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 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

Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Meaning

There are many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.

Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 1. Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else!
- 2. Do people worship many different gods? Yes, they do.
- 3. Are all gods the same as the LORD? No, there is no other god like the LORD.
- 4. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 5. How long has God been alive? He's always been alive.
- 6. When will God die? Never!
- 7. How good and loving is God? He is completely good and loving!
- 8. How powerful is the LORD? He is all powerful.
- 9. How wise is the LORD? He is all wise!
- 10. Will we ever know everything there is to know about God? *No, there will always be more of Him for us to know.*

BIBLE TRUTH

He's Not Like Anyone Else...He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good!

Meaning

What do you think of when you hear the word, "holy?" Something like a torn, old pair of pants with lots of holes in it? "Holy" may sound like something old you might throw away, but it means the very opposite. It means something so great and good and magnificent that nothing is like it. God is the only one who is truly holy. He is so great! He is so good! He does what is right all the time. He deserves our worship. And because God is holy, there is something He hates--sin! Sin is anything that goes against God and His good ways. It's good that God hates sin. But what about us? We are all sinners who have disobeyed God. We deserve His punishment. Oh no! Is there any hope for us? Yes, there is... because God loves mercy as much as He hates sin. He treats us better than we deserve. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the God's punishment for them so they could be forgiven. God makes them His people. He treats them as if they were as holy and good as Jesus. They get to know God in their hearts now and He will help them be holy like Him—living His good way. Then one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior!

Discussion **Questions**

choose a few

- 1. Who is holy? Who is good, through and through? *The LORD is.*
- 2. Who does what is right all the time? The LORD.
- 3. What does the LORD hate? Sin.
- 4. What is sin? Sin is everything that isn't part of the God's good ways. We sin when we disobey the good ways God has told us to love and to live.
- 5. Are we holy and good like God? No, we are not.
- 6. What do we deserve because we are not all holy and good like God? His punishment.
- 7. Who took the punishment for everyone who turns from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior? *Jesus did*.
- 8. When people trust in Jesus, how does God treat them? As if they were as holy and good as He is. Their sins are forgiven through Jesus.

P.2

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! Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like? He's not like anyone else...He is perfectly holy, purely good! But, uh oh! That's not anything like the way people are! We all have sinful hearts that have chosen to disobey Him and His good ways. We all deserve His punishment. How sad! But God is so rich in mercy! He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Ask Him to help you turn to Him! He loves to do this.

BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings... And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" --Isaiah 6:1-3, ESV

Learn a Little: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD."

Meaning

These verses are a picture of God's holiness. The LORD is so high and exalted because of His perfect holiness, and He is to be worshiped. He is so holy that the seraphs (angels) repeat to each other how holy He is. He is so holy that even the whole earth is filled with the glory of His holiness.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who surrounds the LORD in heaven? Seraphs--angels with six wings!
- 2. What are the seraphs saying to each other? "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty."
- 3. Who is holy like the LORD? No one is.
- 4. Why do the seraphs worship the LORD and why should we? Because He alone is so holy.
- 5. Are we holy? No, we aren't.
- 6. Who made the way for God to see us as holy? Jesus did, when He suffered and died on the cross.
- 7. How can we be forgiven our sins and become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Tent that Had to Be Just So

Discussion **Questions**

- 1. How did the people of Israel get away from the mean King of Egypt? *The LORD rescued them with His mighty power through Moses.*
- 2. What did the LORD want to make the people of Israel? His special people.
- 3. Who did the LORD want to bless (do something good and special) through them? *Everyone*.
- choose a few
- 4. What did the LORD want the people of Israel to build? A worship house where He could be near them in a special way.
- 5. Why did they have to make the worship house just like He told them to? He was the holy God. They were sinful people. His right anger against their sins would destroy them if they got too close in the wrong way. He didn't want that to happen. He loved them and wanted them to be His people.
- 6. What were they to put outside the worship house? A container for washing and a container for giving God their worship gifts by burning them up.
- 7. What was in the big room of the worship house, the Holy Place? A golden lamp with 12 flames; a golden table with 12 loaves of bread; a container for burning special, good-smelling stuff.
- 8. Who got to go into the Holy Place? Only the priests after they had washed and done other things just right.
- 9. What did the priests do in the Holy Place? They offered worship gifts to God and prayed for the people.
- 10. What was in the Holy of Holies, the little room of the worship house? The golden box (the Ark of the Covenant) with God's Big Rules in it.
- 11. Who was in the Holy of Holies in a special way? *The LORD*.
- 12. Who only got to go into the Holy of Holies? *The head priest, only once a year.*
- 13. What did the LORD do after the people built the worship house and made their first worship gifts to the LORD? He sent down fire to burn up the worship gifts and His glory came to be in the worship house in a special way.
- 14. Why do we not have to worship the LORD through a worship place and priests anymore? Who made the final payment for sins? Jesus gave up His perfect life as the full payment for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior are forgiven. Jesus has made the way for us to come to God!