

**Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

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.

**BIG QUESTION****Meaning**

What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

In the beginning, God created the world perfectly. What a wonderful, special closeness people enjoyed with Him! Yes, it was "Perfect Wonderfulness" knowing God and living in His world. It could have stayed that way forever, but it did not. All of this perfection was broken when people disobeyed God. The big Bible word for disobeying God is "sin." When we look around us, we can see the sadness that sin brought into God's good world. So much in this world is not perfect or wonderful anymore! We've lost the special closeness with God, too. Yes, when sin came into the world, it spoiled so many things. But would all this sin and sadness last forever? People certainly deserved it to. After all, they had turned away from God. Now people deserved His punishment, not His love. But God treats us so much better than we deserve! From the beginning, He had an amazing plan to bring sinful people like us back to Himself. How? He promised to send a Savior. That Savior was Jesus, God's own Son. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He gave it up as the full payment for sins as He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had really done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will get to know God in our hearts; and one day, we will get to go live with God and enjoy all of His Perfect Wonderfulness forever!

**Discussion Questions***choose a few*

1. What did Jesus come to do? *Jesus came to bring us to God!*
2. Who did people have a wonderful closeness with in the beginning? *With God.*
3. What did people do that caused the wonderful closeness with God to end? *They disobeyed Him.*
4. What did all people deserve for disobeying God? *God's punishment that keeps them separated from Him and all His goodness forever. How sad!*
5. Who did God send to bring His people to Him? *Jesus.*
6. What did Jesus take for God's people on the cross? *The punishment for their sins.*
7. What happens to us when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior? *God forgives our sins. He makes us His people. We have special closeness with God now. Then, when our bodies die, we will go on living happily with God forever.*

**BIBLE TRUTH****Meaning**

Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us!

Jesus is God's Son. He has always lived in heaven with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit. Life with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit was Perfect Wonderfulness-- the closest, most wonderful love. Jesus was full of the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. He enjoyed all of the riches of heaven and the praise of all the angels. But Jesus chose to leave His wonderful home in heaven. He came to earth, born a baby boy. Jesus was still God, just like before; but now He was a human, too. Life as a human wasn't anything like life in heaven. There were so many people who did not love or know God. There was so much sin and death all around Him. Jesus felt the difference inside of Himself, too. He had never known any limits in heaven, as God, the Son. But this human body He had was so weak and small. It needed sleep. It got cold and hungry and thirsty. Yes, life on earth was so very different than life in heaven. So, why DID Jesus choose to leave behind all the wonderful things of heaven and come to earth? Because God loved us and wanted to save us. Only Jesus' perfect life could be the full payment for our sins. Only He could make the way for us to become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus knew this. He wanted to fulfill His Father's amazing plan. So, Jesus came. He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead in victory. Jesus had saved God's people! And by doing this very difficult and very painful thing for us, Jesus also showed to the whole world just how very deep is God's love for His people. We, too, can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, this wonderful Savior, ourselves.

**Discussion Questions***choose a few*

1. Who is God's Son? *Jesus.*
2. Where has Jesus always lived? *In heaven.*
3. What did Jesus enjoy in heaven before He came to earth? *The bright shininess of God's glorious goodness; the riches of heaven; and the wonderful closeness with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.*
4. Where did Jesus leave heaven to go? *To earth to be born as a baby.*
5. What was Jesus like when He came to earth? *Still completely God, but now completely a man, too.*
6. Why would Jesus leave behind the wonderfulness of heaven to come to earth? *Because only by dying on the cross could God's people be saved. God loved His people so much that He would do that for them!*
7. Who did Jesus delight to obey when He came to earth? *God, His Father.*

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

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| <b>THE GOSPEL</b>   | <p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel!</i> What did Jesus come to do? <i>Jesus came to bring us to God... He left His home in heaven to save us. How God the Father loved His Son! How Jesus loved His Father. Yet, how amazing God's love for His people, that Jesus would choose to leave the wonderfulness of heaven to come to earth just to save them! But that was the only way! For we all have chosen to disobey God. We all deserve God's punishment for our sins! God's people needed a Savior to bring them to God! So, Jesus came to earth, He lived a perfect life, and then suffered and died on the cross for the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for God's people. This is how we become God's dearly-loved people, too! Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!</i></p>   |
| <b>BIBLE TRUTH</b><br><b>BIBLE VERSE</b><br><br><b>Meaning</b><br><br><br><b>Discussion Questions</b> | <p>"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."--John 6:38</p> <p>Jesus left His wonderful home in heaven to live on earth. Why? To carry out God's amazing plan. What was that plan? To save His sinful people from their sins so they could know Him and enjoy Him forever! What an amazing plan! What a wonderful God!</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "I have come from heaven... to do the will of him who sent me."</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who came down from heaven? <i>Jesus did.</i></li> <li>2. Whose will (plan) did Jesus come to do? <i>God's will (plan).</i></li> <li>3. Who did Jesus choose to always obey? <i>Not His own will, but God, His Father's will. He would obey Him no matter how hard it was.</i></li> <li>4. What did God send Jesus to do? <i>To save God's people from their sins.</i></li> <li>5. How did Jesus fulfill God's plans? <i>Jesus lived a perfect life and He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them!</i></li> <li>6. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>  |
| <b>BIBLE STORY</b><br><br><b>Discussion Questions</b><br><br><i>choose a few</i>                      | <p><b>The Case of the Lover Who Left It All Behind</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who was Jesus' mother and father? <i>Mary and God.</i></li> <li>2. Did Jesus start being alive when He was born? <i>No! Jesus had always been alive in heaven, with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>3. Why did Jesus leave heaven and come to earth? <i>To save God's people from their sins.</i></li> <li>4. What did Jesus do when He grew up? <i>He began to teach people about God and do amazing things.</i></li> <li>5. What did Jesus do for a hungry crowd of people far from home? <i>By God's great power, He fed the whole crowd with just 2 fish and 5 little loaves of bread.</i></li> <li>6. What did the people want Jesus to do for them when Jesus fed them in this amazing way? <i>They wanted Him to be their king who would use God's power to give them more of the good things they wanted.</i></li> <li>7. Why didn't Jesus want to be this kind of king for the people? <i>Because those good things would not last. He wanted to save them from their sins and give them life forever with God. This was the best, good thing of all.</i></li> <li>8. Why did so many people decide to not believe in Jesus? <i>Because He wouldn't give them the good things they wanted (but He knew weren't what they really needed.)</i></li> <li>9. Why did Jesus' disciples stay with Him? <i>Because they knew that Jesus was God's Son, sent to save God's people. There was no one else like Him.</i></li> <li>10. How did Jesus complete God's plan to save us? <i>He lived a perfect life and He offered it up as the full payment for the sins of God's people as He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them! We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol> |