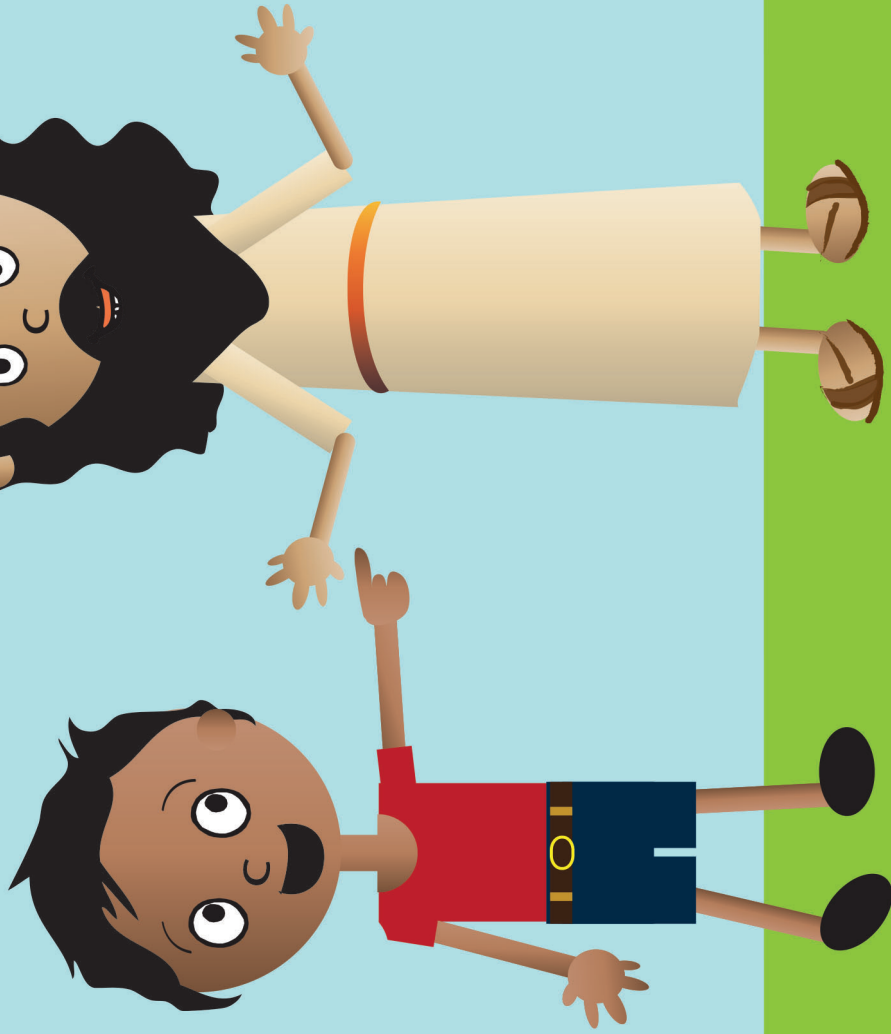




How should God's people live?



ANSWER:

They should live like Jesus!

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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 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: "

