

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 12:

How Should God's People Live? and the Answer is:

They Should Live Like Jesus!

Meaning:

We become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God forgives our sins and we begin a whole new way of life. God's people no longer live life just to please themselves. They want to honor God with their whole lives, like Jesus did. They seek to love God most of all and love all people, too.

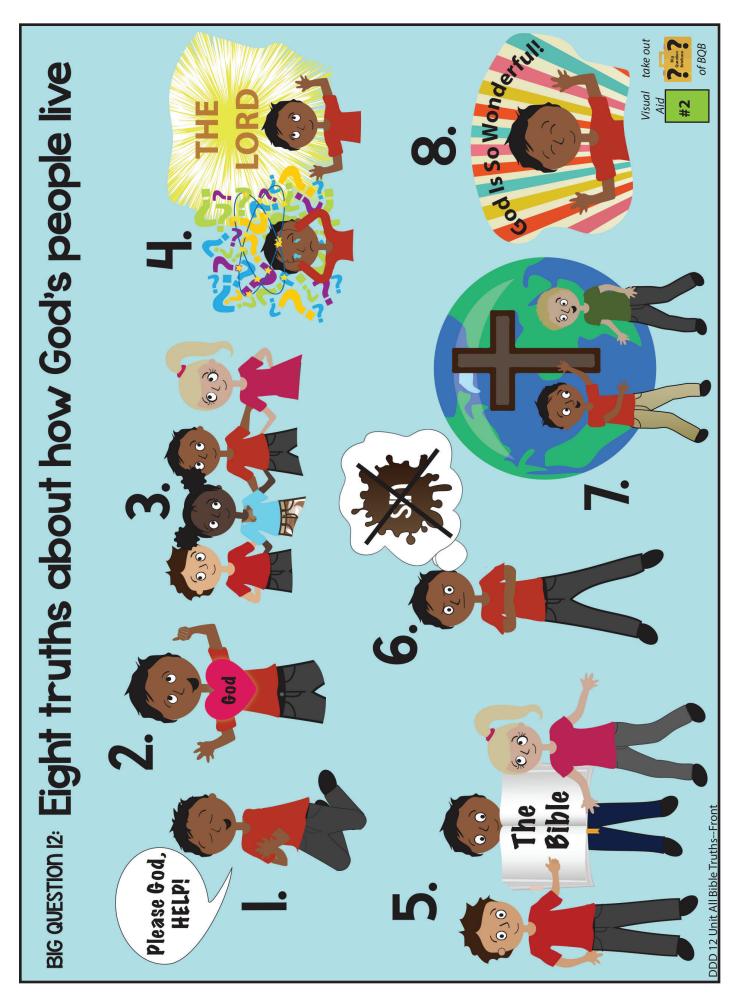
Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A I2 Song

(adapted version of "Pop, Goes the Weasel")

How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!

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This Unit's Bible Truths

"They Should Live 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 EIGHT Bible truths that all tell us more about how God wants His people to live.

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

After everyone has had a good look say...

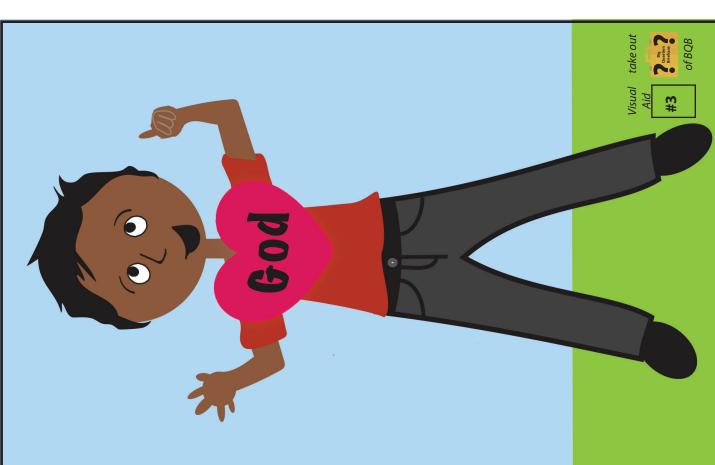
"Ok, we've learned one truth about how to live for God. It's this one: "By Asking God for His Help" (point to picture as you identify the Bible Truth). Now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these eight truths we will be learning about today. Who would like 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.



By Loving God ???? of All

HINT: This word means that we love God more than anyone or anything else. It starts with an "m" and it rhymes with "toast."



ANSWER:

By Loving God MOST of All!

DDD 12.2 Bible Truth

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 Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!
By Loving God ????? of All!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "This word means that we love God more than anyone or anything else. It starts with an "m" and it rhymes with "toast."

Can you guess? It's "MOST."

So, the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

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

"How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!
By Loving God MOST of All!"

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

Jesus loved God most of all. Jesus' love was more than a nice feeling inside His heart. Jesus lived out His love for God. He lived it out by loving God with the thoughts in His mind. He lived out His love with every word He spoke. He lived it out by always obeying God's laws in all that He did.

God wants His people to love Him like Jesus did, too. He wants them to love Him more than anyone or anything else. He wants them to love Him in their thoughts and their words. He wants them to love Him by obeying His good laws in all that they do, too.

