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 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!

Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 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 Sin Spread to the Whole World!

Everything God created was hurt by Adam and Eve's sin. The plants did not grow such good fruit. The animals had sicknesses. Adam and Eve's sin hurt all their children, too. They were born disobeyers with sinful hearts. They deserved God's punishment for their sins, just like their parents. They would suffer sicknesses and one day they would all die. What sadness Adam and Eve passed down to their children through their sin! Guess who else are children from Adam and Eve's family? We are! That's why we get sick and one day will die. That's why we have sinful hearts that disobey God. And that's why we deserve for Him to punish our sins, too. But God is so kind and merciful to us! He sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God promises to forgive their sins and put His Holy Spirit in their hearts, so they can once more have closeness with God again, right here on earth. That is good news, but the best is yet to come! Bible tells us that everything God had made looks forward to the day when Jesus will come back and get rid of sin and death forever. God's people look forward to that day most of all. That's when they will live face to face with God, enjoying all the wonderful, special closeness with God that people can have...and it will never, ever end.

Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 1. What was hurt by Adam and Eve's sin? Everything God created.
- 2. What did the ground stop growing? Good fruit.
- 3. What happened to the creatures? *They had sicknesses*.
- 4. What were Adam and Eve's children born with? Sinful hearts, just like their parents.
- 5. What bad things did Adam and Eve's children do? *They disobeyed God. They hurt and killed each other.*
- 6. Are we children of Adam and Eve? Yes.
- 7. Do we have sinful hearts, too? Yes, we do.
- 8. Who deserves God's punishment for their sins? We all do.
- 9. Who did God send to save us from our sins? Jesus.
- 10. What does God want us to do to be saved? Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
- 11. What does all creation look forward to? The day when sin will be gone forever and God's people will all live with Him, face to face, perfectly happy forever.

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

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 through sin...when sin spread to the whole world. Yes, it is so. There is no way around the awful truth: we all have disobeyed God and we all deserve God's punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment, just as we deserved. But God is so rich in mercy, that even back in the very beginning, He promised to send a Savior to save us from their sins. And so He did! At just the right time, God sent His Son, Jesus to suffer and die on the cross and take the punishment for the sin of all turn away from their sins and trust in Him as our Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He really had beat sin and death for all who trust in Him. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy wonderful, special closeness with God as His special people, now and forever. That can be you and me, too! Ask God to help you trust in Jesus as your Savior! He loves to help us do this!

BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, not even one." --Psalm 14: 2-3, HCSB

Learn a Little: "All have turned away...There is no one who does good, not even one."

Meaning

The LORD is everywhere, all the time. He sees all people and knows what they are like, inside and out. And what does He see? It is very sad! God sees that not even one person seeks after Him. No one does good. Why? Because we are all children of Adam and Eve. We are born with sinful hearts that choose to disobey God. Thank God for sending Jesus! Thank God that He promises to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior! He can save us, too. Ask Him to help you!

Discussion **Questions**

1. What does the LORD see when He looks down into all of our hearts? That we are all sinners. All of us have turned away from Him and His good ways.

choose a few

- 2. Is there anyone who does good, like God made us in the beginning? No, no one.
- 3. Why are we all sinners? Because we are all sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. We all have sinful hearts, just like theirs.
- 4. What has God done to save sinful people? He sent Jesus to be our Savior.
- 5. How can we become God's people? We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Sadness that Didn't Stop

Discussion Questions

- 1. Were just the first animals, plants and people hurt by Adam and Eve's sin? *No. All the ones that came later were to.*
- 2. What were Adam and Eve's children like? Did they love God? Did they love each other? *No, they did not. They disobeyed God and they hurt each other.*

choose a few

- 3. Did people get better or did they get worse and worse? They got worse and worse.
- 4. What did God decide to send to get rid of all the bad people? A flood of water.
- 5. Who did God save from the flood? Why? Noah, his family, and at least 2 of every creature. Because He is kind and faithful. He didn't give up on His good plan for the world. He still would send Jesus to save people.
- 6. What did Noah tell the people to do as he worked on his big boat? He told them to say sorry to God for their sins.
- 7. Did anyone turn away from their sins when they listened to Noah's warnings? *No. Not even one.*
- 8. What did Noah do after the big flood was over? He made a worship gift of thanks to God.
- 9. Did people stop being bad after the flood? *No. Everyone still had sinful hearts. They still sinned.* 10. Who did God send to save sinful people who trust in Him? *Jesus.*
- 11. How can we be saved from our sins? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.