



# What Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?



ANSWER:

## It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

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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 13:

**Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?**  
and the Answer is:  
**It Is God's Sustaining Grace!**

## Meaning:

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all--even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans--even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

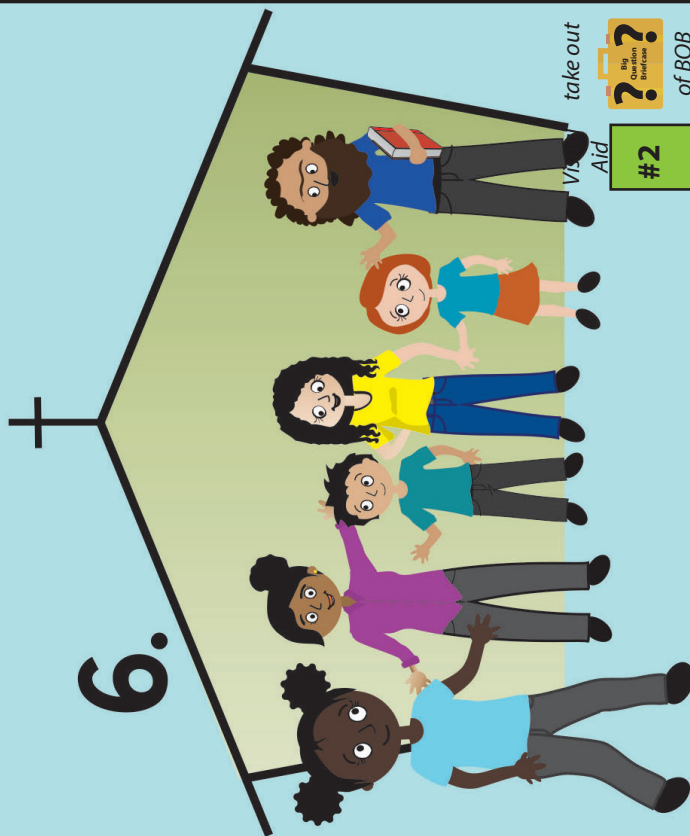
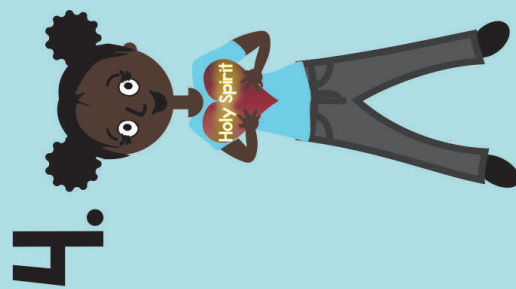
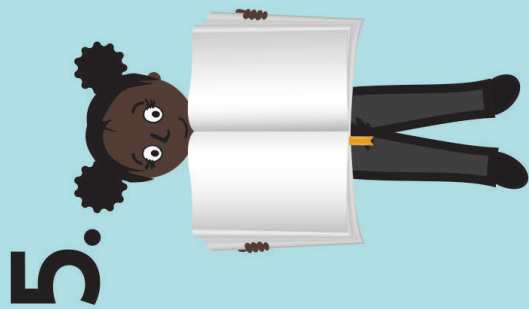
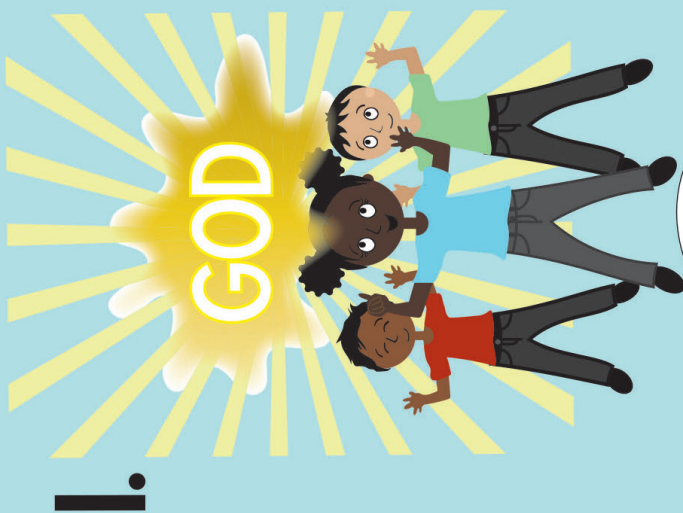
Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

## Big Q & A 13 Song

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12  
(adapted version of "This Old Man")*

Why do God's people keep  
believing in God?  
And why do God's people  
keep living for Him?  
Because God sustains them,  
yes, God alone,  
That's why God's people keep  
believing in God.

