

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:

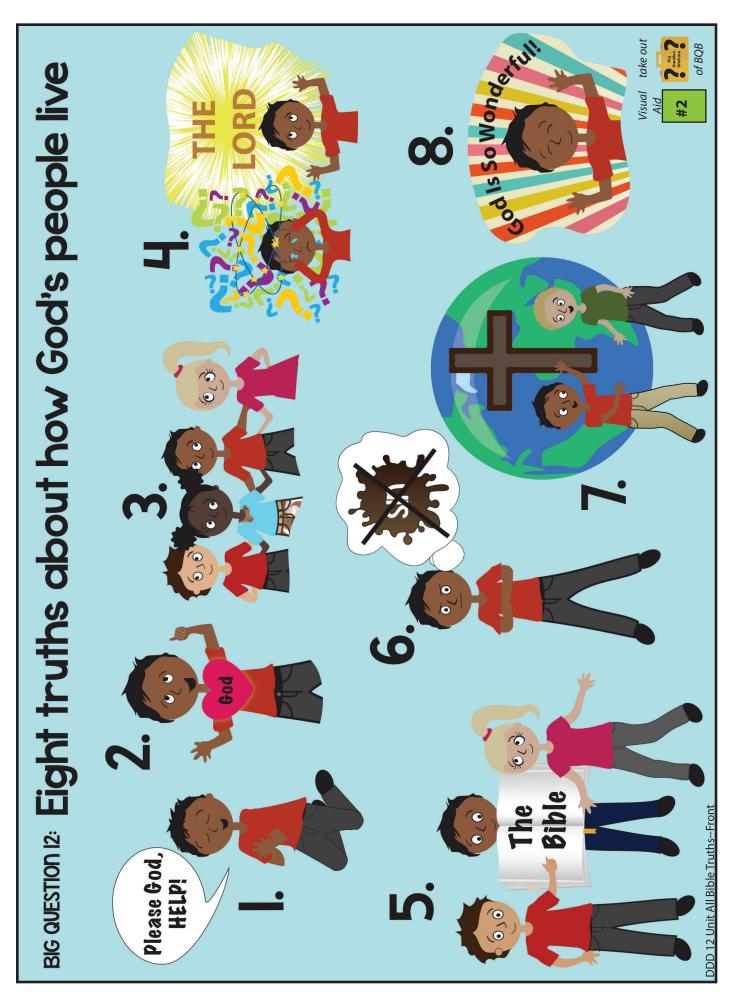
We become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God forgives our sins and we begin a whole new way of life. God's people no longer live life just to please themselves. They want to honor God with their whole lives, like Jesus did. They seek to love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



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 seven truths about how to live for God. They are: "By Asking God for His Help," "By Loving God Most of All," "By Loving Other People As God Has Loved Them, "By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants," "By Learning God's Word and Obeying It," "By Saying "No" to Disobeying God," and "By Telling the Good News of Jesus." (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.



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 Making Much of ????!"

We're missing one word. Here's the hint to what the missing word is. It says: "Who made all things and is the great, good King who rules over it all? His name starts with a "G" and it rhymes with "odd."

Can you guess? It's "GOD."

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 Making Much of GOD!"

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

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

We love to make a big deal about many things. Birthdays and Christmas. Learning to ride a bike or how to read. Even beautiful things, like soft, fluffy snow and colorful rainbows.

God's people like to make a big deal about these things, too. But do you know what (or really WHO) God's people like to make a big deal about most of all? The very same person Jesus made a big deal about: God!

Like Jesus, God's people want to make a big deal about God. They want others to know how good and loving and powerful God is. And they don't just want them to KNOW about how amazing He is. They want others to BE His people, so they can know and enjoy Him, themselves. God's people want their lives and their lips to be full of praise for God. They want the whole world to tell how great He is. Why? Because God is the one, true God. Our Creator and King and Savior through Jesus. And that makes Him most wonderful of all.

The big, Bible word for making much of God is "glorify." Jesus glorified God with His whole life. We can glorify God, too, when we turn away from our sins, trust in Jesus as our Savior, and live our lives for Him. Let's make much of God!

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Let me tell you what he has done for me." -- Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV 1984

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Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse

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

Psalm 66:1-3,5,16 tells us:

Psalm 66:1-3,5,16, NIV 1984

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Come and see what God has done... Let me tell you what he has done for me."

Learn a Little:

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name!"

What does that mean?

God's people delight in God's glory. He has been so good to them! He has given His Son to save them from their sins. He has provided for their needs with what He knows is best for them. He has filled them with His Holy Spirit and they have fellowship with Him in their heart. They have never lacked any good thing and they never will their whole life. They want to praise the LORD all the time. They want others to join them in magnifying His name (praising Him) and in knowing Him, themselves. To be one of God's people is the best blessing anyone can ever have!

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

Shout with Joy to God Psalm 66:1-3,5,9,16

DDD ESV Songs 12, track 43

Shout! Shout! Shout with joy!
Shout with joy to God all the earth!
Sing! Sing! Sing the glory!
Sing the glory of His name!
Say! Say! Say to God!
Say! Say! Soome, "How awesome are your deeds."
Come, Come, Come and see,
Come and see what God has done!
Let me tell you what He has done for me!
Psalm Sixty-six,
one through three, five, nine, sixteen.

