

**Deep Down Discussion Sheet**use with all **THREE** lessonsUse 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's to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

<b>BIG QUESTION</b>  <b>Meaning</b>	<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> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What did Jesus come to do? <i>Jesus came to bring us to God!</i></li> <li>2. Who did people have a wonderful closeness with in the beginning? <i>With God.</i></li> <li>3. What did people do that caused the wonderful closeness with God to end? <i>They disobeyed Him.</i></li> <li>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></li> <li>5. Who did God send to bring His people to Him? <i>Jesus.</i></li> <li>6. What did Jesus take for God's people on the cross? <i>The punishment for their sins.</i></li> <li>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></li> </ol>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH</b>  <b>Meaning</b>          <b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<p>Jesus Came to Bring Us to God... He Rose from the Dead!</p> <p>Jesus suffered on a cross for the sins of God's people. He took the punishment for sins that they deserved so that they might become God's dearly-loved people. Jesus died that day. His friends buried His body in a cave-grave. But death could not keep Jesus dead! On the third day, God raised up Jesus' body from the grave. Yes, Jesus was alive, never to die again! He had beaten sin and death. He had made the way for us to come to God. Now God's people could have special closeness with God in their hearts. And when they died, they would go to live with God. And at the end of time, God would raise their bodies from their graves—just like He raised Jesus' body. New and perfect bodies, ready to live with Him in a beautiful, new heaven and earth forever.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was Jesus a sinner? <i>No.</i></li> <li>2. Did Jesus ever disobey God? <i>No.</i></li> <li>3. Whose punishment for sins did Jesus take when He died on the cross? <i>That of God's people.</i></li> <li>4. What did Jesus' friends do with Jesus' body when He died? <i>Buried it in a cave grave.</i></li> <li>5. Did Jesus stay dead? <i>No, He did not.</i></li> <li>6. Why didn't Jesus stay dead? <i>He beat sin and death on the cross, so God raised up His body. He was alive forever and ever.</i></li> <li>7. Who did Jesus beat death for? <i>All of God's people.</i></li> <li>8. How can we be God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> <li>9. What will God's people enjoy because of Jesus? <i>Special closeness with God in their hearts now. Then when they die, their spirits will go to live with God forever. And on the last day when Jesus comes back, God will raise their bodies from their graves and make them brand-new and perfect, ready to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever.</i></li> </ol>

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use with all THREE lessons

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<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	<p>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 Rose from the Dead! What a wonderful day it was when Jesus rose from the dead! That was the proof that Jesus had really paid for all of God's people's sins! You see, all people have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. No one lives the perfect life that pleases God. That is why we all deserve His punishment for our sins. God would have been perfectly fair to give us all His punishment for sins. But, He is so full of mercy and love that He chose to save His people through Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to take all the punishment for the sins of God's people. Jesus died and was buried that sad day; but, He didn't stay that way! On Day Three, God raised Jesus up from the dead. Jesus had really done it! He had beaten sin and death for God's people. And Jesus was just the first! Now all of God's people --all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior -- get to share in Jesus' gifts of salvation. They get to know God in their hearts all the days of their lives. When they die, their spirits will go to live with God forever. And at the very end of time, God will give them another gift-- perfect, brand-new bodies, like Jesus' to enjoy forever. We, too, can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.</i></p>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b>  <b>Meaning</b>  <b>Discussion Questions</b>	<p>"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."--Luke 24:5-6, ESV</p> <p><b>Learn a Little:</b> "He is not here; [He] has risen!"</p> <p>The Bible tells us that on the third day after Jesus died, some women who loved Jesus went to the cave-grave where He was buried to take care of His dead body. But angels came and told them the good news: "Jesus is alive! He has risen from the dead!" Jesus was not in that cave at all! He was alive forevermore!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who was looking for a dead person? <i>Some women who were Jesus' friends/disciples.</i></li> <li>2. Who was the dead person they were looking for? <i>Jesus.</i></li> <li>3. What had happened to Jesus? <i>He had risen from the dead.</i></li> <li>4. What did Jesus show He had beaten when He rose from the dead? <i>Sin and death for God's people.</i></li> <li>5. How long would Jesus be alive this time? <i>Forever!</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>  <b>Discussion Questions</b>	<p><b>The Case of the Unexpected Ending</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who knew that Jesus was dead? <i>Everyone did. Jesus' enemies and friends both saw Him suffer and die on the cross.</i></li> <li>2. What did they do with Jesus' body after He died? <i>They wrapped it in linen and put it in a grave cave.</i></li> <li>3. What did they do to make sure that Jesus' body stayed in the grave cave? <i>They rolled a big stone across the hole and had soldiers stand watch and guard.</i></li> <li>4. What happened to Jesus on third day, that wonderful Sunday? <i>God raised Jesus from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! He gave Him a new life resurrection body, especially made for heaven. Jesus got up from the grave cave and left!</i></li> <li>5. What scared the soldiers on that wonderful Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead? <i>The big earthquake and the angel who came down from heaven and rolled the stone away.</i></li> <li>6. Who did Jesus talk to on that wonderful Sunday? <i>Many of His close friends.</i></li> <li>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></li> </ol>