

BIG QUESTION 13



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.

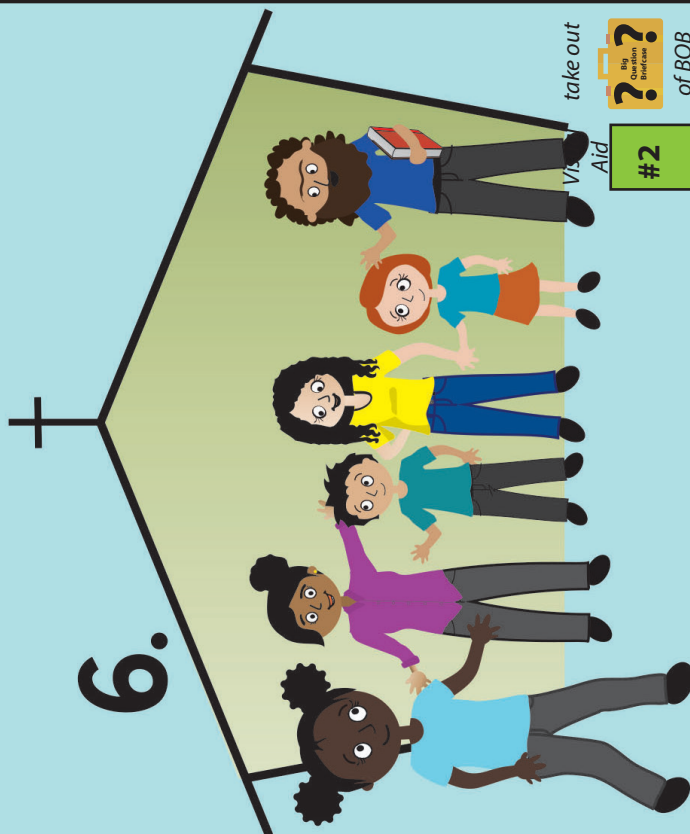
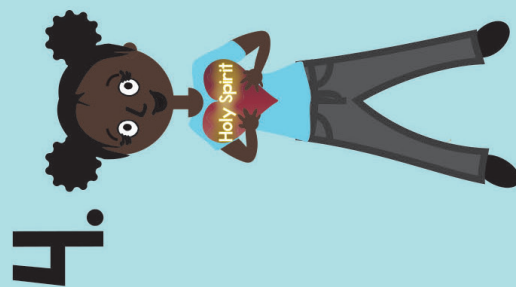
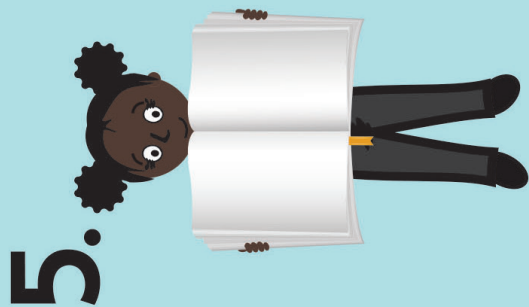
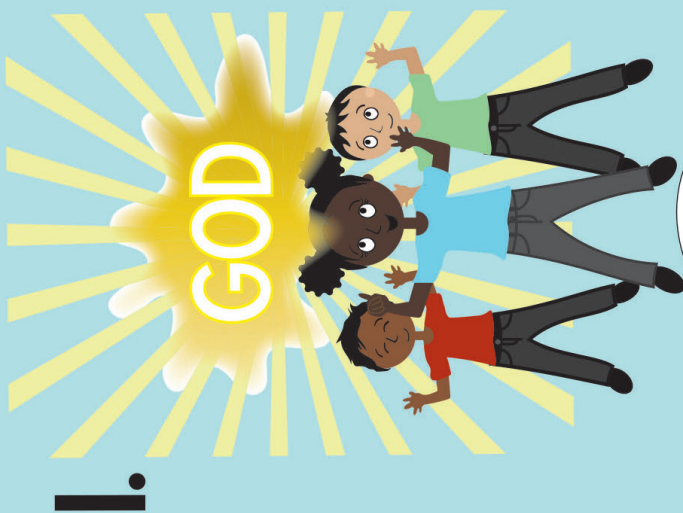
Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

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 five truths about how God sustains His people. They are: "God Alone Sustains His People," "God, the Father, Promises to Help His People," "Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need to Live for God," "The Holy Spirit Works Inside of God's People," and, "God's Word Feeds God's People." (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 6:

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

**God uses His ??? to strengthen
and comfort each other!"**

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

ANSWER:

God uses His PEOPLE to strengthen and comfort each other!"

