

## Deep Down Discussion Sheet

Use with all  
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.

<p><b>BIG QUESTION</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<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>1. What is God's love for His people like? <i>More than they could ever deserve.</i></p> <p>2. Where are God's special people from? <i>From all over the world and from every time people have lived.</i></p> <p>3. What have God's special people said sorry to God about? <i>Their sins.</i></p> <p>4. Who have God's special people trusted in as their own Savior? <i>Jesus.</i></p> <p>5. How long does God promise to love His people? <i>Forever!</i></p> <p>6. What is better than being one of God's special people? <i>Nothing!</i></p> <p>7. Did God make them His special people because they were so good? <i>No. He loves them because He loves them.</i></p> <p>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></p>
<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...God Uses Their Sadnesses for Good!</p> <p>Everyone has troubles. We all have times when we are sad or scared. Sometimes people are mean to us. Sometimes bad things happen to us or to the people we love. When bad things happen to God's people, they keep on trusting in Him. They know God loves them and that He is in control. They know that He promises to use every trouble they have for their good and to show how good and powerful He is. And, while sometimes it may be hard to see what good God could possibly bring through their troubles, God's people know that one day they will understand His good plans. And on that day, they will have nothing but praise for God, when they see how He truly did work all things for good in their lives. And that's why God's people can praise and thank God now for those good things, even before they know what they are, and even while they are still in the middle of their sadnesses. God is that good! They can trust Him that much, even with what they don't yet understand. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p>1. Who has troubles and times when they are sad or scared? <i>Everyone.</i></p> <p>2. Do God's people have bad things happen to them? <i>Yes, they do.</i></p> <p>3. Who do God's people keep trusting in when bad things happen to them? <i>In God.</i></p> <p>4. What do they remember about God? <i>That He loves them and He is in control.</i></p> <p>5. What does God promise to do with every one of the troubles God's people go through? <i>To use them for their good and use them to show how wonderful God is.</i></p> <p>6. What will God's people praise Him about those troubles they had? <i>They will praise Him for the good things He did through them.</i></p> <p>7. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>

**Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

**P.2***Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games*

<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i></p> <p><i>No one likes sadnesses, but we all have them. How wonderful is God's promise to use every single sadness of His people for their good and to show how great He is!</i></p> <p><i>God's people's greatest sadness is that they are sinners who chose to disobey God. But do you know that God has turned that greatest sadness into the greatest good? You see, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take His punishment for their sins. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had done it! They are forgiven. They have become His dearly-loved people! And they will get to praise God forever for how much He has loved them through Jesus. We, too, can know God's forgiveness and become His people if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH</b> <b>BIBLE VERSE</b>  <b>Meaning</b>   <b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<p>"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." --Romans 8:28, ESV</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "For those who love God, all things work together for good."</p> <p>These verses remind us that God's people are those who love Him. In His great love, He has called them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. This is what it means to be justified.</p> <p>But being justified is just the beginning of God's good plans for His people. He also planned for all things in their lives—both enjoyable things and hard things—to be for the good purpose of making them more like Jesus. Yes, God planned to use all of these things to prepare His people for life with Him in heaven. What will life in heaven be like for them? There, they will be glorified! They will be freed from sin forever! God will make them a pure reflection of His glory. This is God's wonderful plan for making everything in His people's lives for their good and His glory. We can become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p>1. What does God use for the good in His people's lives? <i>All things...even sad, bad and hard things!</i></p> <p>2. Who do God's people love? <i>God.</i></p> <p>3. Who has a purpose for God's people? <i>God does.</i></p> <p>4. Who does God plan to make His people like? <i>Like Jesus.</i></p> <p>5. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>  <b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<p><b>The Case of the Sad Thing that Did Good</b></p> <p>1. Whose sadness did Jesus use for the good in this story? <i>The blind man's sadness.</i></p> <p>2. What were the blind man's sadnesses? <i>He could not see, even from birth. He could not help his father take care of the family by making money. Many people said that he (or his parents) must have done something terribly wrong for him to be born blind.</i></p> <p>3. How did Jesus use the blind man's sadnesses for good? <i>Jesus healed the blind man eyes so he could see. Many people—including the blind man--believed in Jesus when they saw the amazing way that Jesus healed him. God even uses the story of the blind man to help us to believe in Jesus!</i></p> <p>4. Jesus healed the blind man's eyes so they could see; and, He gave him faith to believe in Him. Who in the story had eyes that worked, but could not "see" (believe) that Jesus really was God's Son sent to save His people? <i>The teachers at the Temple, the special meeting place of God.</i></p> <p>5. What good thing might God use the blind man's story to do in us? <i>To help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>