

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

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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 them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION	What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!
Meaning	<p>A law is a big rule made by someone in charge. God is our Maker. He is in charge of everyone in the whole world. He has given us His laws to live by.</p> <p>God is good and loving, wise and fair. He is perfect! God's laws are just like Him. They are good and loving, wise and fair, too. They are perfect!</p> <p>God's laws show us the very best way to live. They show us how to love God and love others. They are exactly what we need.</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are God's laws like? <i>God's laws are perfect!</i> 2. What is a law? <i>It's a big rule we are supposed to obey.</i> 3. Who makes laws? <i>Someone who is in charge.</i> 4. Who is our Maker? <i>God is.</i> 5. Who is God in charge of? <i>Everyone!</i> 6. Are God's laws like God? <i>Yes, they are good, loving, wise and fair, just like He is.</i> 7. What do God's laws show us? <i>How to please God. The best way to live.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH	God's Laws Are Perfect... They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us!
Meaning	<p>God made us and He is in charge of us. He expects us to obey His laws all the time. But sadly, we do not. We all are sinners with sinful, selfish hearts. We disobey God's laws. We deserve His punishment for our sins. How we have rebelled against Him and His good ways!</p> <p>But God is so kind and merciful! He wants to treat us better than we deserve. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all who trust in Him as their Savior. God forgives their sins and gives them special closeness with Him in their hearts. And when they die, they will go to live with Him forever in a perfect world where there will never again be any sin. Yes! They will never again sin against Him or break His good laws. They will always love Him and others as He wants them to. How wonderful that will be! Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who made us and is in charge of us? <i>God.</i> 2. When does God expect us to obey His laws? <i>All the time!</i> 3. We don't obey God's laws all the time. Why not? <i>Because we are sinners with sinful, selfish hearts.</i> 4. What do we all deserve for disobeying God's laws? <i>His punishment.</i> 5. Who did God send to save us from our sins? <i>God sent Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment that we deserve from God for our sins.</i> 6. What must we do for God to forgive us and save us? <i>Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's dearly-loved people.</i> 7. What does God give us to enjoy when we become His people? <i>Special closeness with Him now; and when they die, perfectly wonderful life with Him forever!</i>

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THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect...they show us that we need God to save us. How true that is! We learn God's good laws, but we break them! We choose to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins! And we know that we can never deserve His forgiveness. How sad! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all the punishment we deserve for breaking His laws. He is holy and good. But God is so rich in mercy. He chose to give us something better than we deserve. He sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life. Yes! Jesus kept every, single one of God's laws! And on the cross, He suffered and died, giving His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had really beaten sin and death! Because of Jesus, all who trust in Him as their Savior get to enjoy wonderful, special closeness with God as His special people, even now. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever. We can be God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"For no one will be justified in [God's] sight by the works of the law...But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."--Romans 3:20,21,22,23 Learn a Little: "Apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed... righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe."
Meaning	"Righteous" is a big word that means that you are right with God. The only way we can be right with God ON OUR OWN is by obeying God's laws perfectly. But, uh oh! This Bible verse tells us that we are all sinners who break God's laws. That means we can't EVER be right with God by obeying God's laws. But God has made a way for us to be right with Him—through His Son, Jesus. Jesus came and lived a perfect life. He kept all of God's good laws perfectly. He was righteous! And this Bible verse tells us that for all who trust in Jesus as their Savior, Jesus takes away their sins and gives His righteousness to them. That means God treats them as if they had never broken God's laws or sinned-- just like Jesus! Wow! Isn't that amazing! Isn't Jesus a wonderful Savior! He can be our wonderful Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.
Discussion Questions	1. What does righteous mean? <i>God thinks everything you do is just right, as God's laws tell us to.</i> 2. Do any of us keep God's laws perfectly? Are any of us righteous on our own? <i>None of us keep God's laws perfectly. None of us are righteous by our own works (by how we obey God's laws).</i> 3. How did Jesus live when He came to earth? <i>He always kept God's laws. He was truly righteous.</i> 4. What did Jesus choose to give to all who trust in Him as His Savior? <i>His own, perfect righteousness.</i> 5. How can Jesus become our Savior? <i>When we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.</i> 6. Who does God see as righteous because of Jesus? <i>All of God's people--all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Rotten Innards 1. What did Jesus teach the Pharisees who tried so hard to be good? Did they need God to save them? <i>Yes, they did! We all need God to save us, no matter how hard we try to be good.</i>
Discussion Questions	2. Where did all the extra rules of the Pharisees come from? From God in the Bible? <i>No, they did not! They were made up by other teachers. They were lots of extra rules that God didn't tell His people to obey.</i> 3. Why weren't the Pharisees eager to hear about Jesus like the other people? <i>They thought they were so good that they didn't need to be saved. They didn't like that Jesus did tell people to keep all those extra rules.</i> 4. Did the Pharisee or the tax collector go home with everything right with God? <i>The tax collector did, even though he had done many bad, bad things. The Pharisee did not.</i> 5. Why did God forgive the tax collector? <i>Because he humbly asked God to forgive him.</i> 6. Why did the Pharisee go home with things not right between him and God? <i>Because he was proud. He didn't tell God that he had disobeyed Him. He didn't ask God to forgive him. He thought he was too good to need God's forgiveness.</i> 7. How does God want us to be like the tax collector? <i>By humbly telling God about the bad things we've done and ask His forgiveness through Jesus.</i>