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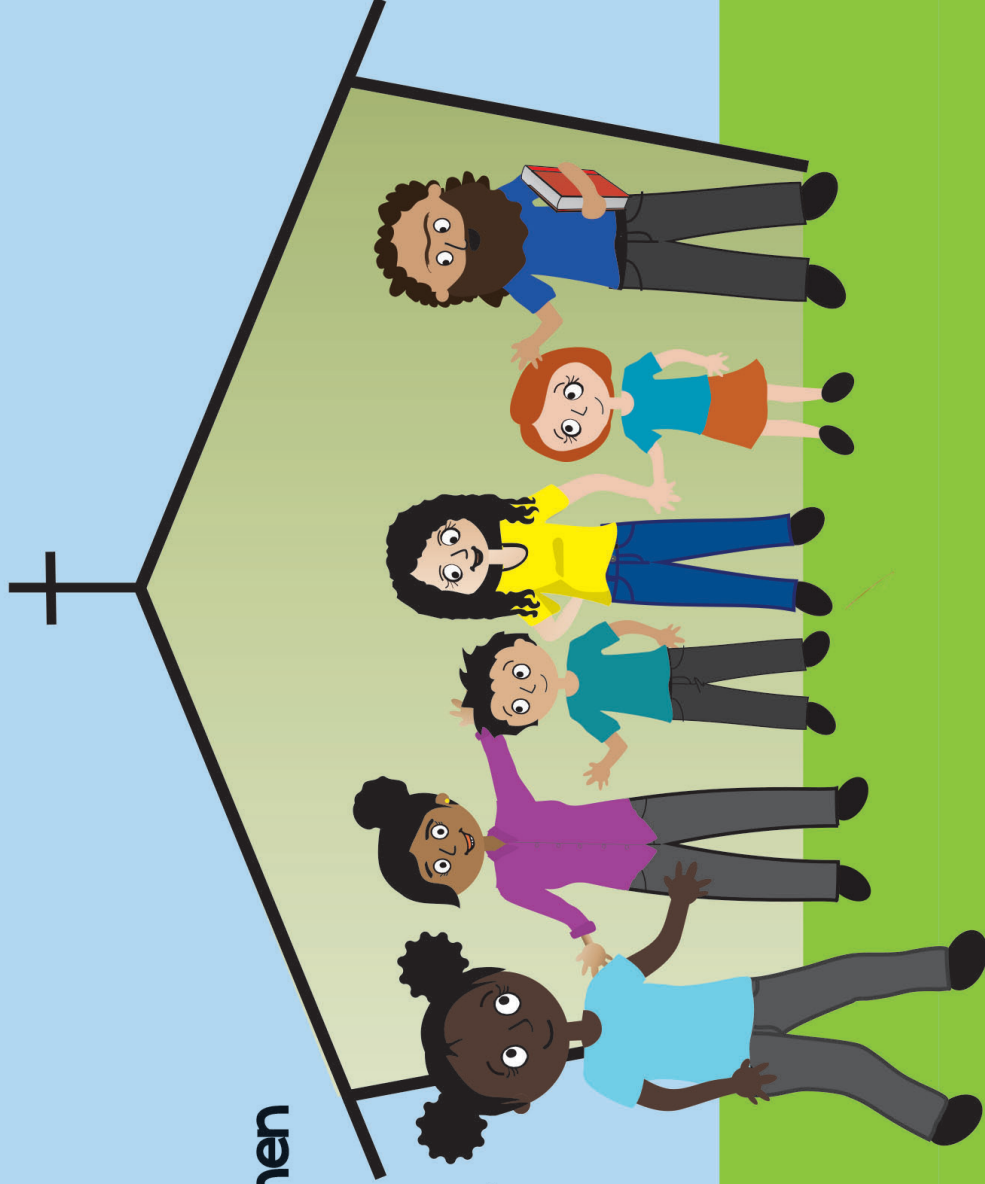
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Revealing the Bible Truth

We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!
God Uses His ???? to Strengthen and Comfort Each
Other!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This word is another word for lots of men, 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:)

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!
God Uses His ???? to Strengthen and Comfort Each
Other!”**

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

No matter who we are, we all go through times of need. Sometimes we are learning something new and we need help learning how to do it. Sometimes, we are going through something that is very sad or very hard and we need comfort and strength. God loves to help His people all the time, especially in their times of need. He uses His Word, the Bible to guide and comfort them. His Holy Spirit strengthens them inside their heart. But God also helps His people through their prayers and comfort for each other.