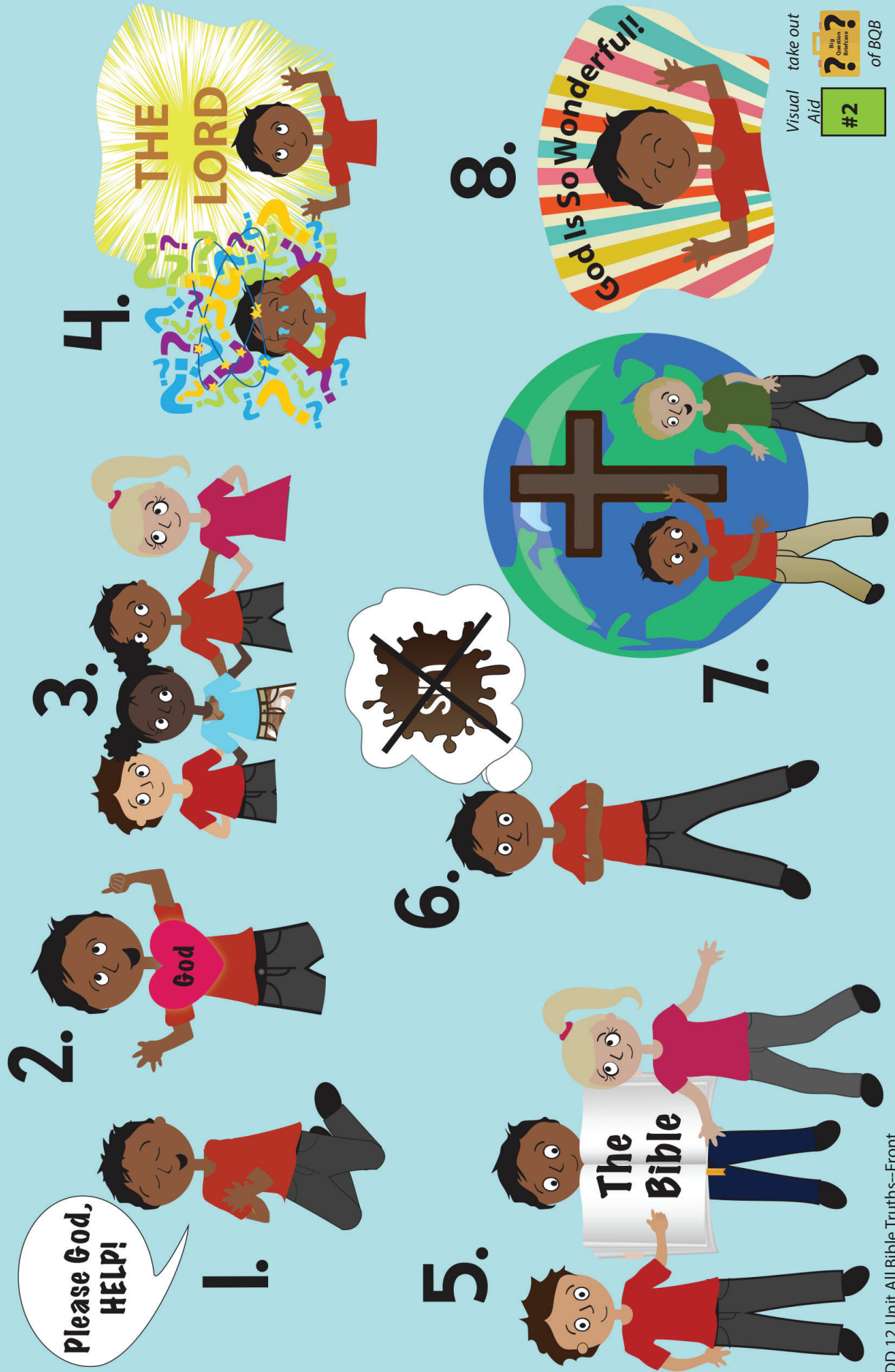
Big Q & A 12 Song

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 12

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

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

BIG QUESTION 12: Eight truths about how God's people live



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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 two truths about how to live for God. They are: "By Asking God for His Help" and "By Loving God Most of All." (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 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.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 3?

How Should God's People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus...

By Loving Other ???
as God Has Loved Them!

HINT: This is another word for
lots of men and women,
boys and girls.
It starts with a "p" and
it rhymes with "steeple."

ANSWER:
By Loving Other PEOPLE
as God Has Loved Them!

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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 Should God’s People Live?
They Should Live Like Jesus!
By Loving Other ??? as God Has Loved Them!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This is another word for lots of men and women, boys and girls. It starts with a ‘P’ and it rhymes with ‘steeple.’”

Can you guess? It’s “PEOPLE.”

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 Other PEOPLE as God Has Loved Them!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

Jesus loved others with God’s great, amazing love. He saw people in need and helped them. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they hurt Him cruelly.

Jesus loved people most of all by dying on the cross to save us from our sins. He took God’s punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could have special closeness with God now. And so that one day when they die, they could live happily with God forever. How great is Jesus’ love for people!

