



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 talk about their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or to only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, as natural opportunities arise.

BIG QUESTION	What is the Gospel? It's salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!
Meaning	Gospel means "good news." In the Bible, the gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, to save sinners like you and me from the punishment we deserve for our sins. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross, giving His perfect life as the full payment for our sins. This salvation is for all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. It is a gift God offers to us, too. Now that is good news, indeed!
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the gospel? <i>It's salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ!</i> 2. What does the word "gospel" mean? <i>It means "good news."</i> 3. Why is the gospel such good news? <i>It tells us how can forgive our sins and make us His people forever!</i> 4. Who do we need to have faith in? <i>Jesus.</i> 5. What did Jesus do so we can be saved? <i>He took the punishment for sin when He died on the cross.</i> 6. What does God want us to turn away from? <i>Our sins.</i> 7. What does it mean to turn away from our sins? <i>To say "no" to disobeying God and to want to obey Him, instead.</i> 8. Who can we ask to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus? <i>God! He loves to help us when we ask Him.</i>
THE GOSPEL	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i></p> <p><i>God made all people--including you and me! And He made us to know Him, love Him, and obey Him. He's our good King. But like the people in our story today, we have all disobeyed God. We want to live life our own way, not His. We all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so merciful that He sent a Savior--His Son, Jesus! Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Jesus offered up His perfect life to God to completely pay for the sins of God's people, then He rose from the dead in victory on the third day. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to help us do this. Ask Him! How good is God to us!</i></p>

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BIBLE VERSE	<p>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16, ESV</p>
Meaning	<p>How great is God’s love for sinners like you and me, that He would send His own Son, Jesus, to suffer and die for us! Now, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will not perish. They will not receive the punishment they deserve for their sins. Jesus has already paid for their sins when He died on the cross. Because of what Jesus has done for them, these people will enjoy eternal life with God. Here on earth, they will know God in their hearts and His care in their lives. And when they die, they will go to be with Him forever! God offers us eternal life, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who loved the world? <i>God did.</i> 2. What did God do because He loved the world so much? <i>He gave his only Son to suffer and die for sinful people, like you and me.</i> 3. What is the name of God’s One and Only Son? <i>Jesus.</i> 4. What does God give all who believe in Jesus? <i>Eternal life--life that never ever ends.</i> 5. What do we each deserve for disobeying God? <i>We deserve to perish--to die and be separate from God and all His goodness forever.</i> 6. What can we have instead of punishment for our sins? <i>We can have eternal life!</i> 7. How can we have eternal life? <i>By trusting in Jesus as our Savior and living our lives for Him.</i>
BIBLE STORY	<p>The Case of the Stranger’s Very Good News</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did the Christians have to leave their home in Jerusalem? <i>Enemies wanted to hurt them and put them in jail for believing in Jesus.</i> 2. Where did the Christians go when they left Jerusalem? <i>They went many places-- to dry, deserty places, to places by the sea, to places in the mountains, and even to other countries.</i> 3. What did the Christians tell people when they went to these new places? <i>The good news of Jesus.</i> 4. Where did Philip go when he left Jerusalem? <i>He went to Samaria.</i> 5. What did Philip tell the people of Samaria when he went there? <i>The good news of Jesus.</i> 6. What marvelous thing did God do to help the people of Samaria believe when Philip shared the gospel with them? <i>God healed many sick people by His mighty power alone, helping them believe Philip’s good news.</i> 7. What happened in the hearts of the people of Samaria? <i>God worked in their hearts as they heard the good news of Jesus and saw how God healed the sick people. Many turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.</i> 8. What was the good news that Philip and the others told? <i>God will forgive our sins when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i> 9. Who can help us believe the good news of Jesus? <i>God can! He loves to help us when we ask Him.</i>