God’s people comfort each other by reminding each other that God is always with them and how great and good He is. They read the Bible to each other and hold on to His wonderful promises to take care of them. They pray for each other, asking God to give them wisdom, strength and joy; and, to rescue them from their troubles. They ask God to use their hard and sad times to make them more like Jesus and to bring glory to His name.

God loves to sustain His people through their comfort and prayers for each other. It is a wonderful display of His love to both to His people and to others who watch how God’s people love and care for each other. We, too, can become God’s people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can use us to comfort others, too.

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...

On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." --2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV

Bible Truth 6 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 1:3-4, 10-11 tells us:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 10-11, ESV

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God... On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

Learn a Little:

"We comfort those in any affliction, with the comfort we are comforted by God."

What does that mean?

God loves His people so much! He is full of mercy and compassion. He cares about their sadnesses and troubles and comforts them. Many times, God uses His people to comfort each other. They listen to each other. They encourage each other and pray. They remind each other of God's promises. They help each other turn away from disobeying God. No wonder God's people praise Him for giving them each other! He uses them to show His love to each other and to keep on believing in Him their whole lives. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

Blessed Be the God and Father: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 37

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,
Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Comforts us in all our affliction,
That we may comfort those,
In any affliction, In any affliction,
With the comfort with which we're comforted by God.
The Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
Blessed be the God, blessed be the God,
Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Second Corinthians Chapter One, verses three and four.

"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



Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

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

"The Case of the Prayed-for Prisoner."

I need to find out:

1. Who was the prisoner? Why was he in jail?
- AND
2. Who prayed for him?

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.

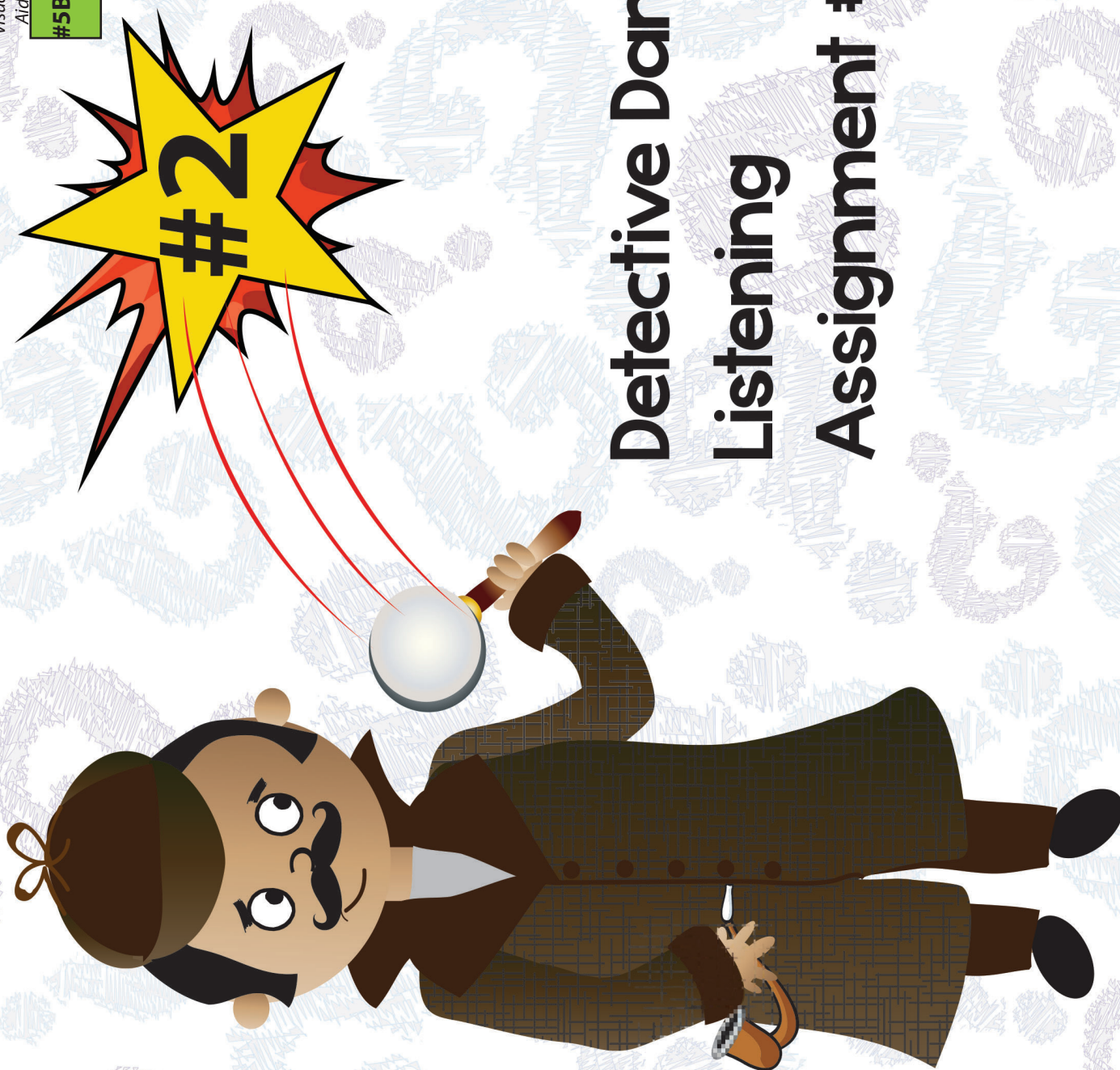
*Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text. *

