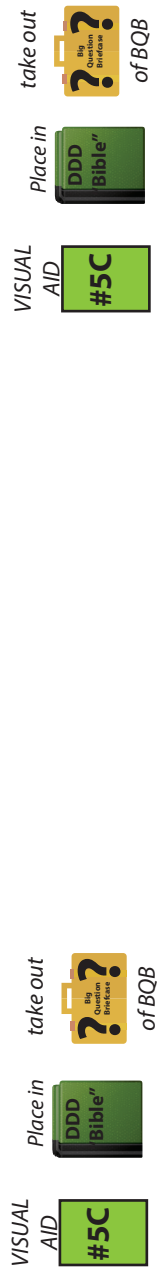
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A Leaf



An Important Man



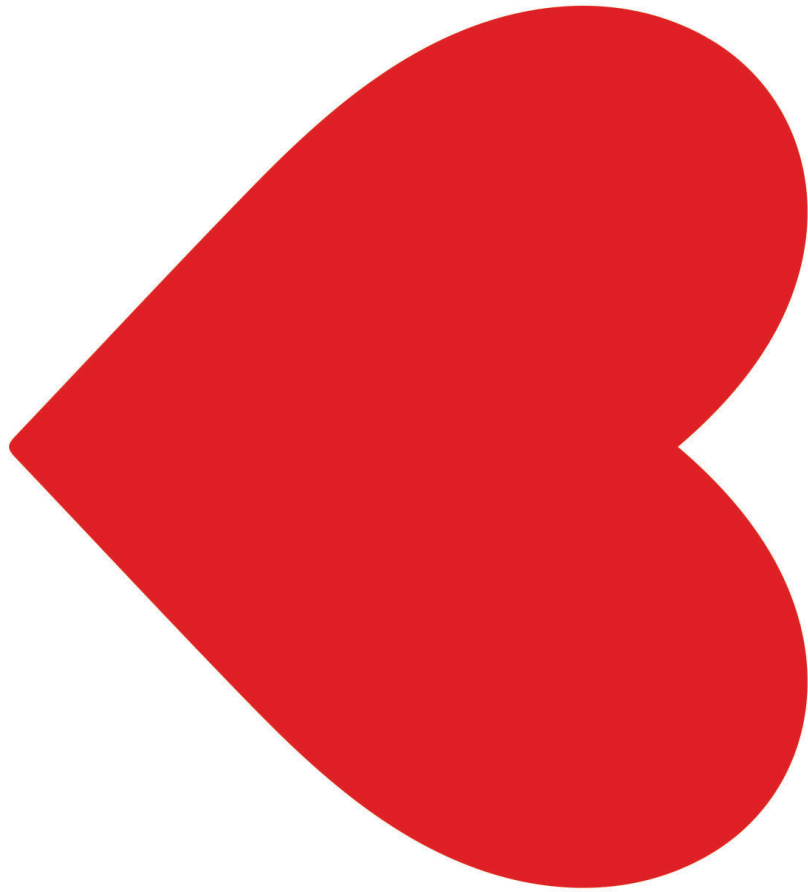
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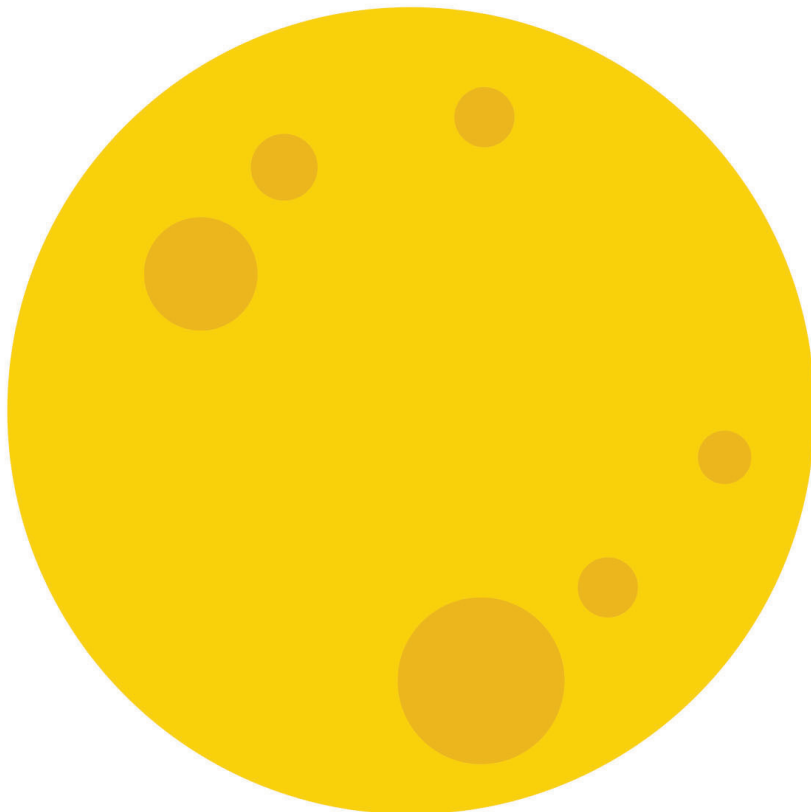
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A Heart



A Moon





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