

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



P.1

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...the Bible, the perfect Word of God!</p> <p>The Bible is God's Word. God used many people to write down His Word just right. The Bible is filled with stories about God, His plans, and the wonderful things He has done for us. When we read the Bible, God shows us what He is like and fills our hearts with truth about Him. We see how great God is, how good God is, and how wonderful is His love for people like you and me!</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the name we give for God's Word written down? <i>The Bible.</i> 2. Who did God use to write down His Word, the Bible? <i>Many people.</i> 3. How did they write it down? <i>The Holy Spirit helped them to write it down perfectly.</i> 4. Who are the stories in the Bible about? <i>God and what He has done/is doing for His people.</i> 5. What does God show us when we read the Bible? <i>He shows us what He is like. He is great. He is good. His wonderful love for His people.</i> 6. What does God fill our hearts with when we read/listen to the Bible being read? <i>With truth.</i>
<p>THE GOSPEL</p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i></p> <p>The Bible tells us what God is like and it tells us how God wants us to live. But sadly, we have all chosen to disobey God and His good ways. We have chosen to live our own way and deserve His punishment. How terrible! But God is so kind to us! He has made a way for us to be saved from our sins and to become His people 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>“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law... The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.” --Psalm 119:18,72-73</p>
<p>Meaning</p>	<p>These Bible verses are a prayer for God to work in our hearts and minds when we hear His Word, the Bible. We need God’s help to understand His Word and to obey it. God loves to answer prayers like these. Ask Him! He can help you, too!</p>
<p>Discussion Questions</p>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What kind of eyes do we need God to open for us to see wonderful things in God’s law? <i>Not our actual eyeballs, but the “eyes” of our spirit, our heart. Our spirit—or heart—doesn’t really have eyes, like the ones we look around the room with. No! It’s just a way of saying, help us to understand God’s Word.</i> 2. Why do we need God’s help to “see” wonderful things in God’s law? <i>Because we are sinners, our hearts do not understand God’s Word without God’s help. God sends His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and help us to understand His law.</i> 3. What is God’s law? Is it just a bunch of rules? <i>God’s law is another way of saying the whole Bible. (Unless you are reading a part of the Bible that is talking just about laws God gave—then it is talking about God’s actual laws).</i> 4. What kind of wonderful things are in God’s law? <i>God shows us what He’s like; His plans for this world and His people; the way to be saved; how He wants His people to live; and so much more.</i> 5. How is the Bible God’s Word from His mouth? <i>God gave His words to godly people to write down just right. Sometimes He did speak aloud to men, like Moses. Many times, He spoke to them by His Holy Spirit whispering it into their hearts.</i> 6. What makes God’s law worth more than a thousand pieces of silver or gold? <i>It alone is the perfect Word of God. Without it, we would not know so many things about God. Without it, we would not have the stories of Jesus and how to be saved.</i>
<p>BIBLE STORY</p>	<p>The Case of the Word on Wheels</p>
<p>Discussion Questions</p>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Today we learned that God shows us what He’s like by the Bible, the Perfect Word of God. Who did God show what He was like through the Bible in our story today? <i>The important man from Ethiopia.</i> 2. What was the man reading as he rode in his chariot? <i>Some of God’s promises in the Bible that foretold how Jesus would suffer and die to save God’s people.</i> 3. Did the African man understand what he was reading? <i>No.</i> 4. Who did God send to help the man understand? <i>Philip.</i> 5. What did Philip tell the man? <i>He told him about all the promises God made in the Bible about sending Jesus to save people from their sins.</i> 6. Do you know any Bible stories? 7. Who can help us understand God’s Word? <i>Our parents, teachers and pastors. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit to help us understand it and believe it, too.</i>