Jesus wants His people to love other people with God’s great, amazing love, too. He wants them to help people in need. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God’s people, too. He wants them to love each other with a love that puts others first. He even wants them to be kind to their enemies and pray for them.

God’s people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God’s people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God’s love, too.



“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” --1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13 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:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13 tells us:

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Learn a Little:

"Love is patient, love is kind."

What does that mean?

These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and go and love others this way, too. God's Holy Spirit helps them love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard. God's Holy Spirit can help us love this way, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

"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?"

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

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Love:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 24

Love is patient, love is kind,
Love does not envy or boast,
It is not arrogant or rude,
Does not insist on its own way,
It is not irritable, or resentful,
Does not rejoice in wrong-doing,
but with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes and endures all things,
Faith, hope and love abide these three,
but the greatest is love.
Love never ends, love never ends,
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First Corinthians Thirteen,
four through eight, and thirteen.

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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 Man Who Kept on Loving."

I need to find out:

1. Who was the man who kept on loving?
- AND
2. Who was it that he kept loving?

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.

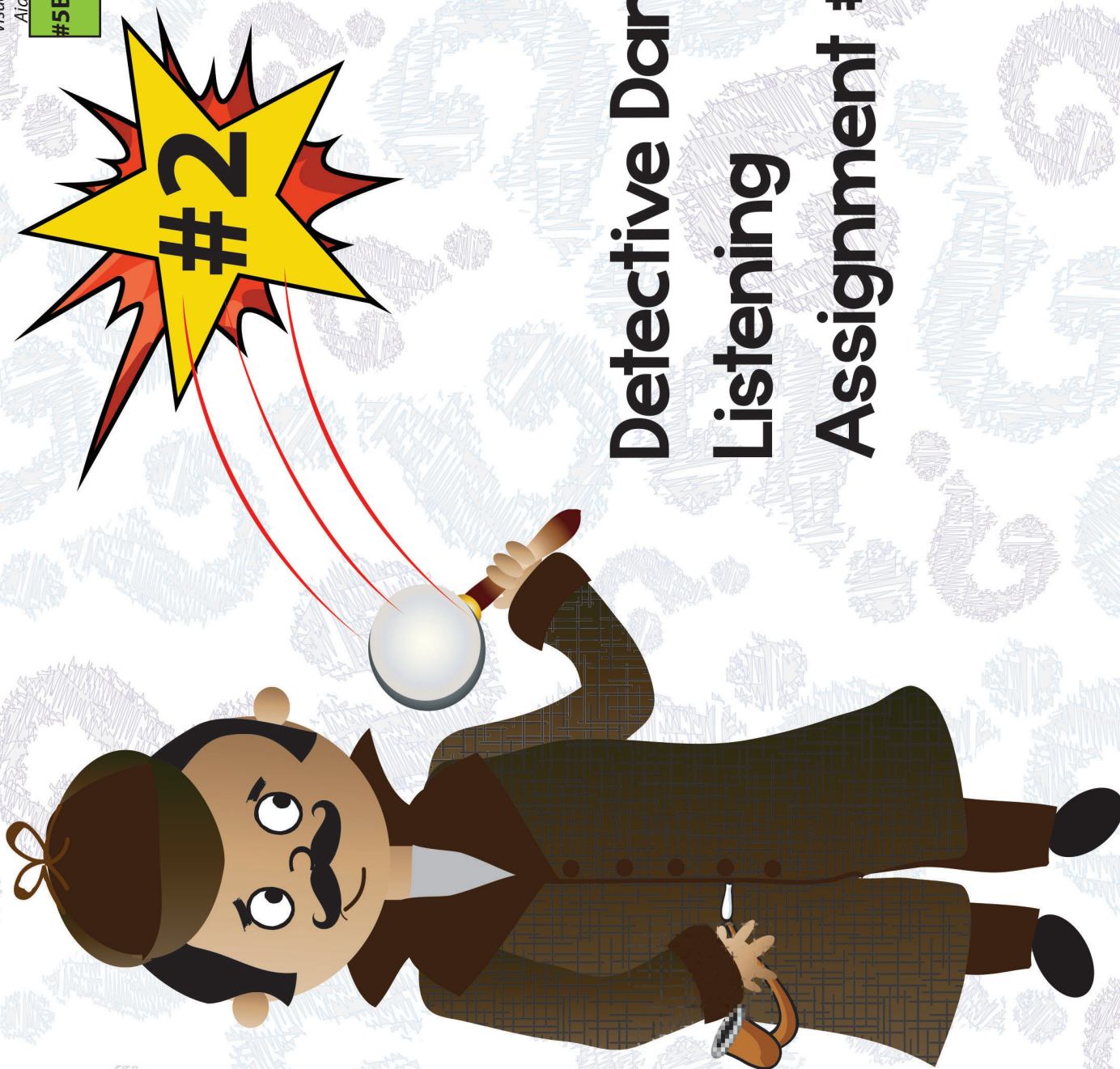
Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.