# BIG QUESTION 13: Six truths about God's sustaining grace



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## This Unit's Bible Truths

"It is God's Sustaining Grace" 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 SIX Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

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

*After everyone has had a good look say...*

"Ok, we've learned three truths about how God sustains His people. They are: "God Alone Sustains His People, "God, the Father, Promises to Help His People," and, "Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God." (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 six 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.*



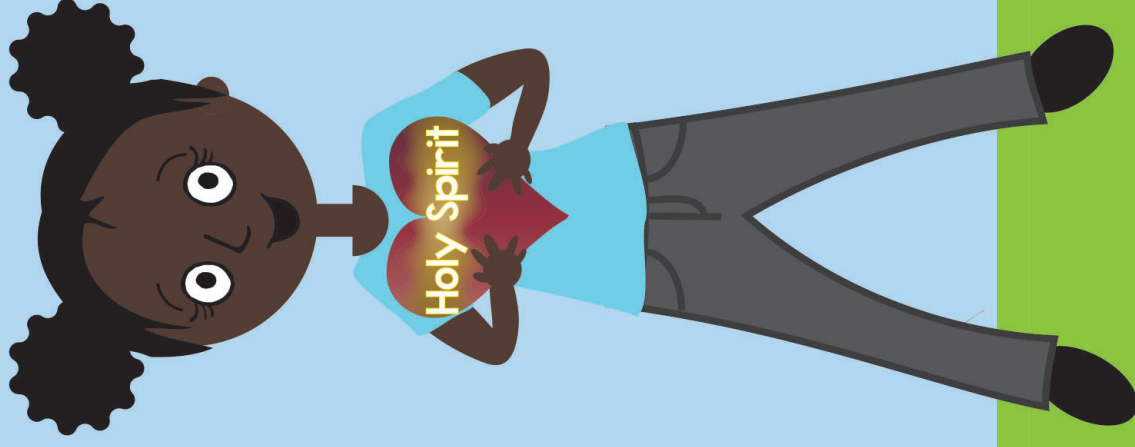
CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH 4:

**Why Do God's People Keep  
Believing in Him?  
It Is God's Sustaining  
Grace...**

**The Holy Spirit  
works ??? of  
God's people!"**

**HINT:** "This word is the  
opposite of "outside."  
It starts with an "l" and  
it rhymes with "thin slide."

**ANSWER:**  
**The Holy Spirit works INSIDE of God's people!"**



# 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:*

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!  
The Holy Spirit Works ??? of God’s People!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This word is the opposite of “outside.” It starts with an “I” and it rhymes with “thin slide.”

Can you guess? It’s “INSIDE.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:  
*(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)*

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?  
It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!  
The Holy Spirit Works INSIDE of God’s People!”**

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

God created all people with a special heart, deep inside of them. It’s different from the heart in your body that pumps blood and you feel beating. This special heart is invisible, but it’s the part of you that lives forever and can know God. In the Bible, this special heart is also called our spirit.

The sad news is that the beautiful, special heart that God gave us is broken with sin. Yes, we have all chosen to turn away from God and disobey Him. We deserve His punishment, not His friendship.

But there’s good news, too! God’s Holy Spirit can work in our heart and change it. He does this when we listen to God’s Word and when we pray. He can help us see our sins, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And when we do, He makes our heart clean and new, able to know God and wanting to love and serve Him. This is how we become God’s people.

And that’s just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does inside us when we become God’s people. He goes on working in our hearts, making the most amazing changes. He helps us know God and want to live for Him more and more. He gives us wisdom to understand God’s Word and boldness to tell others about Him. He helps us turn away from anger, jealousy, hatred and pride and replaces them with love, peace, patience, kindness, joy, goodness and self-control in their place.



