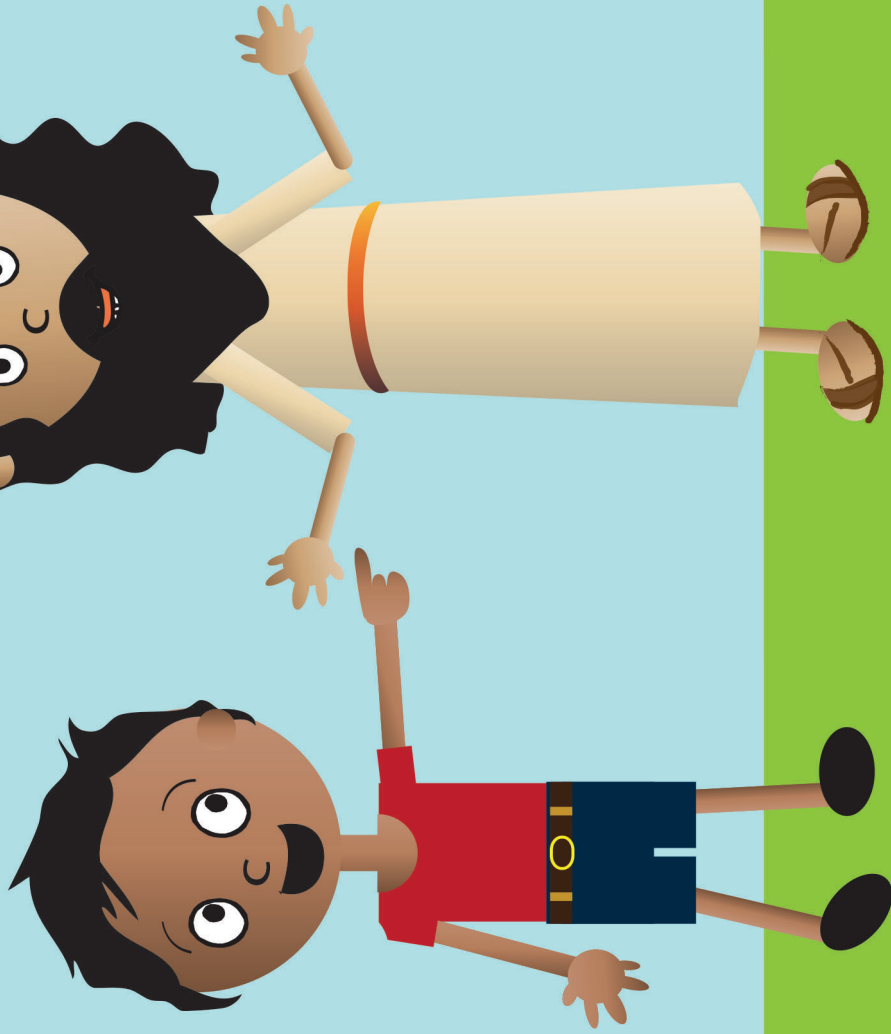




How should God's people live?



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: "