Answers:

1. **Who was the man who kept on loving?** Stephen.
2. **Who was it that he kept loving?** He kept on loving everyone. He even kept on loving his enemies, even as they were hurting him.

For You and Me

Stephen loved God and others his whole life. He even loved his enemies who were so mean to him! God wants all of His people to love others like Stephen did AND like Jesus did! God knows no one can love others like this on their own, especially enemies. But He promises to give His Holy Spirit to help His people love others, even when it is very hard! We can become one of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His Holy Spirit can come live in us and help us love others like this, too.



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 Man Who Kept on Loving."

Our Bible Verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 ESV

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

I need to find out:

1. Who tried to live out this command to love others and to love God?

AND

2. What did he do to live it out?

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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I need to find out:

1. Who tried to live out this command to love others and to love God? Stephen.

2. What did he do to live it out? He tried to always love others. He even kept on loving his enemies as they were hurting him. He always tried to love God most of all, too. He kept on living for God, even when his enemies told him to stop talking about Jesus. He even chose to die, rather than stop living the way God wanted him to live.

For You and Me:

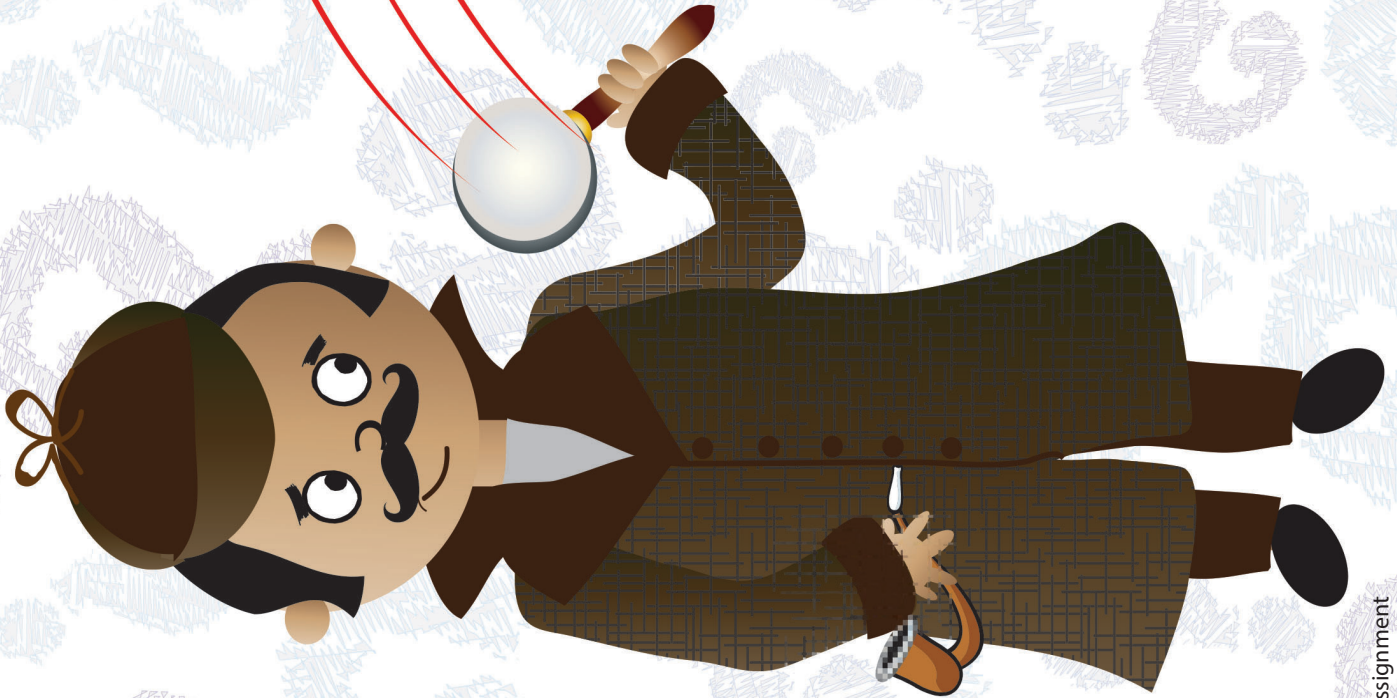
God wants all of His people to love Him most of all. He wants them all to love others as they love themselves. He wants them to live like Jesus. But God knows how weak His people are. He knows they can't love Him or others the way He wants them to by themselves. That's why He forgives their sins through Jesus. And that's why He sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them. He helps them love God and others in ways they could never love on their own. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer.

