

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with the children as you are able.

<p>BIG QUESTION</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>	<p>How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like!</p> <p>"God made us. He wants us to know what He is like so we can know Him, love Him, and praise Him.</p> <p>God shows us what He is like by the heart He gave us to know and love Him; through all of His creations we see around us; through His Word, the Bible; and most of all, through His very own Son, Jesus Christ."</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can I know what God is like? <i>He shows me what He's like.</i> 2. Who made us? <i>God did.</i> 3. What does God want us to know? <i>What He is like.</i> 4. Why does God want us to know Him? <i>So we can know Him, love Him, and praise Him.</i> 5. What does God do so we can know what He is like? <i>He shows us what He's like.</i> 6. Who can we ask to help us know what God is like? <i>God! He delights to help us!</i>
<p>BIBLE TRUTH</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>	<p>He Shows Me What He's Like...by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!</p> <p>God made people with a special heart, so they could know and love Him. This isn't the heart that pumps blood through our body. This is something very different. We can't feel this heart inside of us like we can feel the heart that beats in our chest. This heart is even more amazing! THIS heart will never die--it lives forever! The Bible also calls this heart a spirit or a soul. And it's with this very special heart that God shows us what He's like.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What special thing did God make people with? <i>A heart to know and love Him.</i> 2. Is this heart the same as the one that we feel beat in our chest? <i>No.</i> 3. What is this special heart like? <i>It never dies. It lives forever!</i> 4. What is the other name for this heart? <i>A soul or a spirit.</i> 5. Who can we come to know by this special heart? <i>God.</i> 6. Who will help us to know God with our heart? <i>God will. He delights for us to ask Him to do this.</i>
<p>THE GOSPEL</p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i></p> <p>God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. But sadly, we all have chosen to turn away from God and live life our own way. This sin separates us from God. Only with God's help, we can know Him or be His people. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for people to know and love God once more. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now. And one day, go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!</p>

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<p>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</p>	<p>“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water...My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.” Psalm 63:1,5 ESV</p>
<p>Meaning</p>	<p>Learn a Little: “O God, I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.”</p> <p>When we play outside and it is very hot, we get so thirsty! There’s nothing we want more than a nice, cool drink of water! God made our hearts to need to know and love Him, just as much as our bodies need water when we are thirsty! Only God can really satisfy us and make us happy.</p> <p>God’s people know this. They earnestly seek God. That means they try hard to get to know God. They spend time thinking about God and talking to Him. They read His Word, the Bible. He works in their heart (or soul, another Bible word for heart). He helps them know and love Him. God’s people praise Him for making them happy. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<p>Discussion Questions</p>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What satisfies our bodies when we are thirsty? <i>Water.</i> 2. What does our heart long to satisfied with? <i>With knowing God.</i> 3. Fat and rich food was this man’s favorite food. What is your favorite food? How do you feel when you get your favorite food? <i>Happy and satisfied.</i> 4. How satisfied does God make this man’s heart? <i>Even more happy and satisfied than when he gets to eat his favorite food.</i> 5. Who had a soul thirsty for God in our story? <i>David did.</i> 6. How did God satisfy his heart? <i>David spent time learning about God, thinking about God, talking to God, and living for God. As he did, God worked in David’s heart, satisfying him, giving him the special kind of happiness that comes only from God.</i> 7. Who can satisfy our heart? <i>Only God.</i> 8. How can God satisfy our heart like David? <i>We can ask Him to work in our heart. He delights to do this.</i>
<p>BIBLE STORY</p>	<p>The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside</p>
<p>Discussion Questions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was the young man with something special inside? <i>David.</i> 2. What was the something special he had inside? <i>A heart to know and love God, given to him by God. A heart filled with the special happiness that only God can give.</i> 3. What did David know about God in his heart that helped him to fight against the big, tall, mean man? <i>That God was the one true God and He was mightier than anyone else. He was strong enough to help David fight the man.</i> 4. Do we have hearts to know and love God? <i>Yes.</i> 5. Do you ever talk to God? About what? <i>Answers will vary. Teachers can share what they pray about, too.</i> 6. Can God whisper into your heart? <i>Yes, God’s Holy Spirit can whisper into your heart as you hear His Word, the Bible.</i> 7. Do you have to fight scary lions or big, tall giants like David did? <i>Probably not.</i> 8. We may not have to fight scary lions or big, tall, mean men, but we have scary, hard things we have to face sometimes. What are some? <i>Scared of the dark; scared when we are sick or alone; sometimes people are mean to us; sometimes obeying God and our parents is very hard.</i> 8. Who can we talk to and ask to help us? <i>God.</i> 9. What do we need God to help us with most of all? <i>We need Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God’s people.</i>