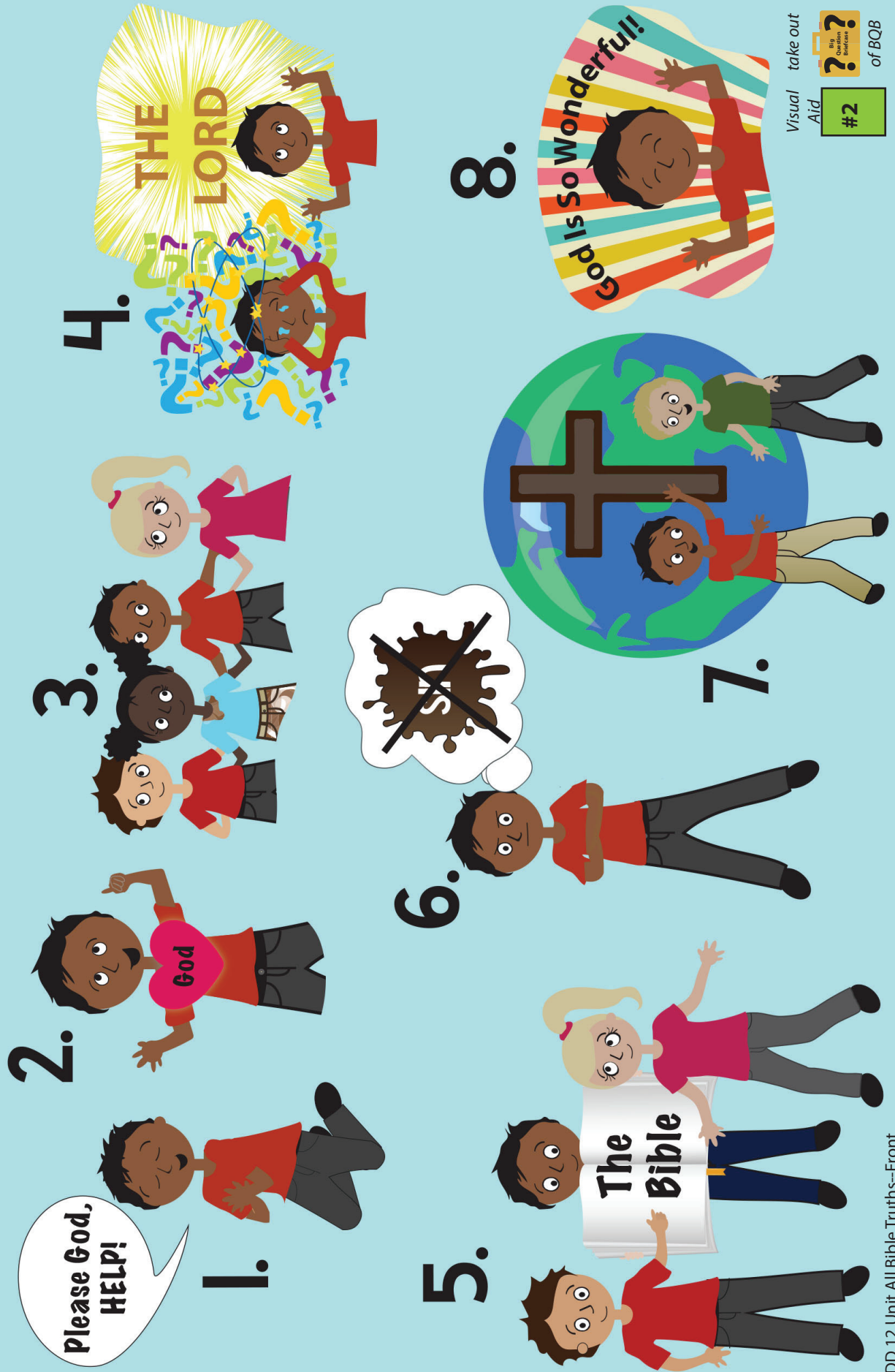
Big Q & A 12 Song

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 three truths about how to live for God. They are: "By Asking God for His Help," "By Loving God Most of All," and "By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them." (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 4?

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

By Trusting God
and Being ???
with What He Wants!

HINT: "What is the opposite of
being sad? It starts with an
"H" and it rhymes with "snappy."

ANSWER:

By Trusting God and Being
HAPPY with What He Wants!



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DDD 12.4 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 Trusting God and Being ??? with What He Wants!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “What is the opposite of being sad? It starts with an “H” and it rhymes with “snappy.”

Can you guess? It’s “HAPPY”

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 Trusting God and Being HAPPY with What He Wants!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

Jesus trusted God, His Father, completely. He knew that what His Father wanted Him to do was always best. He knew His Father would always give Him strength to do whatever He wanted Him to do. Sometimes His Father’s plans were very hard, but Jesus knew that His plans were still always best.

God wants His people to trust Him like Jesus did. God promises to always take care of them. He promises that even all the sad or bad things they go through, He will use to do good things. He promises to always give them the Holy Spirit to give them strength to do what He wants them to do.

Sometimes it is very hard for God’s people to keep trusting God and His plans. Sometimes they want to grumble or be mad at God because of what happens to them. But God wants them to keep on trusting Him, even in those very hard times. He wants them to be happy and keep on believing that He is doing what is best for them. He wants them to keep trusting that He will show Himself to be the good and great God He is. For indeed, God IS so very good and great; and, what He has planned is always best!

We can become God’s people who trust God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”**

-- Proverbs 3:5- 6, ESV

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:

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us:

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Learn a Little:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart."

What does that mean?

These verses remind us that we can always trust the LORD and His good plans, even when we don't understand what He is doing. He wants us not to depend on ourselves or what we see, but on Him, His Word and His good plans. And when we do, we can know that He will show us what He wants us to do, every day of our lives.