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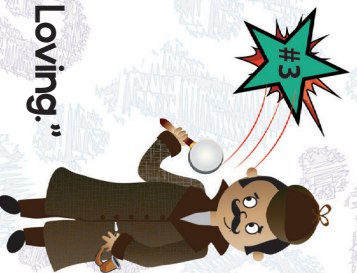
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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a hat, a widow, some rocks, a squirrel, a healed person, and the Temple.

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 asked God to forgive his enemies for doing such mean things to him? Who gave him the love to do this?

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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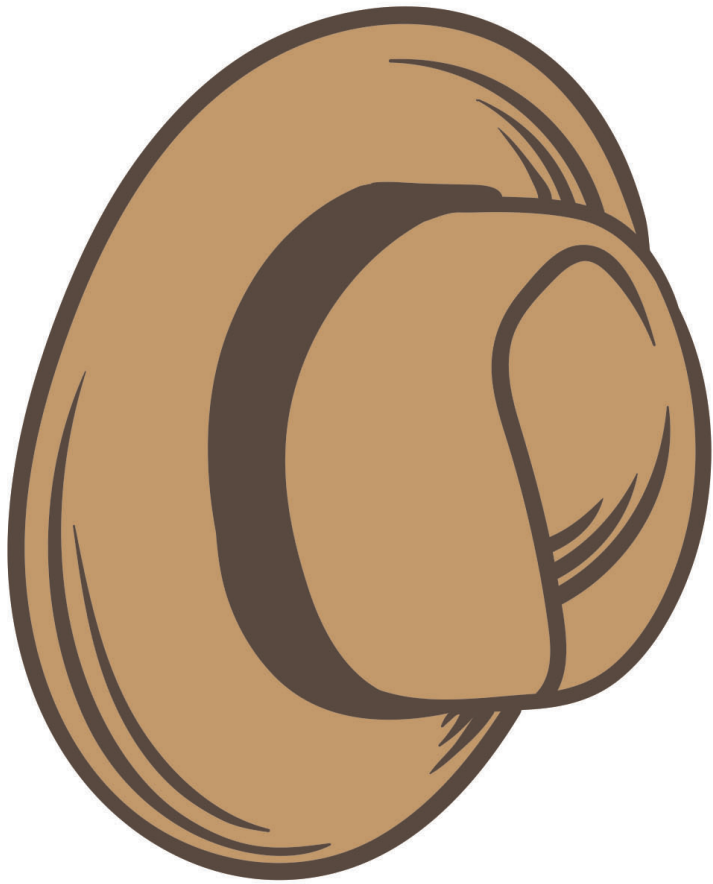
1. Which four belong in our story?

The widow, the rocks, the healed person and the Temple belong. The hat and the squirrel do not.