Answers:

1. **Who was the prisoner?** Why was he in jail? Paul. He was in jail for telling others about Jesus.
2. **Who prayed for him?** The believers in the city of Philippi.

For You and Me:

Can you imagine going to jail for something you believe in? Paul did, because he knew the good news of Jesus was true and that people needed to hear it if they were to be saved from their sins. Paul rejoiced to tell about Jesus and watch them become God's people. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



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 Prayed-for Prisoner."

Our Bible Verse is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11, ESV

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

I need to find out:

1. Who did God use to comfort Paul?

AND

2. What did they do that was comforting?

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.

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

Answers:

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1. Who did God use to comfort Paul? The believers in Philippi.

2. What did they do that was comforting? They prayed for him, sent him money and Epaphroditus to help him.

For You and Me:

Paul was comforted by the help and prayers of the believers in Philippi. He was comforted by their love and by knowing that God was loving him, too, through them. We, too, can know the comfort of God and of God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That's how we become God's people.

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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 Prayed-for Prisoner."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine.

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?

AND

2. Who did Paul thank God for using to comfort him?

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: a letter, a mouse, some money, Epaphroditus, a soldier, and some medicine.

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

The letter, the money, Epaphroditus and the soldier belong. The mouse and the medicine do not.

2. Who did Paul thank God for using to comfort him? The believers in Philippi.

For You and Me:

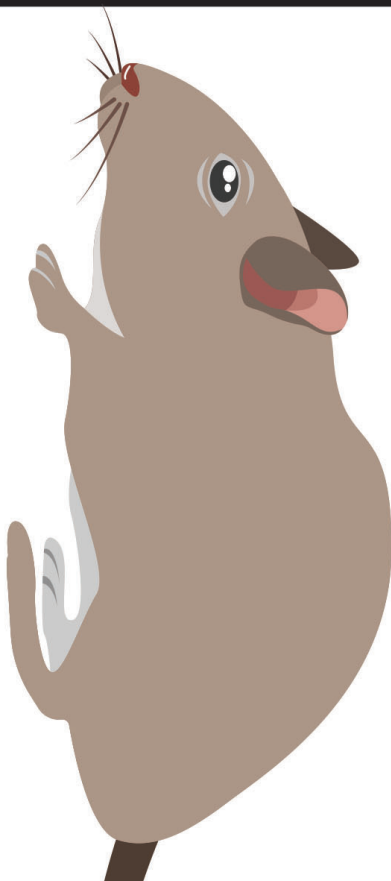
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A Letter