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

Trust in the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-6

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 26

Trust in the LORD,
Trust in the LORD,
Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And do not lean,
And do not lean,
On your own understanding,
In all your ways, acknowledge Him,
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make straight your paths,
And He will make straight your paths.
Proverbs Three, five and six.

"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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Big Question Briefcase
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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 Faith that Faced Fire."

I need to find out:

1. Who did the king order to be thrown into the fire?
AND

2. What did God give them faith to do?

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. *

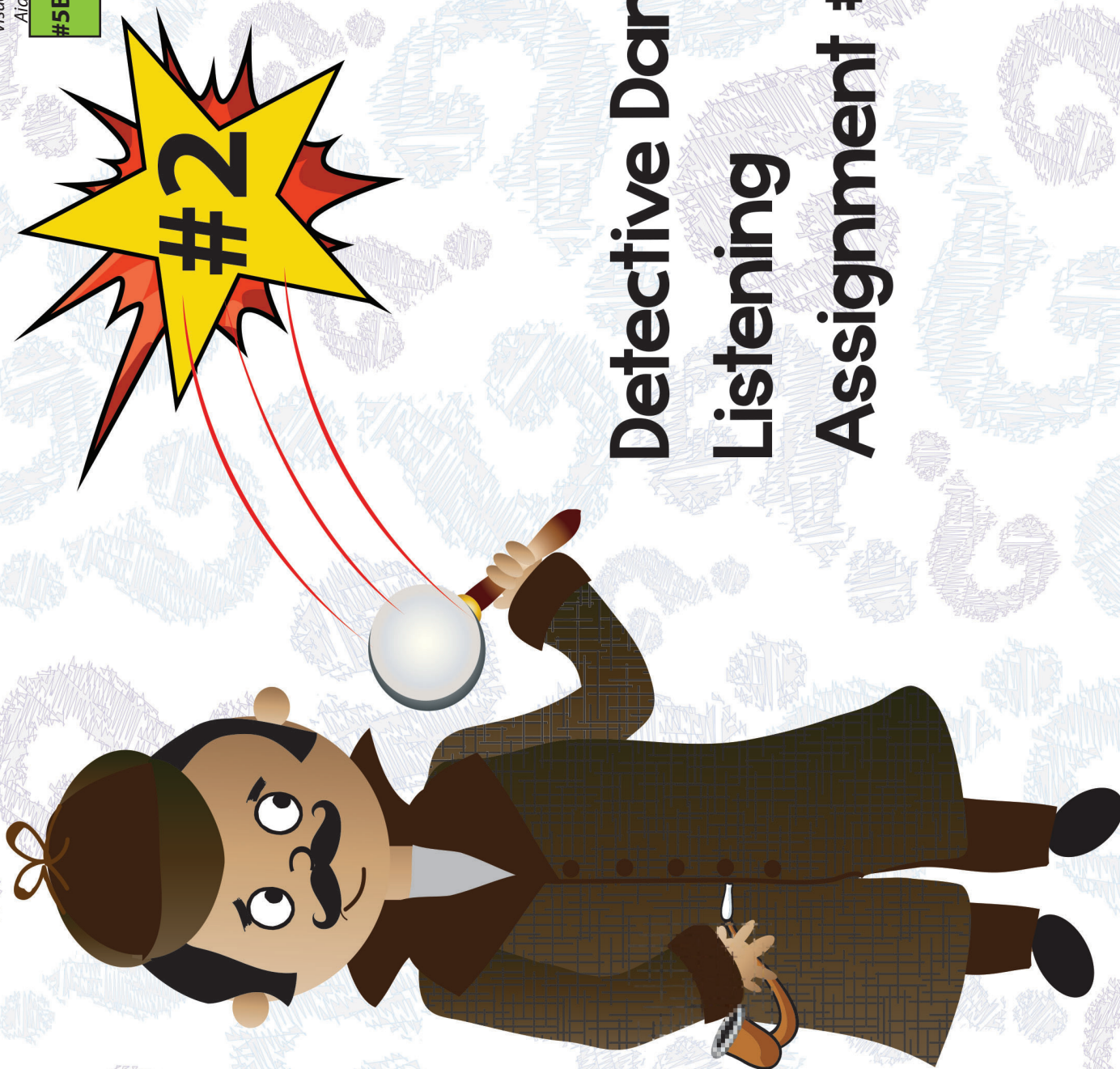
Answers:

1. **Who did the king order to be thrown into the fire?** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

2. **What did God give them faith to do?** To NOT bow down to the golden statue, but to keep believing and trusting in Him with their whole lives.