God's people know that they can never love God perfectly like Jesus did. They are sinners. He is the perfect Son of God. But, they know that God promises to help them love Him most of all, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people who love God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, God will help us love Him most of all, too.



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:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 tells us:

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"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Learn a Little:

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might."

What does that mean?

These verses tell us that the LORD is one--He's the one, true God. Moses first spoke these words to the people of Israel, but they are true for all people. God wants us all to love Him- most of all- with all of our heart, soul and strength! All of ourselves! The best first step in loving God most of all is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

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Hear, 0 Hear: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 22

Hear, O hear, O Israel,
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The LORD your God, the LORD is one.
You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart,
You shall love the LORD your God
with all your soul,
You shall love the LORD your God
with all your might.
Deuteronomy Six, four through five.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money."



I. Who was the man who left his money? Why did he leave it behind?

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2. Who did he leave it behind to love even more?

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 left his money? Why did he leave it behind? Matthew did. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he listened to Jesus teach. He helped him want to turn away from his old life of loving money and nice things most of all, and love God and live for Him, instead.

2. Who did he leave it behind to love even more? God!

For You and Me:

Matthew had a lot of money and he loved nice things, but he learned that God was better than even the best things you could have in this world. There are many nice things we may enjoy this world, too. But we will never find anything that is better than loving God and being one of God's people. We can become one of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignmer



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money."

Our Bible verse is Deuteronomy 6:4-5, ESV:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

need to find out:

I. Who loved money and the nice things in this world more than God?

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2. Why did he leave his money and nice things behind?

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."

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Inswers:

Our Bible Verse is: Deuteronomy 6:4-5, ESV

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

1. Who loved money and the nice things in this world more than God? Matthew did.

2. Why did he leave his money and nice things behind? Who did he find was even better to love? The Holy Spirit worked in his heart as he listened to Jesus teach. He helped him want to turn away from his old life of loving money and nice things most of all, and love God and live for Him, instead.

For You and Me:

Matthew had a lot of money and he loved nice things, but he learned that God was better than even the best things you could have in this world. There are many nice things we may enjoy this world, too. But we will never find anything that is better than loving God and being one of God's people. We can become one of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

Hi, Deep Down Detectives!
I'm still working on the case called:
"The Case of the Man Who Left His Money."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a bag of money, a camel, a pineapple, a town person, a little tax house, and a truck.

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 belong in the story and which two don't?

2. Who turned away from their sins and trust in Jesus in the story? What did he do that showed he was a changed man and wanted to instead, love God most of allo

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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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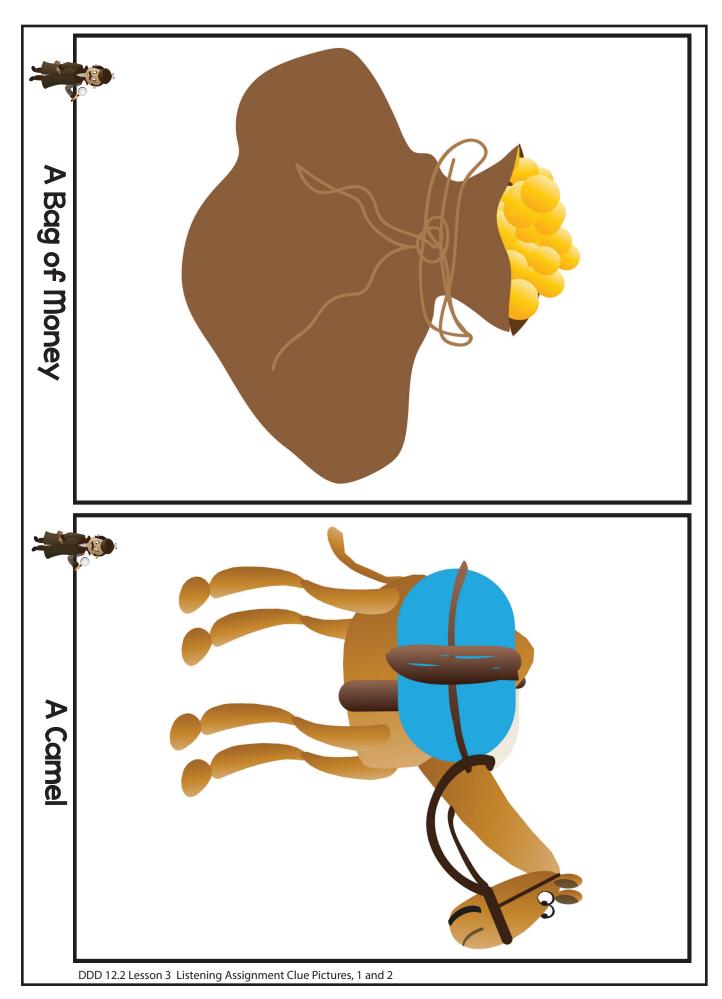
1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?

The bag of money, the camel, the town's person and the little tax house belong. The pineapple and the truck do not.