Visual Aid #4

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“And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

--2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 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:*

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 tells us:

### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**Learn a Little:** "God establishes us in Christ, and has given us his Spirit in our hearts."

### **What does that mean?**

God's people keep on believing in God because God, Himself, establishes them. That means He makes sure they keep on standing firm in their trust in Him. Jesus is the Christ. He's the special one sent by God to save sinners and make them God's people forever. It's because of Jesus that God's people stand firm in their faith. Jesus bought them with His blood. He paid for them and owns them. They will always stand firm in the faith because no one can ever take them away from Him. They will be God's dearly-loved people forever. And as His people, forgiven through Jesus, God gives them another, most wonderful gift: He puts His Holy Spirit in their hearts. The Holy Spirit reminds them that they are God's dearly loved people. He helps them remember the truths of God's Word and believe them. He helps them be strong and brave in Jesus. He reminds them that they belong to God and one day will go to live with Him forever. God's people never have to go through anything alone. God's Holy Spirit is always with them, living inside of them. And He will go on living inside them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Why do God's people keep on believing in God and living in Him? It is because of God's grace, His sustaining grace. God gives His people everything they need to keep on believing in Him and living for Him their whole lives. One of the most amazing ways He helps them is by putting His very own Holy Spirit in their heart.

"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!"*

## It Is God Who Establishes Us with You:

### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 27*

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
And given us, given us,  
His Spirit in our hearts. (Sing it again! Faster!)

It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
It is God who establishes us with you in Christ,  
Has anointed us, also put his seal on us,  
And given us, given us,  
His Spirit in our hearts.

Second Corinthians One, twenty-one and two.

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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 Foolish Forgetters."

I need to find out:

Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.

1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?

AND

2. What did they forget?

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:

**Foolish means doing something without thinking it through well... and something bad happens.**

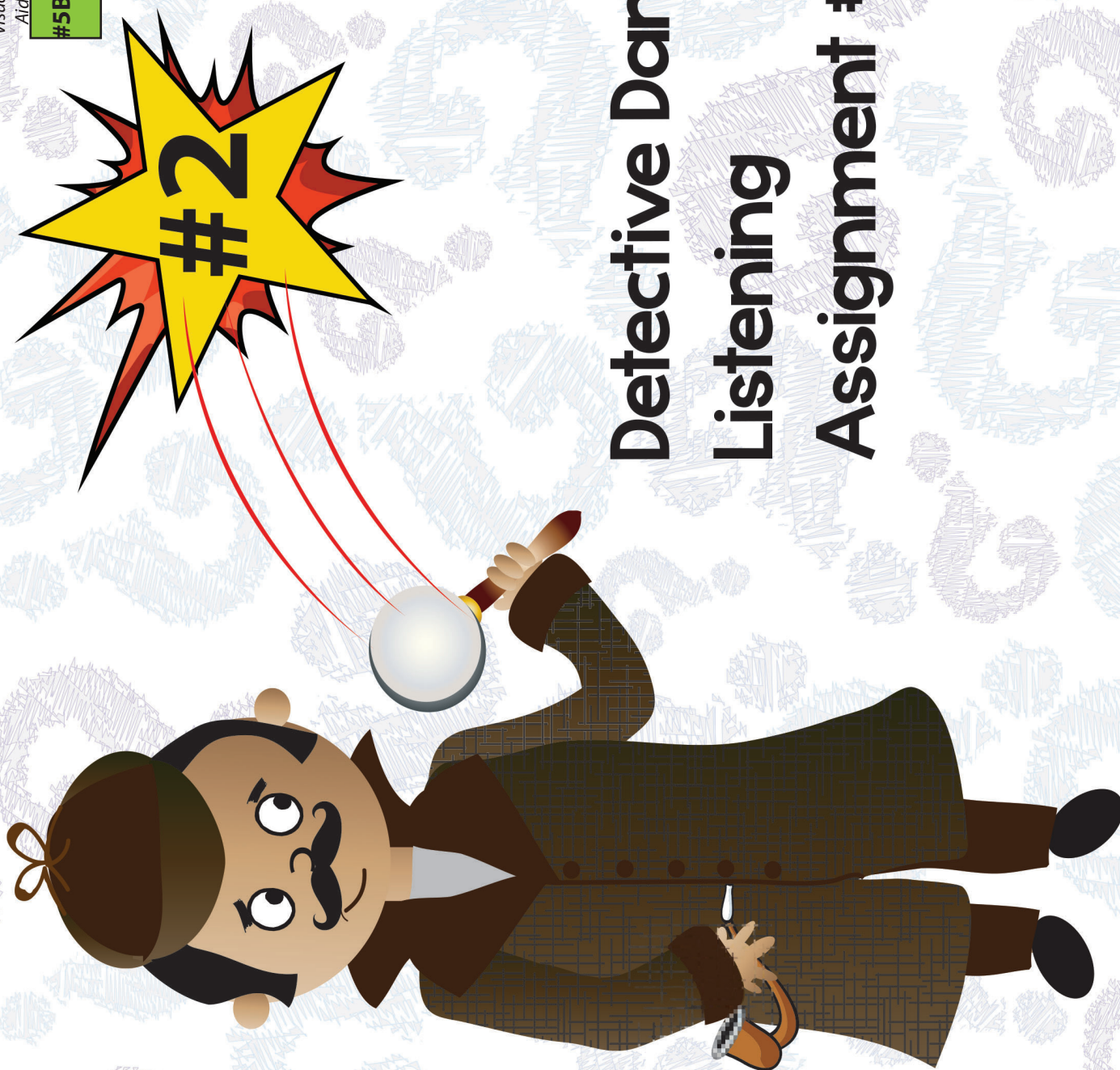
**1. Who was foolish? What were they doing without thinking it through well?** The new believers in the church in Galatia. They were obeying new, bad teachers who weren't teaching them the good news of Jesus.

