

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's to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

**BIG
QUESTION****Meaning****Discussion
Questions***choose a few***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!

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****Discussion
Questions***choose a few***Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Never, Ever Disobeyed God!**

Jesus never, ever sinned. He always obeyed God, His Father. But even though Jesus always never disobeyed God, there were many times when He was tempted to. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way just like us; but unlike us, Jesus never gave in and sinned. In everything He thought and said and did, Jesus always kept on obeying God. And He did this His whole life! Wow! Jesus was absolutely perfect! Perhaps Jesus' greatest temptation came the night before He died on the cross. Jesus knew that it would hurt so badly to suffer for the sins of God's people. But Jesus loved God, His Father, and us so much! He would NOT turn away from His Father's good plan. He would suffer and die in the place of God's people so they could be forgiven. And it is so very good for us that Jesus did not sin and that He did choose to die for us. Only if He lived a perfect life could He give it up on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He was the only hope for our sins to be forgiven by God. He was the only way we could become God's people. You can be one of God's people, too, if you turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.

1. Who never, ever sinned? *Jesus.*
2. Who did Jesus always obey? *His Father, God.*
3. Was Jesus ever tempted to sin? *Yes, many times.*
4. When was it very, very hard for Jesus to obey God? *When He had to suffer and die on the cross.*
5. Why did Jesus chose to obey God and suffer and die on the cross? *Because He loved God's people so much that He wanted to save them; and, because He loved God His Father so much and wanted to obey Him.*
6. Why was it so good that Jesus never, ever sinned? *Because only if Jesus always obeyed God could He be good enough to pay for His people's sins.*
7. What do we need to do to become one of God's people? *Turn away from your sins and trust in Jesus as your Savior.*

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

THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! What did Jesus come to do? Jesus came to bring us to God... He never, ever disobeyed God! We are not like Jesus, are we? We all have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. That is why we all deserve His punishment for our sins! God would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment. But, He is so full of mercy and love that He chose to save His people! He sent Jesus to live the perfectly obedient life that none of us have lived. Then, Jesus offered up His perfect life to fully pay for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. We, too, can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Isn't that good news!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." --Hebrews 4:15, ESV Learn a Little: "[Jesus] has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."
Meaning	Do you know what tempted means? It means thinking about doing something that God says is wrong. Our Bible verse tells us Jesus was tempted in every way, just like we are! But what made Jesus different? He always said "no" to tempting things. He never disobeyed God! Jesus was perfect. He was without sin! The Bible calls Jesus our great, high priest because He is the one who brought His own life as the perfect payment for our sins. He made the way for us to become God's people. I'm so glad Jesus never disobeyed God! That was the only way He could be our Savior!
Discussion Questions	1. What does it mean to be tempted? <i>To think about doing something that God says is wrong.</i> 2. Who was tempted in every way we were, but who did not ever sin? <i>Jesus.</i> 3. Who is our great high priest-- the one who goes before God to make the way for us to be saved? <i>Jesus.</i> 4. What great and wondrous work can God do in us? <i>He can help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can make us His people!</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Man Who Didn't Say "No"
Discussion Questions	1. Every baby is special, but what made Jesus so special that even the angels in heaven sang when he was born? <i>Jesus was God's Son, sent to save God's people from their sins.</i> 2. What very hard thing would Jesus have to do to save God's people? <i>He would have to never, ever disobey God.</i> 3. What kinds of things would Jesus have had to do as a little boy to never, ever disobey God? <i>Love God most of all. Love others as the Bible tells us to. Always honor and obey your parents. Always forgive others. Always be kind, etc.</i> 4. What kinds of things did Jesus do as a grown man to never, ever disobey God? <i>Always forgave people who treated Him meanly. He kept on loving people and being kind to them (instead of grumpy) when He was very tired. He even had to say no to Satan who offered Jesus all the best things in the world, if He would worship him instead of God.</i> 5. How do we know that Jesus never, ever disobeyed God? <i>Because God accepted His life as good enough to pay for the sins of God's people. He raised Jesus' to life on the third day. God would not have done that if Jesus had disobeyed Him even once.</i> 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>