For You and Me:

Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the LORD wants us to trust Him and be happy with what He wants, even when it is very hard. The LORD is always good and His plans are always right, even if we don't understand them. Sometimes this is very hard, but He promises to always help His people keep trusting in Him, no matter what. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you trust in Jesus. And ask Him to help you trust Him with every day of your life! 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 Faith That Faced Fire."

Our Bible Verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

I need to find out:

1. Who had to trust in the Lord in ways far bigger than they could understand?

AND

2. How did the Lord show his faithfulness to them?

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:

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"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your pathse."

1. Who had to trust in the LORD in ways far bigger than they could understand? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

2. How did the LORD show His faithfulness to them? He helped them to NOT bow down to the golden statue, but to keep on believing and trusting in Him with their whole lives. He protected them from dying in the fiery furnace, too.

For You and Me:

The LORD can always be trusted. He is always up to good. His plans are always perfect. And because He is so much bigger and greater than us, there will be many times when we don't understand the good things He's up to. That's why God's people are told not to lean on their own understanding, but to keeping trusting in the LORD. The LORD knows they can't do this on their own. They need His help. And He is happy to give it! He will always give His people everything they need to keep trusting in Him and to be happy with what He wants. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will help us trust Him and be happy with what He wants for our lives, too.

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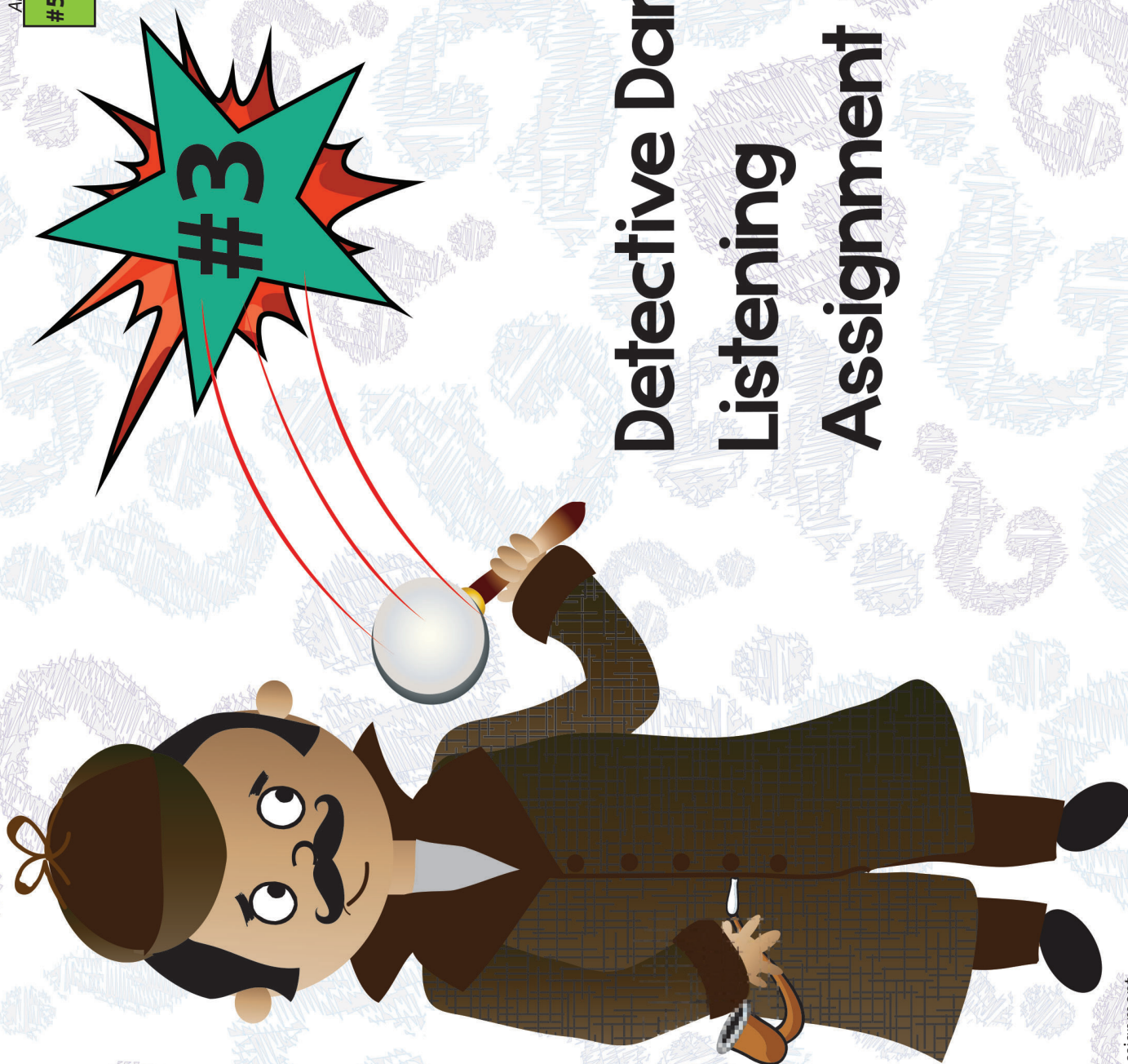


