

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	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. 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! 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.
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 Tell Us How to Love God and Others!
Meaning	<p>The LORD is the one, true God. He deserves our love. He made us to love Him more than anything else. Loving God is the most delightful thing we can do. God gave us His laws so we can know how to love Him. When we obey His laws, we are living out our love for Him.</p> <p>God made us not just to love Him, but also to love each other. He gave His laws so we can know how to love each other. He tells us to treat others in the same loving way we want others to treat us. When we obey God's laws, we are living out God's love for others. And, we are showing them a little bit of what God is like, that they might seek to know and love Him, too.</p> <p>Obedying God's laws is not just the right way to live. It is also the happiest way to live with God and with other people. God can help us obey His laws and live in love when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He gives us a new heart filled with His Holy Spirit and helps us to live in love as He wants us to.</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is the only true God? <i>The LORD.</i> 2. Who did the LORD make us to love more than anything or anyone else? <i>Himself!</i> 3. What is the most delightful thing we can do? <i>Love God.</i> 4. Who does God's laws show us how to love? <i>How to love Him and how to love others.</i> 5. How should we treat others? <i>In the same loving way we want others to treat us.</i> 6. What is the right way to live? <i>Obedying God's laws as He tells us to.</i> 7. What is the happiest way to live with God and other people? <i>Obedying God's laws.</i> 8. Who can help us to love God and others? <i>God can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to love Him and others as He wants us to.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i> What are God's Laws Like? God's laws are perfect... they tell us how to love God and others. But the sad news is that we all choose to not love God and others. We choose to disobey God and not love Him or others. We all deserve His punishment for our sins! 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!</p> <p><i>"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.</i></p>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	<p>This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."</p> <p>--Matthew 22:37-40, ESV</p>
Meaning	<p>Learn a Little: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind... Love your neighbor as yourself."</p> <p>God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us in these verses that the purpose behind all of God's laws is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.</p>
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Jesus say was the first and greatest law? <i>To love God most of all.</i> 2. What did Jesus say was the second most important law of God that we should all obey? <i>To love others in the same loving way as we want others to treat us.</i> 3. What two laws did Jesus say sum up all of the other laws that God has given us? <i>To love God most of all, and love others in the same loving way as we want others to treat us.</i>
<i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Who can help us to love God and others? <i>God can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to love Him and others as He wants us to.</i>
BIBLE STORY	<p>The Case of the Do's and Don'ts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the name of the Ten, Big Laws that God gave to show us how to love God and others? <i>The Ten Commandments.</i> 2. Did the teachers in Jesus' day tell people to keep just the 10 Commandments and other laws that God gave them in His Word, the Bible? <i>No. They told people to keep a lot of other rules, too.</i> 3. What did Jesus do that was different from the other teachers? <i>Why? He did amazing things, like heal sick people and calm stormy seas with just His words. Jesus do these because He is God.</i> 4. Did Jesus tell people to keep all those extra rules the other teachers gave to the people? <i>No, He did not. He taught them that those extra rules were not God's laws at all.</i> 5. How much did Jesus say we are to love God? <i>Most of all!</i> 6. How did Jesus tell us to love others? <i>In the same loving way as we want others to treat us.</i> 7. Jesus told people not just to love people with how they act. He wanted them to love them deep inside with what? <i>With their heart.</i> 8. What did Jesus say was the first and greatest law? <i>To love God most of all.</i> 9. What did Jesus say was the second most important law of God that we should all obey? <i>To love others in the same loving way as we want others to treat us.</i> 10. What two laws did Jesus say sum up all of the other laws that God has given us? <i>To love God most of all, and love others in the same loving way as we want others to treat us.</i> 11. Who can help us to love God and others? <i>God can. He can help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and help us to love Him and others as He wants us to.</i>
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