"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?"



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Boastful Man."

need to find out:

I. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?

2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special 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. Who needed bread? Why was it so hard to get it?

The people of Israel needed bread in the wilderness. It was so hard to get because the wilderness was dry and there were only weeds and rocks! No food!

2. Who never forgot to give them bread? What was special about it? The LORD never forgot to give them bread. He gave them "manna"—special bread from heaven that they collected from the ground every morning.

For You and Me:

The LORD was faithful to take care of the people of Israel. He fed them bread and meat, even when it seemed impossible. The LORD has been faithful to us in an even more amazing way! He promised to send a Savior to save us from our sins and He kept His promise! He sent His Son, Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead showing He had really done it. He had really beaten sin and death for us! And now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, they will be forgiven their sins and become God's dearly loved people!

God gives them a brand new heart to know and love God. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with God and enjoy Him, as happy as anyone can ever be, forever! Jesus can be our Savior, too. Ask Him! He loves to help us! How faithful the LORD is to us!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

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



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tell you what he has done for me."

1. Who was the man who was boastful? Who did he first boast about? Paul. He boasted in himself and all the good things he did.

2. Why did he change his boast? Who did boast in, instead? He changed his boast when God showed him that he was a sinner who did not deserve to be one of God's people. He changed his boast to God and how He had forgiven his sins through Jesus.

For You and Me:

God has been kind to give each of us many good gifts. He has made us able to do many good things. Sometimes we might want to boast about the good things we can do; but like Paul, God wants us to boast only in Him. He is the giver of all those good gifts; and, He is the one who offers to forgive our sins through Jesus. We need Him to do that most of all! That's why Paul made much of God! And that's what God wants us to do to. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He wants us to praise Him for being our God and for being so good to us. Ask Him to help you do this. He loves to answer this prayer!!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

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



cross, wild animal They are: a star, God's law, a shoe, a Pharisee, the I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.

them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one Hold up each of the six pictures for the children to see as you identify

I need to know

- TWO do NOT? I. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which
- in Him so much? 2. Who did Paul boast in most of all? Why did he boast

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Detective Dan Thanks!

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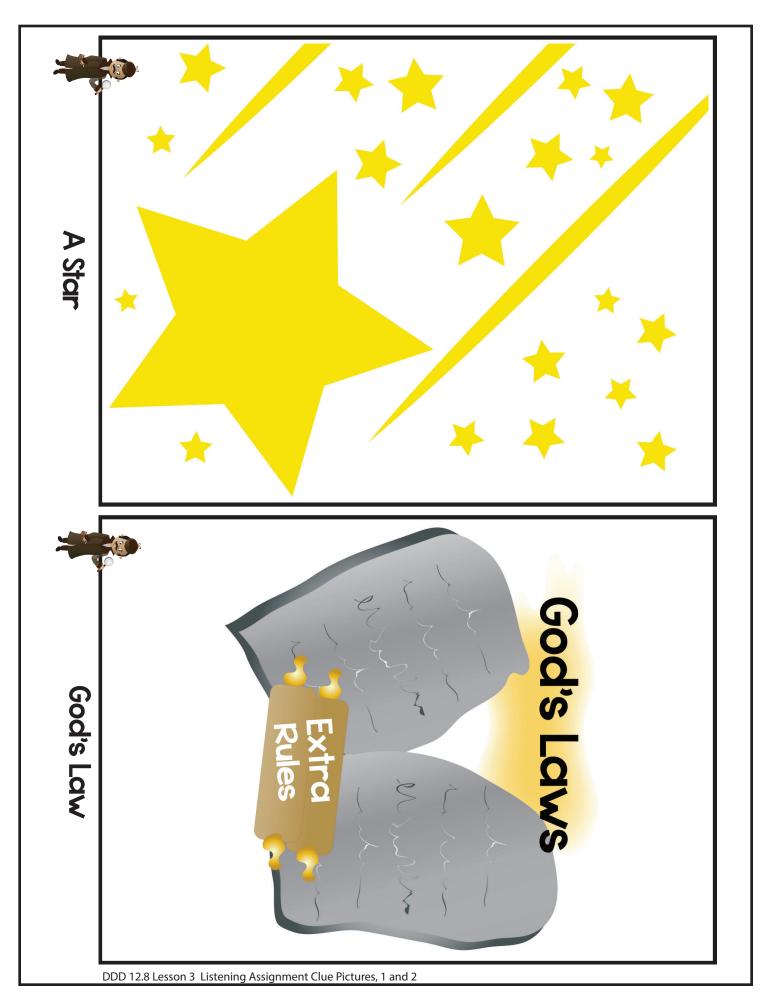
1. Which four belong in our story?

God's law, the Pharisee, the cross and the wild animal belong. The star and

He boasted in God. Because God had forgiven his sins and saved him through 2. Who did Paul boast in most of all? Why did he boast in Him so much? Jesus, when he never, ever deserved it.