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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Faith that Faced Fire."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: rich clothes, a clock, a hippo, a big statue, a hot fire, and a mighty king.

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 chose to praise the Lord and keep worshipping him even when it almost cost them their lives?

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:

Our six clues were: a brother named Esau, a ladder, a pair of glasses, an angel, a snake, and a rock.

1. Which four belong in our story?

The rich clothes, the big statue, the hot fire and the mighty king belong. The clock and the hippo do not.

2. Who chose to praise the Lord and keep worshipping him even when it almost cost them their lives? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

For You and Me

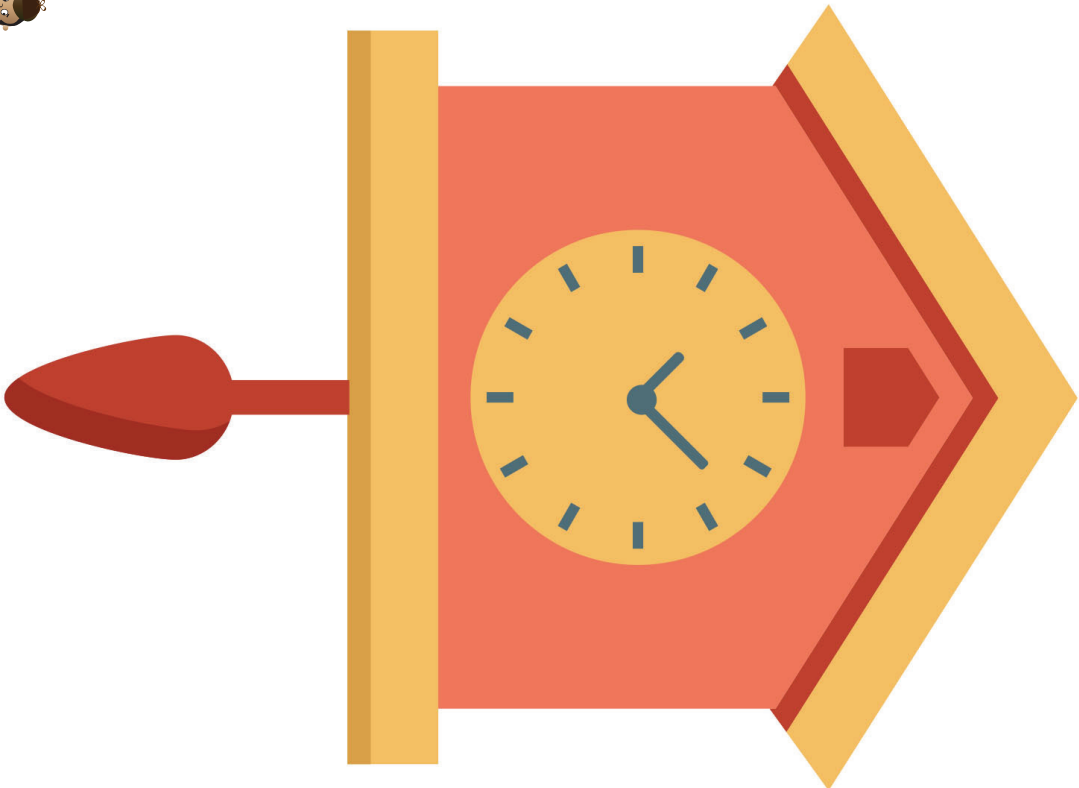
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Rich Clothes