**2. What did they forget?** They forgot that only by trusting in Jesus could they please God. They forgot that only by the Holy Spirit living in their hearts did they love God and live for Him.

**For You and Me:**

Like the people of Galatia, we need God's help if we are to live for Him. We can never do this on our own. But the good news is that we don't have to! God promises to forgive all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to give the Holy Spirit to them. He will live in their hearts and help them live for God. Ask God to help you do this! He loves to answer this prayer!





# 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 Foolish Forgetters."

Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

I need to find out:

1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?

AND

2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?

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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Answers:

**Our Bible Verse is: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV:**

"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**1. Who did the Galatians forget to depend on to help them live for God?**

They forgot to depend on God and the good gifts of salvation and life that He gives them through Jesus.

**2. Who did they need to have live in their hearts and help them live for God?** The Holy Spirit.

**For You and Me:**

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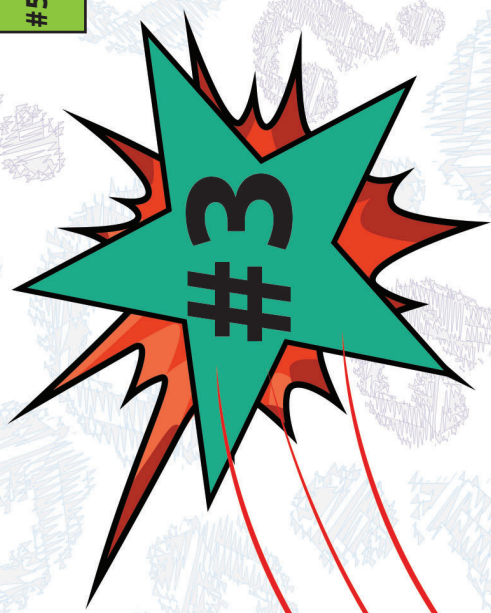


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# Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3



# Detective Dan's

## Listening Assignment #3



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

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story.  
They are: God's laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a  
hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.

*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. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?**

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:

**Our six clues were: God's laws, a beach ball, a Jew, a Gentile, a hot dog, and the Holy Spirit in a heart.**

**1. Which four belong in our story?**

God's laws, the Jew, the Gentile, and the Holy Spirit in a heart belong. The beach ball and the hot dog do not.

