

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.

<p>BIG QUESTION</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!</p> <p>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!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Jesus come to do? <i>Jesus came to bring us to God!</i> 2. Who did people have a wonderful closeness with in the beginning? <i>With God.</i> 3. What did people do that caused the wonderful closeness with God to end? <i>They disobeyed Him.</i> 4. What did all people deserve for disobeying God? <i>God's punishment that keeps them separated from Him and all His goodness forever. How sad!</i> 5. Who did God send to bring His people to Him? <i>Jesus.</i> 6. What did Jesus take for God's people on the cross? <i>The punishment for their sins.</i> 7. What happens to us when we turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior? <i>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.</i>
<p>BIBLE TRUTH</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things!</p> <p>Before Jesus died on the cross, He taught about God for three years. Jesus taught from the Bible. He told the people what God is like. He taught them that He was God's Son who had come to save them from their sins. He taught them how they could become God's people and how God's people should live. The people who listened to Jesus teach were amazed. They had never heard someone tell them so much about God. Jesus talked as if He knew God, and, of course, He did. Jesus wasn't just a man like them, He was the Son of God, Himself. Jesus didn't just teach about God. He also did many amazing things by God's power—miracles! Things so amazing that only God could do. He fed thousands of people with just a little bit of food. He stilled the wind and waves of a raging storm with just His word. He healed sick people and even brought dead people to life by God's power. And what did God use Jesus' teaching and these miracles to do? To show the people that Jesus really was His Son, the Messiah, the Savior, who had come to save them. And that's exactly what many people did! They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus, as God's Son, their Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Jesus teach people when He grew up? <i>What God is like and how to obey Him. What He (Jesus) came to do and how we can become God's people.</i> 2. Who did Jesus tell people He was? <i>God's Son, come to save them from their sins.</i> 3. Had people ever heard anyone talk about God the way Jesus did? <i>No.</i> 4. Why did Jesus talk about God in such a special way? <i>Because Jesus is God.</i> 5. What kinds of amazing things did Jesus do? <i>He healed sick people with just His word; feed lots of people with a little bit of food; calmed a big storm with His word; brought dead people back to life.</i> 6. What is a miracle? <i>Things only God can do.</i> 7. Why did Jesus do miracles? <i>To help people believe that He was God's Son sent to save them.</i> 8. Did people believe in Jesus? <i>Yes, many of them did.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? What did Jesus come to do? <i>Jesus came to bring us to God... He taught about God and did amazing things. Jesus did many amazing things to show people that He was God's Son, come to save them from their sins. Jesus taught people many things about God and His good ways. But the most important thing He taught them was that all people are made to know God and obey Him, but all have chosen to disobey Him, instead. Sadly, that means that all people deserve God's punishment—even you and me! But the good news Jesus shared was that He had come to be their Savior. If they turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior, God will forgive their sins and make them His dearly loved people forever. Jesus didn't just teach this. He made it happen! He suffered and died on the cross for the sins of God's people. Then on the third day, He rose up from the grave, alive forever! He had done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people! God will forgive our sins and make us His people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you do this! He loves to help us!</i></p>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	<p>"[Jesus] went... teaching...and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." --Matthew 4:23, ESV</p> <p>Learn a Little: "Jesus went teaching and healing among the people."</p>
Meaning	<p>Jesus taught the people the good news of the kingdom of God. Do you know what that is? That anyone who turns away from their sins and trusts Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven and saved. They will get to love God and enjoy Him forever! And Jesus healed all sorts of sicknesses. Not the way doctors do, with medicines! No, Jesus is God. He could tell sickness to leave and it would. Just like that! Many people watched what Jesus said and did, and they believed in Him. That's the best news of all!</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Jesus do? <i>He taught people about God and He did amazing things.</i> 2. What is the gospel that Jesus taught? <i>That we can become God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Him as our Savior.</i> 3. What kinds of diseases did Jesus heal? <i>Every kind.</i> 4. Did Jesus use medicine to heal people? <i>No, He didn't He healed them by God's power alone.</i> 5. What did Jesus want people to do as they listened to Him teach and watched Him do amazing things? <i>He wanted them to put their faith in Him as their Savior that they might be saved.</i>
BIBLE STORY	<p>The Case of the Eyewitness</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was the eyewitness in our story who heard Jesus teach and saw Him do so many amazing things? <i>Peter.</i> 2. What kinds of things did Jesus do that everyone was talking about? <i>He talked about God and did amazing things like no other teacher had ever done before.</i> 3. What did Jesus do in the synagogue (worship place)? <i>He talked about God in a powerful way. Then, He healed a man with a terrible problem that no one had ever healed before.</i> 4. What did Jesus do at Peter's house? <i>He healed Peter's mother, then healed many other people, all through the night.</i> 5. What were some other things that Peter saw Jesus do? <i>Turn water into wine; walk on water; shine with God's beautiful, bright glory; raise a man dead three days back to life; rise from the dead, Himself.</i> 6. What was the most amazing thing of all that Peter saw Jesus do? <i>Suffer and die on the cross for the sins of God's people; then on the third day, rise up from the dead to live forevermore.</i> 7. What did God do in Peter's heart as he listened to Jesus talk about God and do amazing things? <i>He gave Peter faith to believe that Jesus really was God's Son, sent to save God's people.</i>