2. Who asked God to forgive his enemies for doing such mean things to him? Who gave him the love to do this? Stephen did. God did, through His Holy Spirit living inside of Stephen and helping him.

For You and Me:

God wants all of His people to love Him most of all. He wants them all to love others as they love themselves. He wants them to live like Jesus. But God knows how weak His people are. He knows they can't love Him or others the way He wants them to by themselves. That's why He forgives their sins through Jesus. And that's why He sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them. He helps them love God and others in ways they could never love on their own. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer.



A Hat



A Widow



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DDD 12.3 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 2 for kids



Some Rocks



A Squirrel

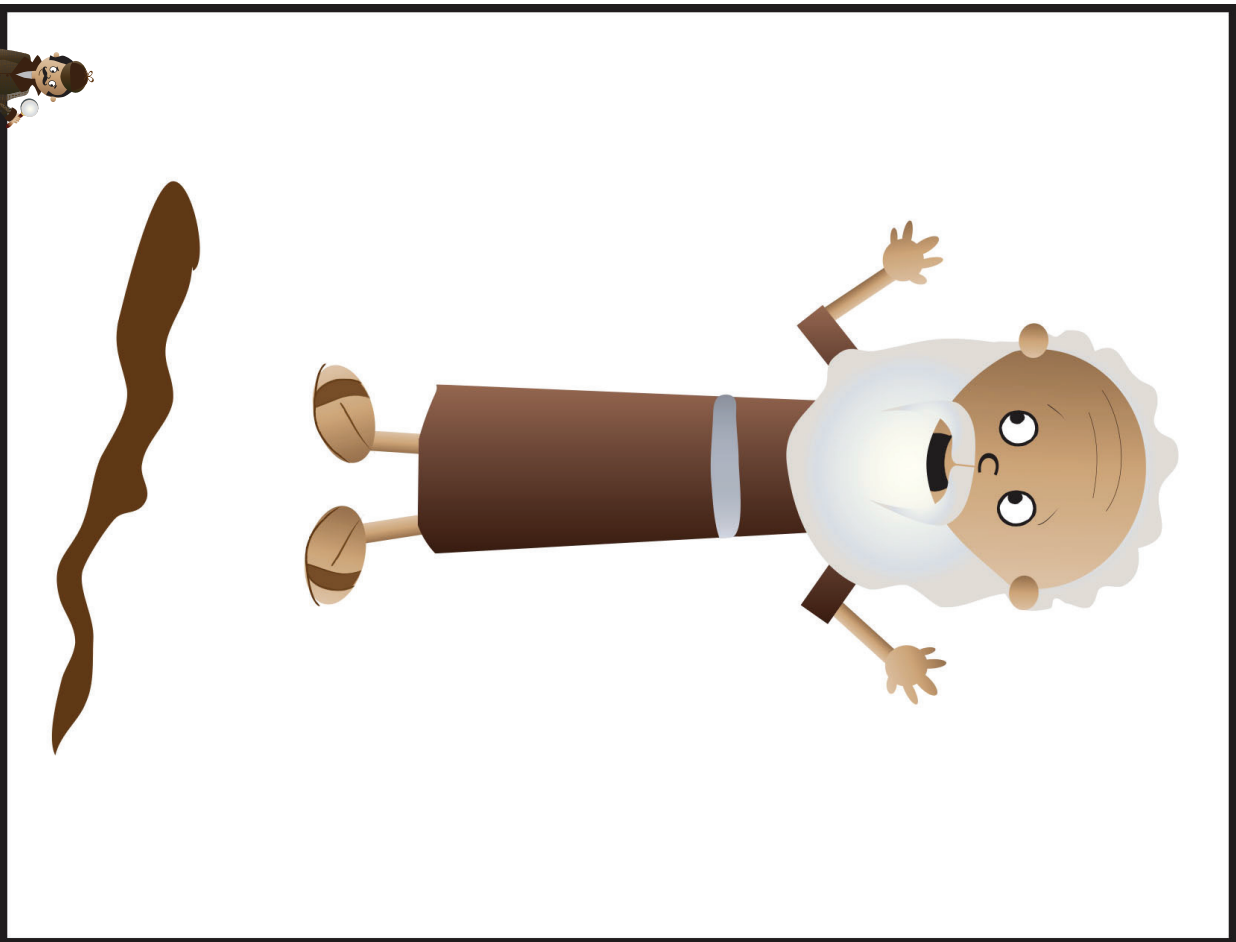




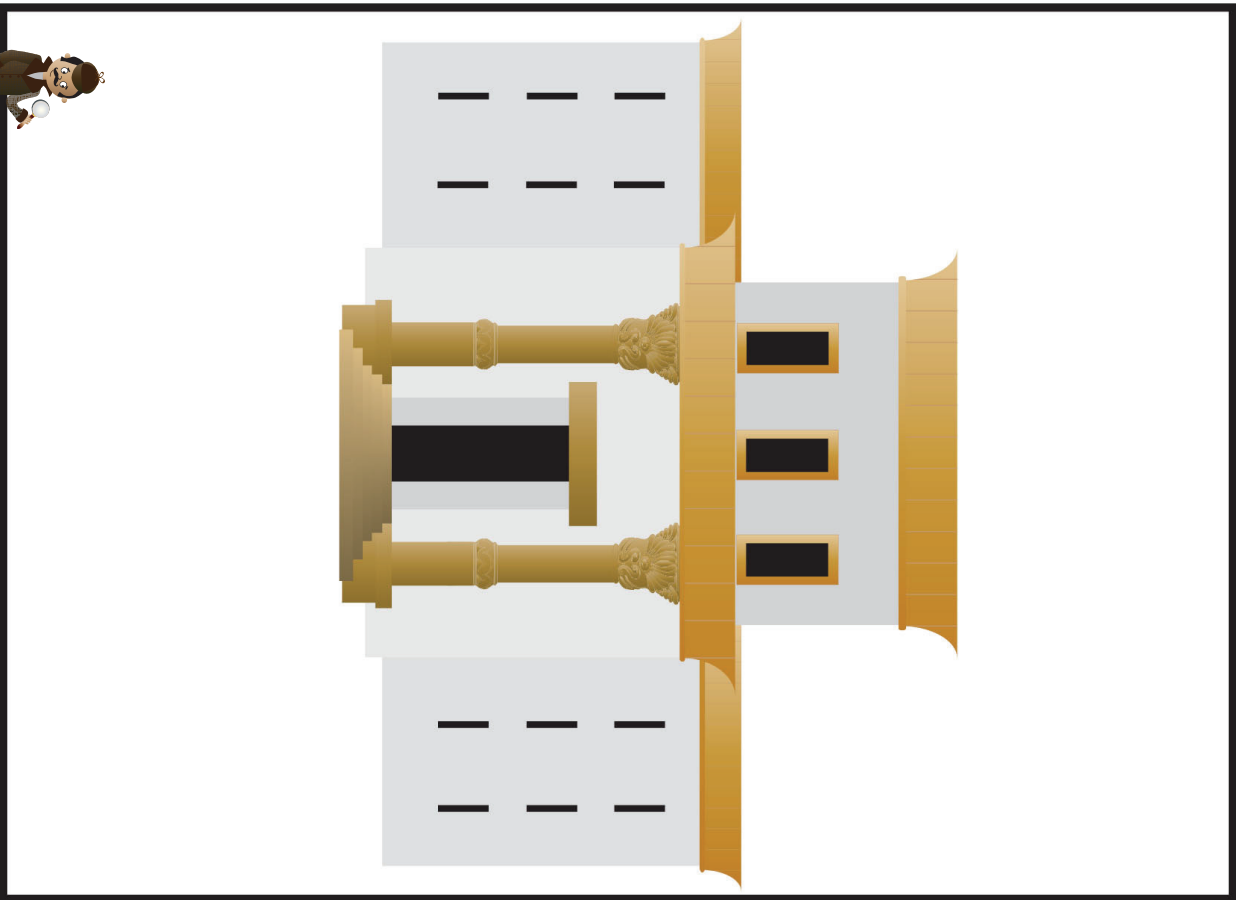
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A Healed Person



The Temple



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