**2. What did the Galatian believers need to confess to God? Who did they need to turn back to depending upon?** That they had turned away from trusting in Jesus to make them right with God, and in the Holy Spirit to help them love God and live for Him. Instead, they were depending on themselves and trying to obey God's laws. They needed to turn back to depending upon Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

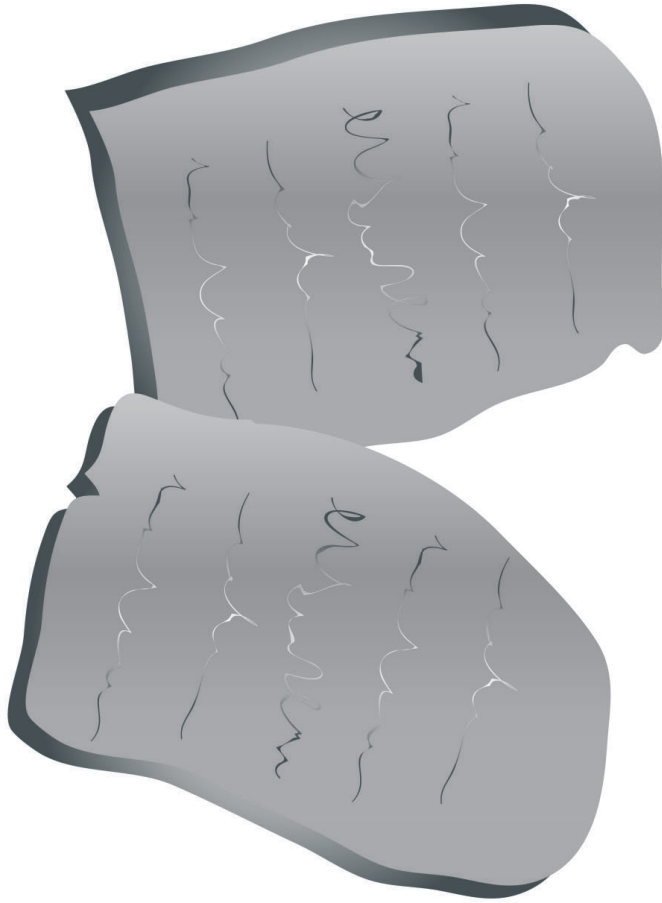
**For You and Me:**

Like the believers in Galatia, we, too, need to put our trust in Jesus. He alone can save us. And His Holy Spirit living in our hearts is the only One who can help us truly live for God. We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to put His Holy Spirit in our hearts and help us live for God.