For You and Me:

us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. one of His people. Paul was so grateful to God for saving him! God can save in how well he could keep God's laws. God changed him into a man who What a great work God did in Paul's heart! He had been a man who boasted Then, what a lot we will have to be grateful to God for, too! knew that only through Jesus that he could ever please God and become





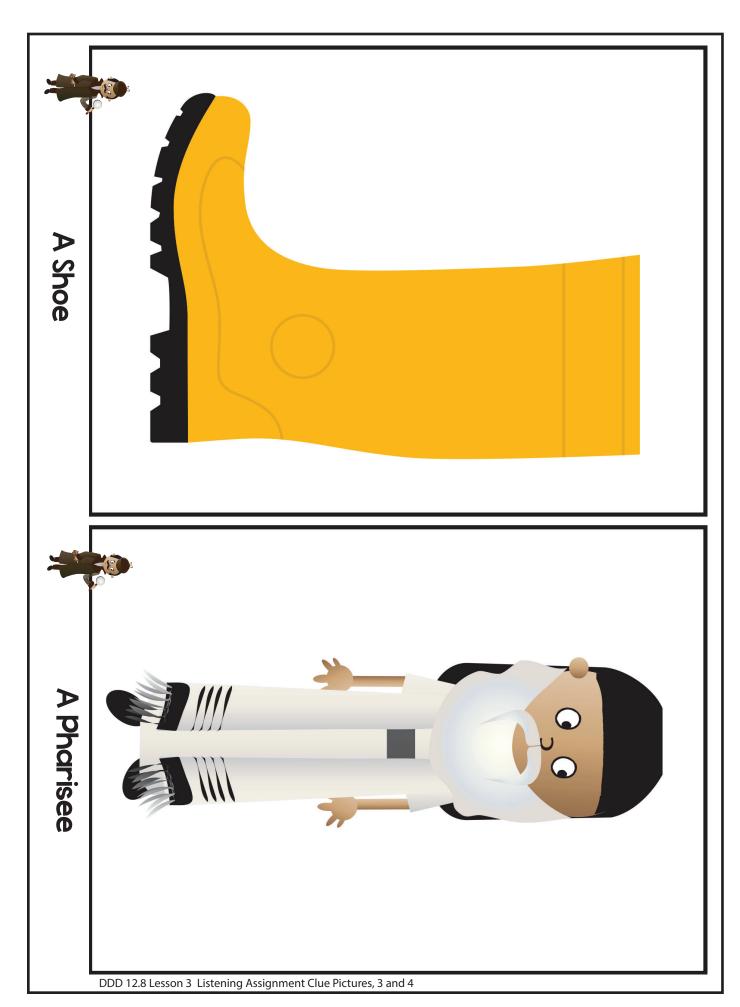
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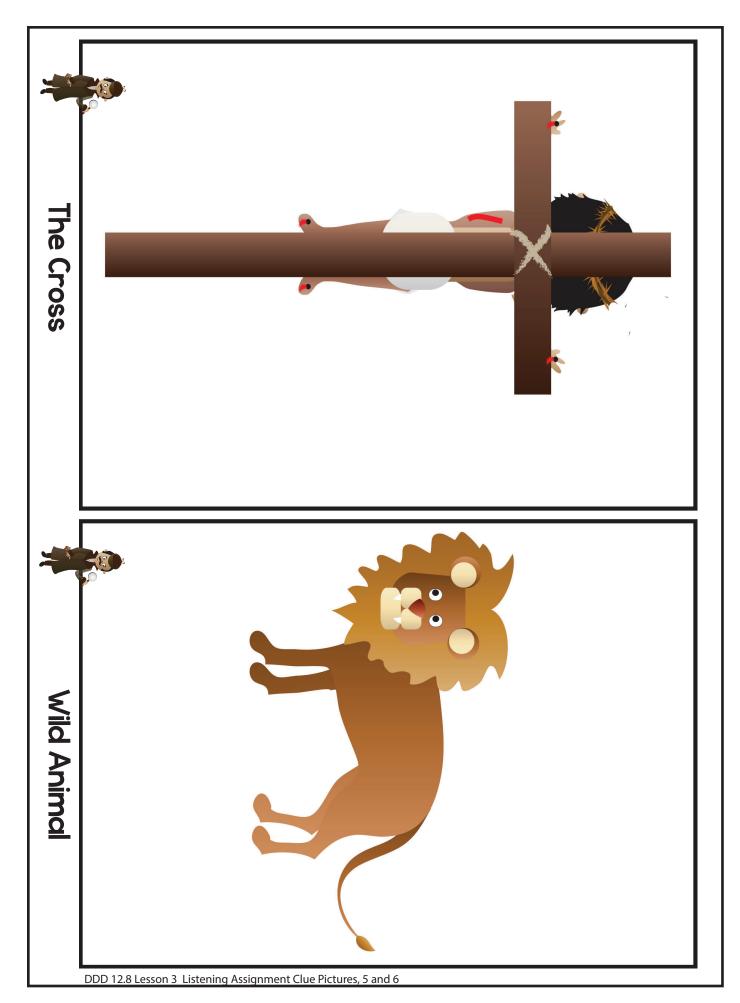
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