2. Who turned away from their sins and trust in Jesus in the story? What did he do that showed he was a changed man and wanted to instead, love God most of all? Matthew. He left his tax house and all the money and nice things he had loved most of all. He started to live for God, instead.

For You and Me:

God delights to help you and me to love Him, too. If we ask Him, He will work in our hearts and help us to love Him most of all. He will help us to turn away from disobeying Him and trust Jesus as our Savior, And as His people, God will gladly go on helping us to love Him most of all, ALL the rest of our lives!





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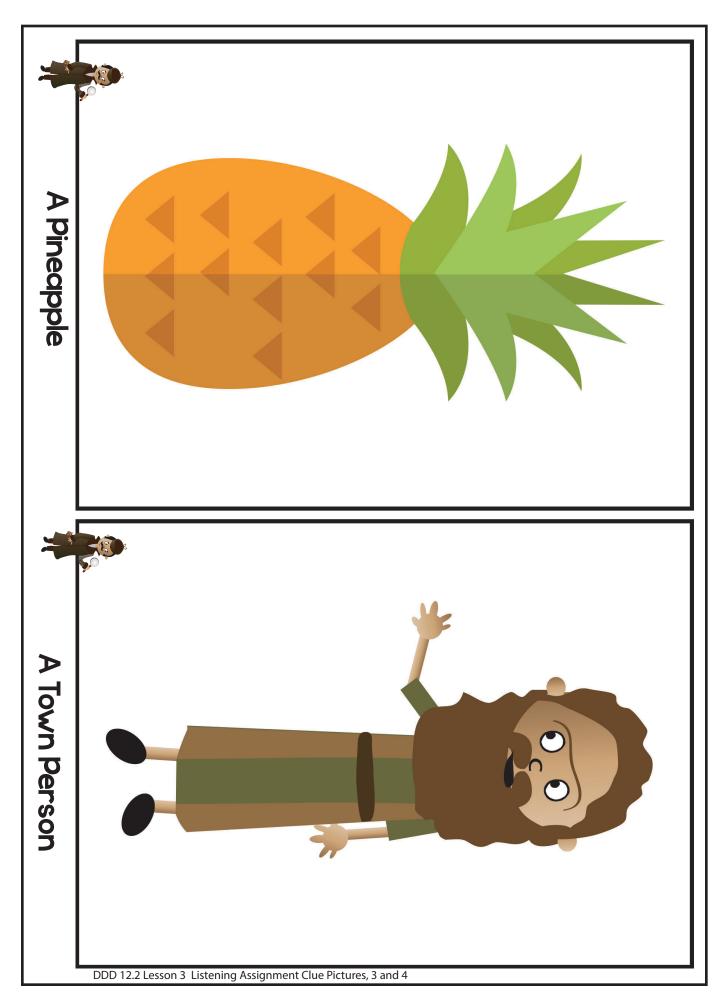
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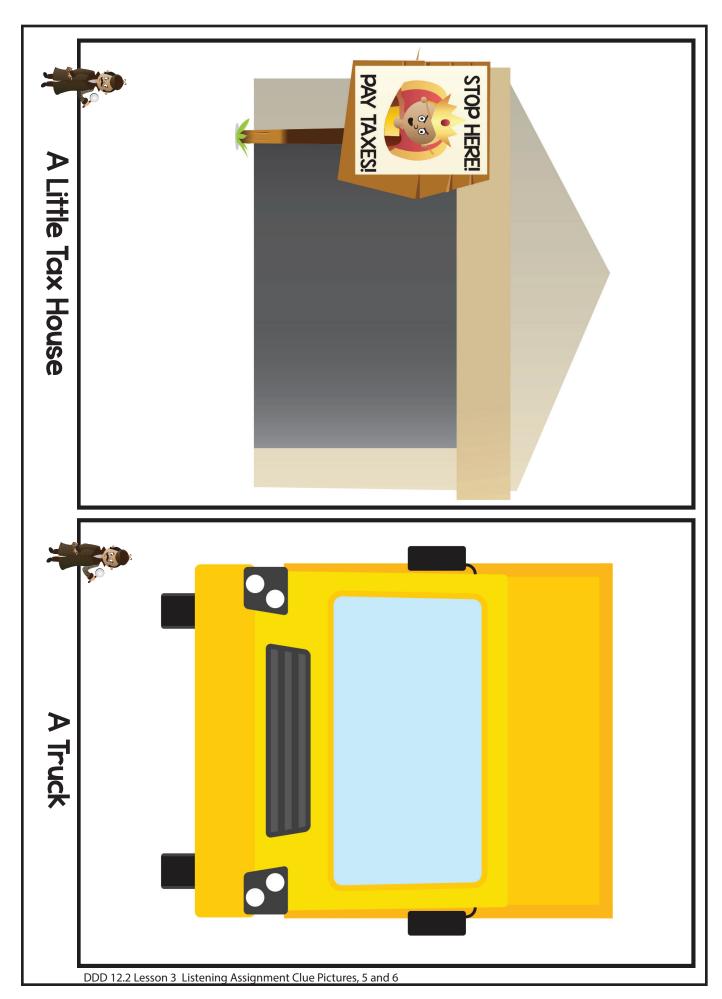
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