

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 Is God's Love for His People Like? More than They Could Ever Deserve!
Meaning	<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>
Discussion Questions	<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	It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...God Always Takes Care of Them!
Meaning	<p>Everyone who turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior becomes one of God's people. And they don't just become one of His people! He makes them His adopted children! God becomes their Father in heaven. They are part of His family forever! God is kind to give us a mother and father, and even sisters and brothers, in the families we are a part of, here on earth. What good gifts they are! They love us and care for us, the best they can. God helps them love us. But no matter how good and loving our parents might be here on earth, they will never love us or take care of us as well as God can. God is the best Father we can ever imagine. He is perfect! He is all-wise: He always knows what is best for His children. He is always faithful: He always gives them what He promises them. He's all-powerful: He can always give His children everything they need and so much more. He is all-loving: He only does what is good for them. God's adopted children never need to worry. They know that God, their Father in heaven, is always with them, always taking care of them. We can become one of God's children, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God loves to help us become His children!</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does everyone who trusts in Jesus as their Savior become? <i>One of God's people.</i> 2. God's people are also called whose children? God's. <i>When they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior, He makes them part of His heavenly family forever.</i> 3. What kind of Heavenly Father is God? <i>The best kind!</i> 4. What is God like to His adopted children? <i>He always knows what is best for them. He always gives them what He promises them. He can always give them everything they need.</i> 5. Why do God's children never need to worry? <i>God, their Father in heaven, is always with them; always taking care of them.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i> God takes care of His people in every way! And how kind He is to keep on caring for their needs even when they think He won't—like He took care of Naomi. He is so good to His people! But the greatest way that He has cared for His people is by saving them. You see, we all choose to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment for breaking His laws and leave it at that. But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior. He rose from the dead in victory. For all who do, God will forgive their sins and they will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise!
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."--Psalm 23:1-3,6, ESV Learn a Little: "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want."
Meaning	These verses remind us that God loves His people and cares for their needs completely, just like a good shepherd loves and takes care of his sheep. That's what it means to not be in want. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does a shepherd do? <i>He looks after his sheep, day and night, taking care of their needs.</i> 2. Who looks after God's people, day and night, taking care of their needs? <i>The LORD does.</i> 3. Why does the shepherd lead His sheep beside quiet waters and makes them lie down in green pastures? <i>He is leading them to the food and water they need to live.</i> 4. How does the LORD help our hearts (souls) get what we need to live? <i>He gives them His Word, the Bible. He strengthens them by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts.</i> 5. What does the LORD promise to give His people every day of their lives? <i>His goodness and love.</i> 6. Where does the LORD promise to take His people one day? <i>To live with Him forever.</i> 7. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Woman Who Wouldn't See
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did Naomi have such a hard time believing that God would take care of her? <i>Naomi had lost her husband and sons who God had used to take care of her. She could not see how God would take care of her without them. And, so many sad things had happened to her, she was afraid that God didn't want to take care of her.</i> 2. Did God stop taking care of Naomi? <i>No! He took care of her in wonderful ways, through Ruth and Boaz.</i> 3. What are some of the ways that God took care of her through Ruth and Boaz? <i>Ruth helped her to make the long walk home to Bethlehem. She went out to the fields to get food for them. Boaz married Ruth and took Ruth and Naomi into his house to take care of them. God even gave her a grandson through them!</i> 4. Why did Naomi want her name changed to Marah? <i>Marah means sad things. Naomi means happy things. Naomi didn't think that happy things was a good name for someone who had so many sad things happen to them. She couldn't see how God was providing for her.</i> 5. Even during the saddest times, did God take care of Naomi? <i>Yes, He did! He always took care of her.</i> 6. What should God's people remember even when many sad things happen to them? <i>That God will always take care of them, even if they can't see how!</i> 7. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>