A Mouse





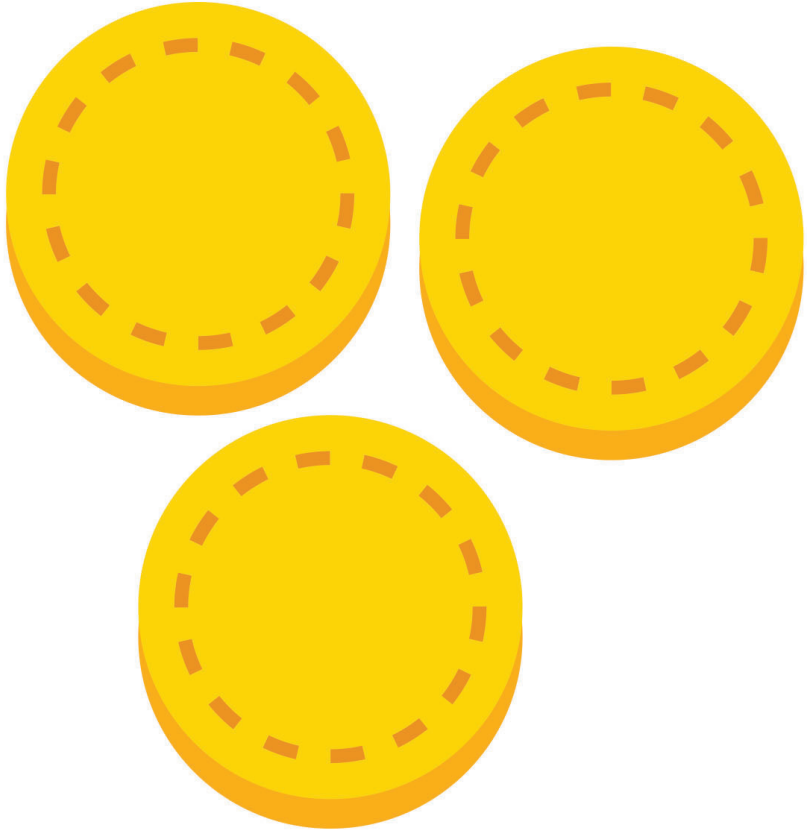
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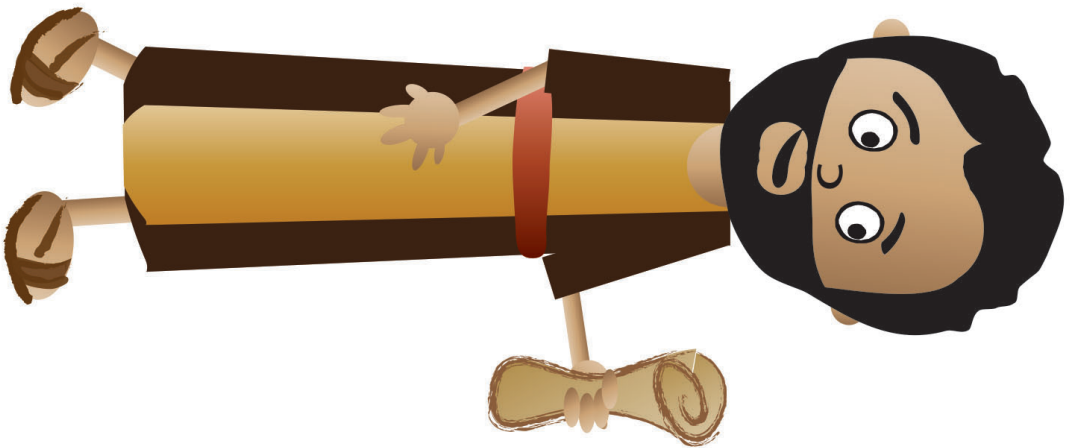
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Some Money



Epaphroditus





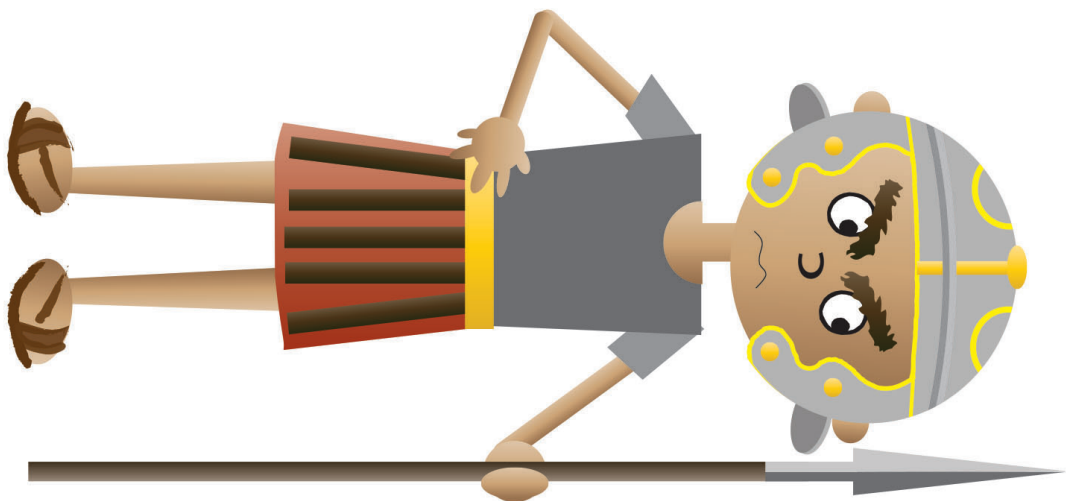
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DDD 13.6 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 4 for kids



A Soldier



Some Medicine





DDD 13.6 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 6 for kids



DDD 13.6 Lesson 3 Listening Assignment Clue Picture 5 for