A Clock

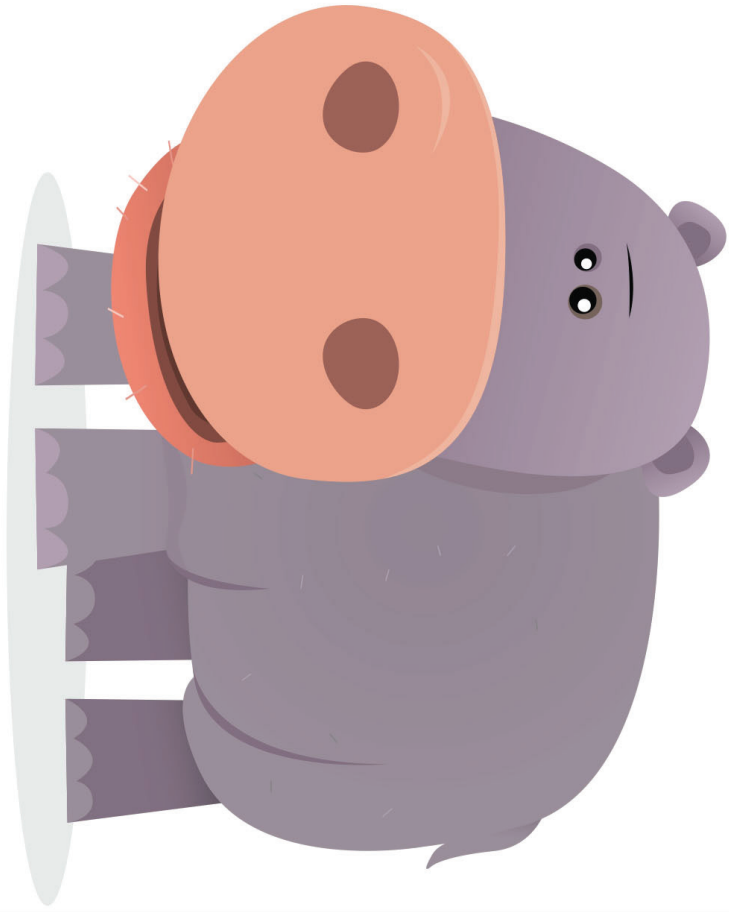




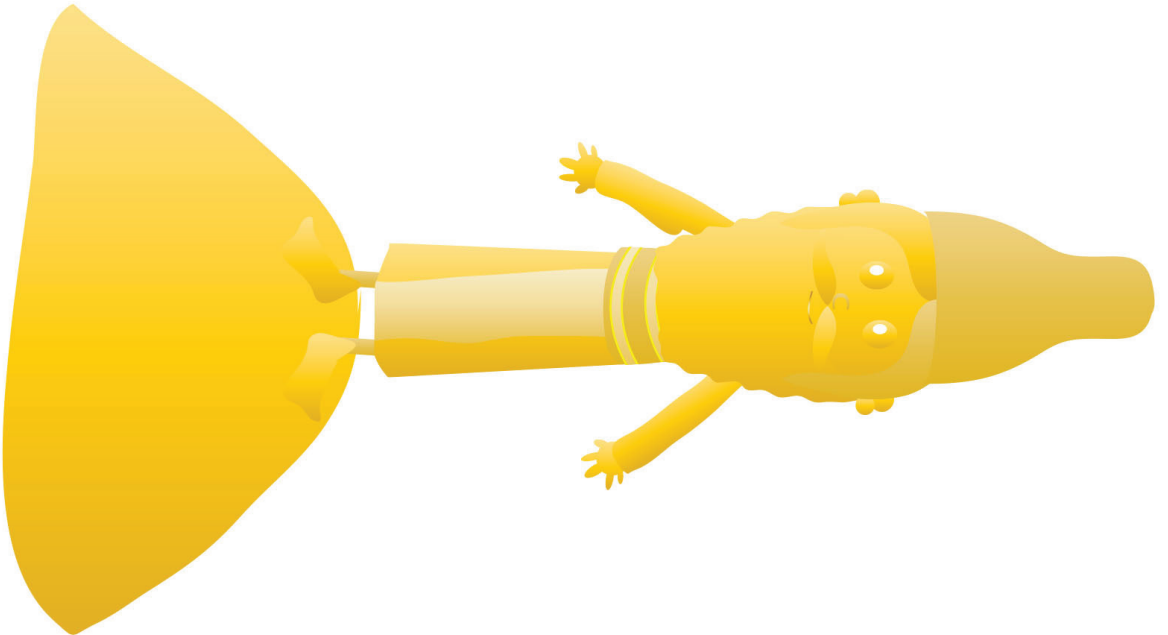
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A Hippo



