

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's 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

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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 Went Up to Rule in Heaven!

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers many times. He showed them from the Bible why He had to suffer and die on the cross. He showed them how He had completed all of God's plans to save God's people. Jesus also told them God's plans for them. They were to go to into the whole world, urging everyone to turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God would use them to save His people from every part of the world. After Jesus finished teaching His followers all these things, He went home to heaven. At last, once more, Jesus shone with the bright shininess of God's glorious goodness. At last, once more, He delighted in all of the Perfect Wonderfulness of God—that closest, most wonderful love that He had fully enjoyed with God, the Father, and God, the Holy Spirit, before He had gone to earth to be our Savior. Jesus' work on earth was done, but not His work in heaven. Jesus now reigns as king over the whole universe --the King of kings and Lord of lords. He prays and cares for God's people as God's plan for them keeps being worked out here on earth. Jesus is there ruling and caring for God's people even now! And one day, He will come back to earth. He will put an end to sin and death forever. And in the new heaven and earth God will make, He will live face-to-face with God's people forever. That will be best of all! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions

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1. Who did Jesus appear to, after He rose from the dead? *Lots of His followers (disciples) many times.*
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples? *Why He had to suffer and die on the cross; how the Bible shows God's plan for Him to take the punishment for the sins of God's people on the cross; and, to go into all the world and tell others how they can become God's people.*
3. Where did Jesus go home to? *To heaven.*
4. What did Jesus enjoy when He went home to heaven? *The closest, most wonderful love together with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. The bright, shininess of God's glory. The riches of heaven. The praise of the angels for saving God's people.*
5. What does Jesus do in heaven now? *He rules over the whole universe as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He prays and cares for His people as God's plan for them keeps being worked out here on earth.*
6. What will Jesus do when God's plans are all finished? *He will come back to earth to put an end to sin and death. He will rule and live in God's new heaven and earth with God's people, forever happy.*
7. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our 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 Went Up to Rule in Heaven! Jesus finished the job His Father, God, gave Him to do on earth. He paid for God's people's sins. He made the way for them to come to God. Now Jesus is in heaven, preparing a place for God's people to live with God forever. He is ruling as King. One day He will come back to earth and put an end to sin and death forever. Oh, how sad that day will be for those who kept on disobeying God and did not trust in Jesus as their Savior. They will be separated from God and His goodness forever. But oh, how wonderful for all who have turned away from their sins and have trusted in Jesus as their Savior! They will live with God forever happy. We, too, can live forever happy with God. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. How good God is to us! Ask God to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him."--1 Peter 3:21-22, ESV Learn a Little: "Jesus Christ ... has gone into heaven... and is at the right hand of God."
Meaning	What does that mean? The Bible tells us that after Jesus rose from the dead, He taught His disciples many things from the Bible. But at last, when Jesus finished teaching them, He went up to heaven and began His rule as king, just as God promised He would in the Bible. That's what being at the right hand of God means. That's a Bible way of saying that Jesus is ruling as the promised, great King who would beat sin and death and save God's people--all who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. (That can even be you and me!). And that what Jesus is still doing even now. He is ruling over everything—not just all people, but all of the angels and other heavenly powers. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
Discussion Questions	1. Did Jesus stay dead in His cave-grave? <i>No, He did not. He rose from the dead.</i> 2. Who did Jesus talk with after He rose from the dead? <i>His disciples.</i> 3. Where did Jesus go after He finished teaching His disciples? <i>He went up to heaven.</i> 4. What is Jesus doing in heaven now? <i>He is ruling over everything.</i> 5. Who even rules over the angels and other heavenly powers? <i>Jesus does.</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Fluffy Farewell
Discussion Questions	1. What was the exciting news that everyone was talking about in Jerusalem? <i>That Jesus had rose from the dead.</i> 2. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? <i>His friends... one time even 500 of them at once!</i> 3. What did Jesus do with His friends after He rose from the dead? <i>He ate and drank with them. He showed them everything the Bible had to say about Him. He taught them more of God's plans for the world.</i> 4. Where did Jesus tell His friends He was going? <i>Back home to heaven to be with God His Father and the Holy Spirit. And, to be the great King of Kings and rule over everything.</i> 5. Who did Jesus promise to send His friends? <i>The Holy Spirit, to teach them more about God, to comfort them in their hearts and to give them power to do everything God wanted them to do.</i> 6. What did Jesus want His friends to do? <i>Tell the whole world how they could be saved by turning away from disobeying God and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.</i> 7. How did Jesus go to heaven? <i>He rose up in the sky.</i> 8. How will Jesus come back one day? <i>He will come back in the same way He left.</i> 9. What is Jesus doing in heaven even now? <i>He is ruling as the great King of Kings, praying and caring for God's people. And, bringing about all of God's good plans for this world.</i> 10. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
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