

# 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><b>BIG QUESTION</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<p>What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word!</p> <p>There are millions of books in the world, but none is like the Bible. It alone is God's perfect Word! God made sure it was written down just right. It tells us everything we need to know God and to live for Him. It is powerful to do everything God wants it to do. Everything else in this world may come and go, but God's Word will last forever. It will always prove true.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What's so special about the Bible? <i>It alone is God's Word!</i></li> <li>2. How many books are there in the world? <i>Millions!</i></li> <li>3. How many books are like the Bible? <i>None!</i></li> <li>4. Why is the Bible different from all the other books in the world? <i>It alone is God's Word.</i></li> <li>5. What does the Bible tell us about God? <i>Everything we need to know.</i></li> <li>6. What does the Bible tell us about how we should live? <i>Everything we need to know.</i></li> <li>7. What is the Bible powerful to do? <i>Everything God wants it to do.</i></li> <li>8. Will the things in this world last forever? <i>No, they won't. They will come and go.</i></li> <li>9. How long will God's Word last? <i>Forever!</i></li> <li>10. What will always prove true? <i>The Bible! It is God's perfect Word.</i></li> <li>11. Who can help me to understand God's Word, the Bible? <i>God can.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<p>The Bible Alone is God's Word...God uses His Word, the Bible, to save His people!</p> <p>We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans to save sinful people like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are very, very good things for us to learn from the Bible.</p> <p>But the Bible does more than just help us LEARN about God and His plans. God has made it powerful to DO wonderful things inside of us. God uses His Word to save us from our sins and make us His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to want us to turn to God and ask for His forgiveness. He helps us put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to work through His Word and save people. He can work through His Word and save us, too. Ask Him!</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can books help us know things? <i>We read them and learn from them.</i></li> <li>2. What does the Bible help us know? <i>About God, His good plans and the great things He's done. About us, how He wants us to live and how we can become His people.</i></li> <li>3. What is the Bible powerful to do? <i>To save us and make us His people.</i></li> <li>4. How does God use the Bible to save us? <i>God's Holy Spirit can work inside our hearts as we hear God's Word. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>THE GOSPEL</b></p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me that God gives us in His Word, the Bible? <i>The gospel! Even though we are sinners who deserve God's punishment for our sins, God sent His Son to save us. 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!</i></p>

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<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b></p>	<p><b>1 Peter 1:23:</b>                  “You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.” --1 Peter 1:23</p>
<p><b>Meaning</b></p>	<p><b>Learn a Little:</b> “You have been born again... through the word of God.”</p> <p>When we become one of God’s people, God calls that being born AGAIN. No, our mothers don’t give birth to us again. No, we don’t become little babies like we were. But, it IS a new beginning of life. Only this time, it is life with God.</p> <p>How do we have this new beginning of life with God? God’s Holy Spirit works in our hearts, as we think about God’s Word. He helps us want to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We tell God about our sins and He forgives them all. He gives us a new heart that knows Him and loves Him and wants to live for Him.</p> <p>This new life with God makes us a new person on the inside, in our heart. That’s why God says we are born again when we become His people. And the amazing thing about this new life with God is that it never ends. We will NEVER perish! When we die, we will go to live with God forever! God loves to help us have this new life. Ask Him to help you!</p>
<p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perish means to live for awhile, then die. Who do you know that perishes? <i>All of us.</i></li> <li>2. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we start a new life with God. What is the Bible name for beginning this new life... born ___? <i>Again.</i></li> <li>3. Born again means starting a new life with who? <i>With God, as one of His special people.</i></li> <li>4. Whose words does God use to work in our hearts and put our trust in Jesus? <i>His words.</i></li> <li>5. Where are God’s words written down just right? <i>The Bible.</i></li> <li>6. Something that perishes lives for awhile, then dies. Whose word never perishes? Whose word goes on and on being true and working in the hearts of people? <i>God’s Word, the Bible.</i></li> <li>7. What does God offer us, instead of perishing? <i>He offers us new life with Him, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior!</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>BIBLE STORY</b></p>	<p><b>The Case of the Fishermen Who Followed</b>  <i>Matthew 4:18-22; 27-28; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 20:30-31;21:24-25</i></p>
<p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who were the fishermen in our story? <i>Peter, Andrew, James and John.</i></li> <li>2. Who came down to the shore as the fishermen cleaned their nets? <i>Jesus and a crowd of people.</i></li> <li>3. Why did Jesus come down to the shore of the Sea of Galilee? <i>Jesus came to preach from God’s Word.</i></li> <li>4. Who listened along the shore as Jesus preached from God’s Word? <i>Peter, Andrew, James, John and a crowd of other people.</i></li> <li>5. What did the Holy Spirit do inside the hearts of the four fishermen as they listened to Jesus preach? <i>He helped them begin to believe in Jesus.</i></li> <li>6. What amazing thing did Jesus do for Peter and Andrew after He finished preaching? <i>He caused them to catch a huge amount of fish when they cast their nets out on the Sea of Galilee.</i></li> <li>7. Why did the fishermen leave fishing behind? <i>Jesus asked them to come follow Him as His disciples. He would use them to tell others how they could be saved.</i></li> <li>8. How did Jesus’ disciples tell others the good news of salvation after He rose from the dead and went back up to heaven? <i>They traveled all over, preaching God’s Word and telling people how they could be saved. AND, the Holy Spirit helped some of them (Peter and John) write down just right what Jesus said and did so others might believe and be saved, too.</i></li> <li>9. What can God use what Peter and John wrote down to do inside of us? <i>He can use what they wrote down to work in our hearts and help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>