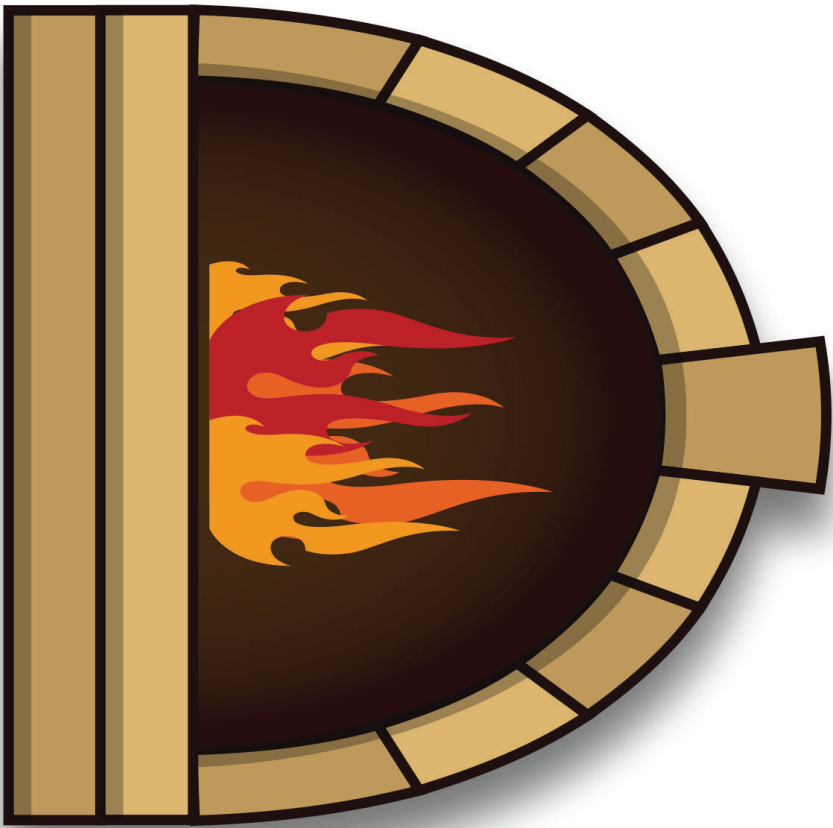
A Big Statue



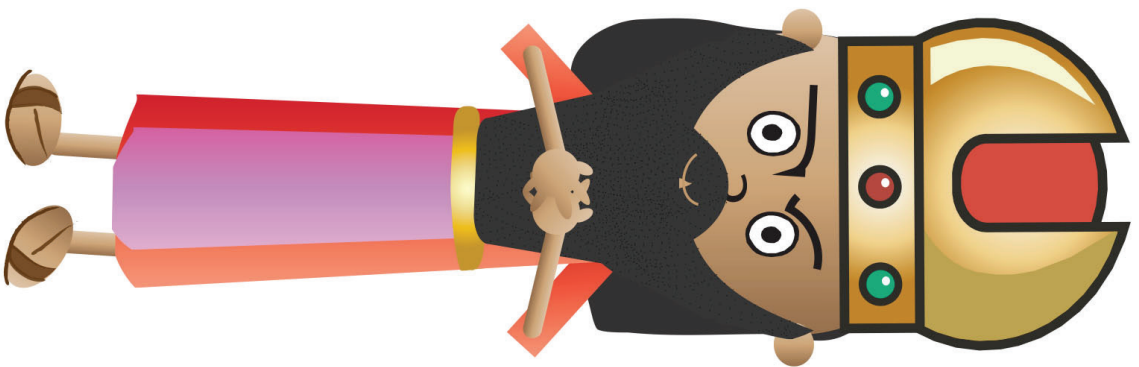
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A Hot Fire



A mighty King



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