# **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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 guestions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

### **BIG QUESTION**

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? Bad Things Came through Sin!

### Meaning

When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good; but, now there are many bad and sad things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when people disobeyed God. How good it is that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! He can forgive our sins and make us God's people!

#### choose a few

## Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What was the world like when God created it? All things were created good.
- 2. Did God's good world stay all good? No. Now there are many bad and sad things in it, as well as good things.
- 3. How did those bad things first come into God's good world? They came through sin.
- 4. Who disobeyed God? People did.
- 5. Who did God send to rescue us from our sins? Jesus.
- 6. What can Jesus do? He can forgive us our sins and make us God's people.

# **BIBLE TRUTH** Meaning

Bad Things Came through Sin... When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God!

God made the world good. He gave Adam and Eve good laws to live by, so that they would live happily with Him forever. God warned Adam and Eve that terrible things would happen if they disobeyed Him and His good laws. At first, Adam and Eve wanted to obey God. They loved knowing Him and living His way. But then, Satan, God's enemy, came to Adam and Eve. He lied to them and tempted them to disobey God... and they did! Adam and Eve thought their lives would be better when they disobeyed God, but they were wrong. NOTHING good came from disobeying God, but only the sad things God warned them would happen. And happen, they did! A terrible change happened in their spirits. They no longer enjoyed the same special closeness with God that they first had with Him. They didn't love each other in the same way, either. They became afraid and selfish and rebellious. Something happened in their bodies, too. Now, they hurt and got sick. One day, they would die. God is good and just. He hates sin. Adam and Eve now deserved His punishment and death. How very sad! But God isn't ONLY just. He is also very, very merciful. He treats us better than we deserve. God promised that one day He would send a Savior to put an end to Satan, sin, and death. He would save people from their sins. That Savior was Jesus! Through faith in Him, we can be forgiven our sins and have special closeness with God. Thank You, God!

## **Discussion Ouestions**

## choose a few

- 1. Why did God give Adam and Eve rules to live by? So they would live happily ever after.
- 2. Did Adam and Eve want to obey God and live in special closeness with Him? Yes, they did, before they disobeyed.
- 3. What did Satan tempt Adam and Eve to do? *To disobey God*.
- 4. Did anything good come from disobeying God? No. Only the terrible things God told them would happen.
- 5. What happened in Adam and Eve's hearts when they disobeyed God? They no longer had special closeness with Him. They became afraid, selfish and rebellious (wanted to disobey).
- 6. What happened in Adam and Eve's bodies when they disobeyed God? They began to get sick. One day they would die.
- 7. What did Adam and Eve deserve from God after they disobeyed Him? His fair punishment.
- 8. What kind promise did God give Adam and Eve? To one day send Jesus to put an end to Satan and save people from their sins. To give them special closeness with God again.

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#### **THE GOSPEL**

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? Bad Things Came From Sin...When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. How wonderful life was in the beginning for Adam and Eve! They had such wonderful closeness with God! But it did not stay that way! You see, they...and all other people after them have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. This has spoiled God's good world...and worse of all, now we all deserve God's fair punishment! How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross and take the punishment for God's people. On Day 3, He rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior can be saved. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will be God's special people, now and forever. Ask Him to help you!

# BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"The LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but... you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it... you will surely die.' ... [Eve] too some [fruit] and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of them both were opened... 'Because you... ate from the tree, you must not eat, cursed is the ground because of you... By the sweat of the brow you will eat until you return to the ground." --Genesis 2:16; 3:6,7,17,19, NIV 1984

**Learn a Little:** The LORD God commanded the man, "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it... you will surely die.""

### Meaning

How sad it was when Adam and Eve disobeyed God! How sad that sin came into the world. Praise God for sending Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior!

# Discussion Questions

1. What did the LORD tell Adam and Eve they were free to eat? From any tree in the garden, except one.

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2. What did the LORD warn them would happen if they did eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? *They would surely die.* 

- 3. What happened when Adam and Eve ate from that one tree? Sin came into the world. Their lives and all of the rest of God's good world was under the curse of sin and death.
- 4. Who did God promise to send to do for them? Send a Savior to crush their enemy, Satan. Jesus! 5. How can we be saved from God's punishment we deserve for our sins? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God, Himself, has provided us with a Savior! How merciful He is to us!

## **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day

# Discussion Questions

- 1. What were the trees like in the Garden of Eden? They were beautiful and had yummy fruit.
- 2. What was special about the Tree of Life? Through it, God offered life that went on and on and on.

choose a few

- 3. What was special about the Tree of Knowing What Is Good and Evil? It was the only tree they were not to eat from. If they did, they would die.
- 4. Who hated God and His good plan? Satan.
- 5. What did Satan want to get Adam and Eve to do? *Disobey God and break their special closeness with Him.*
- 6. Who did Satan tell Adam and Eve they would be like if they are from the Tree of Knowing What Is Good and Evil? *God.*
- 7. Did good things or bad things happen to Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit? Bad things.
- 8. God punished Adam and Eve for disobeying Him, but He also kindly promised to send someone to save them. Who did He promise to send? *Jesus*.
- 9. How can we be saved from the punishment we deserve for our sins? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.