**God's Laws**



**A Beach Ball**

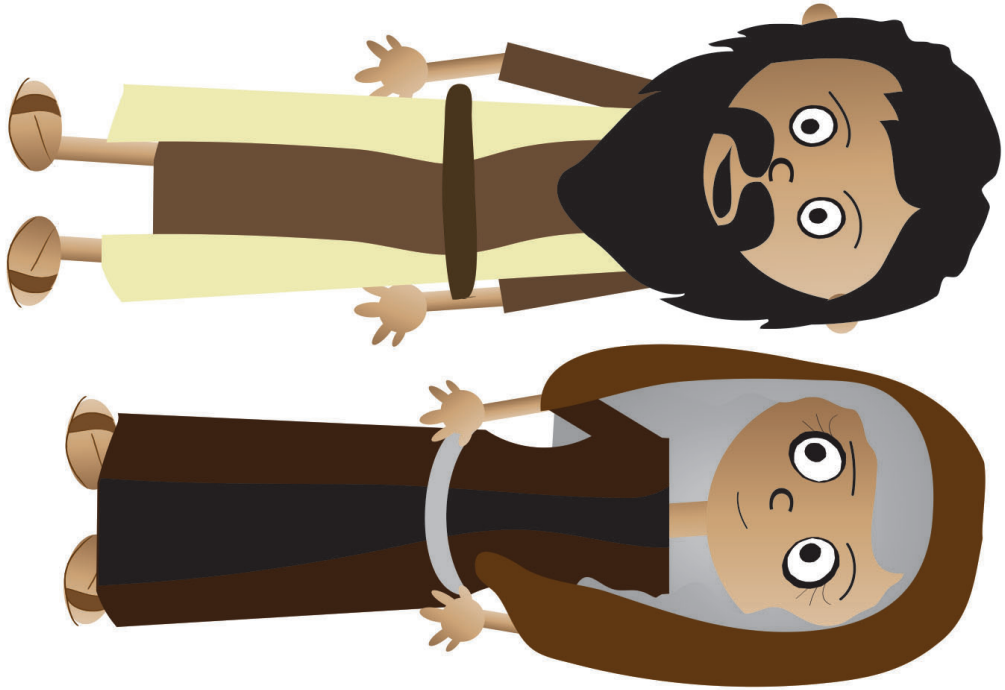




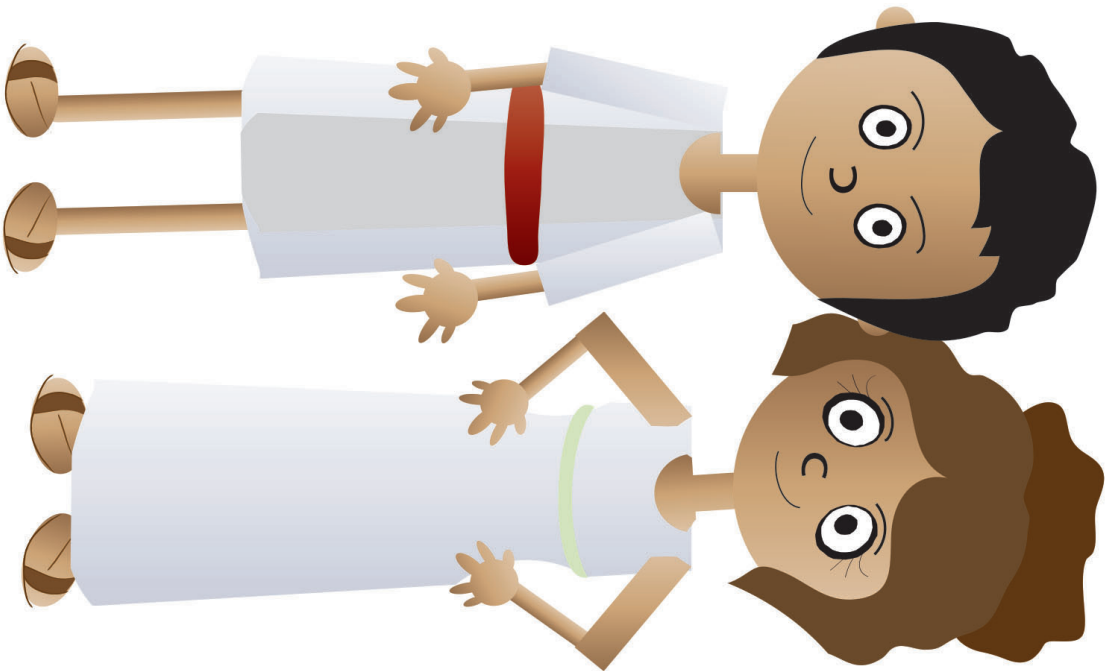
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A Jew



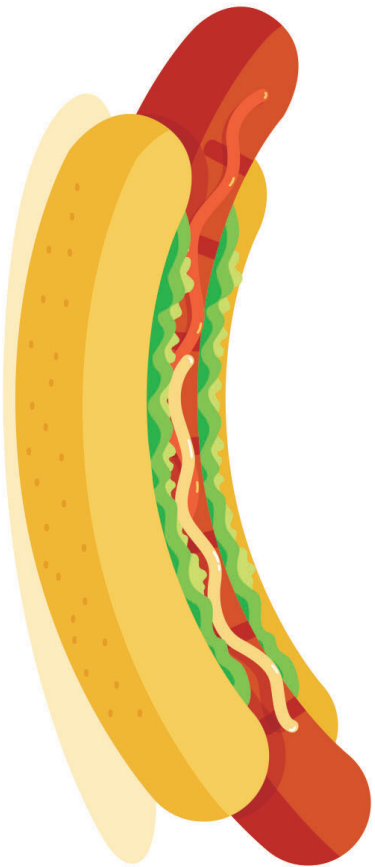
A Gentile



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DDD 13.4 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 4 for kids



**A Hot Dog**



**The Holy Spirit in a Heart**





DDD 13.4 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 6 for kids



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