

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 Meaning Discussion Questions	<p>What Is God's Love for His People Like? More than They Could Ever Deserve!</p> <p>God has a special people He loves. They come from all over the world. They've lived in every time --from long ago, all the way up to today. And there are millions and millions of them! There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! God has adopted them as His children. He promises to love and care for them always. He gives them special closeness with Him in their heart; and one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good. They are sinners who have disobeyed His good laws, just like everyone else. God just loves them just because He loves them. God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. You and I can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is God's love for His people like? <i>More than they could ever deserve.</i> 2. Where are God's special people from? <i>From all over the world and from every time people have lived.</i> 3. What have God's special people said sorry to God about? <i>Their sins.</i> 4. Who have God's special people trusted in as their own Savior? <i>Jesus.</i> 5. How long does God promise to love His people? <i>Forever!</i> 6. What is better than being one of God's special people? <i>Nothing!</i> 7. Did God make them His special people because they were so good? <i>No. He loves them because He loves them.</i> 8. What must we do, if we are to be God's special people? <i>Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH Meaning Discussion Questions	<p>It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...God Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them!</p> <p>All people have rebelled against God and have broken His laws. All have chosen to do things their own way, not God's way. Their hearts should be full of love for God; but instead, their hearts are dead and empty of love for God and His good ways. That's why all people deserve God's punishment for their sins. They deserve to be separated from Him forever. How sad! But God is so kind and merciful! He chose to save sinners, like you and me, even though we did not deserve it. Yes, God chose to love sinners, even though their hearts were so dead and empty of love for Him. And He didn't just love them a little bit. He loved them a lot! He loved them so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to live and perfect life and give it up as the full payment for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really done it! He had redeemed sinners, so that they could become God's special people—His, dearly-loved, adopted children forever! We can be God's special people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Hasn't God loved us so much through Jesus!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who has rebelled against God and broken His good laws? <i>All people have.</i> 2. Are the hearts of all people full of love for God or dead and empty of love for Him? <i>They are dead and empty of love for Him.</i> 3. Who deserves God's punishment for their sins? <i>All people.</i> 4. Did God love His special people even while their hearts were so dead and empty of love for Him? <i>Yes, He did.</i> 5. Who did God send to save His people? <i>Jesus!</i> 6. What must we do, if we are to be God's special people? <i>Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! While we all disobey God and deserve His punishment, God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it on the cross as the complete payment for the sins of God's people. On Day 3, He rose from the dead in victory. Now all who turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior can become God's people. They can know Him now in their hearts, and one day go to heaven to live with Him forever.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." -- 1 John 4:10, ESV
Meaning	Learn a Little: "[God] sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." We are all sinners who have rebelled against God, yet God chose to love us, and to love us in the deepest way possible! He sent Jesus to save us. Yes, God sent His dearly-loved Son to earth to be the propitiation for our sins. He was the atoning sacrifice that would pay for our sins and satisfy God's judgment against us. Jesus would live a perfect life, then offer it up as the full payment that would bring the forgiveness we needed. And He chose to do this while we still were rebelling against Him! How wonderful is this free gift of God! How deep is His love! This atoning sacrifice is for us, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. Who shows us what real love is? <i>God and the way He has loved us through Jesus.</i> 2. Why do none of us deserve God's love? <i>Because we are all sinners who have chosen to disobey Him.</i> 3. Who did God send to save us? <i>Jesus.</i> 4. What did Jesus do to save us? <i>He lived a perfect life and gave it up as the full payment for the sins of all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.</i> 5. What does it mean that Jesus was the atoning sacrifice for our sins? <i>God is holy and He hates sin. He hates OUR sin and we deserve His punishment. Our sins separate us from God. But Jesus took all of God's punishment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. His life brings God's people back into fellowship (special closeness) with Him. That is how they can be God's dearly-loved people.</i> 6. How can Jesus' sacrifice cover our sins and we become God's people? <i>When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Costly Children
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. Today we learned something about what God's love for His people are like. We learned that He sent Jesus to save them. Why do God's people need God to save them? <i>Because they were sinners who kept on disobeying Him and His good laws.</i> 2. What did the people of Israel promise God that they would do? <i>They would love God and obey His good laws.</i> 3. What did God promise to do for the people of Israel, if they loved Him and obeyed His good laws? <i>They would be His dearly-loved people. He would take care of them and give them good things. He would give them homes in a special place where they could worship Him and He would protect them from their enemies.</i> 4. Did the people of Israel love God and keep His good laws? <i>No. They did not.</i> 5. What did God do before He let the enemies come in and destroy their special place and make them work for them? <i>He warned them many times through people like Jeremiah.</i> 6. What were the people of Israel saddest about when they were taken away by their enemies? <i>That they had broken their big promise to God and that they didn't deserve to be His people anymore.</i> 7. What good news did Daniel, Ezekiel and Zechariah give the people of Israel? <i>That God still loved them. He punished them so they would turn back to love and obey Him. He would take them back to their special place to live. He would send Jesus to beat their biggest enemy--sin and death.</i>