BIBLE STORY SHEET

READ the Bible story below, allowing kids to fill in their **Detective Notes Sheets** as directed.

We're solving a mystery and using the Bible to answer some of the questions we have about God. As we read the story, we'll collect clues, so listen carefully!

It may be hard to understand, but Jesus paid the price for all the wrong things we do, called sin.

A long time ago, the very first people who ever lived did something that God told them not to do. The wrong thing that Adam and Eve did was called "sin." Because of their sin, they could no longer be friends with God. (POINT to first magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) Adam and Eve are our first clue, so in the first magnifying glass on your page, draw a man's face and a woman's face. Since Adam and Eve sinned, everyone is born with sin, so we can't be friends with God either.

God loves us so much that He wanted to be friends with us! So, He planned for someone to pay the price for all the wrong things we've done. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life on Earth. So who do you think we should draw for our second clue? (Baby Jesus) (POINT to the second magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) In the second spot on your Detective Notes Sheet, you can draw a baby Jesus! While you do that, I'm going to read the next part of our story!

Jesus paid the price for the wrong things we've done by dying on the cross. This was the only way to fix our friendship with God. When we believe that Jesus died for our sins and choose to follow Him, God forgives us for all of the things we've ever done wrong. God even forgives the things we will do wrong in the future! (POINT to the third magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) And look at your last magnifying glass—it's a cross! That must be our last clue. While you connect the dots and color it in, I'll tell you what conclusion these three clues lead us to.

(POINT to first magnifying glass) Before the first man and woman ever sinned, (POINT to second magnifying glass) God had a great plan for Jesus (POINT to the third magnifying glass) to pay the price for all our sin. These three clues show us that we can have faith and believe that Jesus paid the price for all of our sin because He loves us so much! Let's say what we've learned all together:

Jesus Paid the Price for All My Sin