Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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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

How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

Meaning

We become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God forgives our sins, and we begin a whole new way of life. God's people no longer live life just to please themselves. They want to honor God with their whole lives, like Jesus did. They seek to love God most of all and love all people, too.

Discussion **Questions**

choose a few

- 1. How should God's people live each day? They should live like Jesus!
- 2. Who did Jesus always love? God.
- 3. Who did Jesus always please in everything He felt, thought, said, and did? God.
- 4. Are God's people perfect like Jesus? No, they are not.
- 5. Who do God's people try to live like? Jesus.
- 6. How do God's people try to live like Jesus? They try to love God and please Him in everything they feel, think, say, and do.
- 7. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE TRUTH

They Should Live Like Jesus..By Loving God Most of All!

Meaning

Jesus loved God most of all. Jesus' love was more than a nice feeling inside His heart. Jesus lived out His love for God. He lived it out by loving God with the thoughts in His mind. He lived out His love with every word He spoke. He lived it out by always obeying God's laws in all that He did.

God wants His people to love Him like Jesus did, too. He wants them to love Him more than anyone or anything else. He wants them to love Him in their thoughts and their words. He wants them to love Him by obeying His good laws in all that they do, too.

God's people know that they can never love God perfectly like Jesus did. They are sinners. He is the perfect Son of God. But, they know that God promises to help them love Him most of all, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.

choose a few

- 1. Who did Jesus love with all His heart? God.
- 2. Who did Jesus love more than God? No one!

Discussion Questions

- 3. How did Jesus show His love for God? He felt it in His heart; He obeyed God's laws; He pleased God with everything He did, thought and said.
- 4. Who will help God's people love Him like Jesus does? God will.
- 5. How does God want His people to love Him? To love Him most of all and to obey Him.
- 6. Who does God promise to send to help God's people to love God? *The Holy Spirit, to work in their hearts.*
- 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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THE GOSPEL

What is God's good news for you and me? The gospel! God created us to love Him and to love others, but we have all chosen to love ourselves more than God or others. We deserve God's punishment. But in His mercy, God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and He offered it up as He died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven and become God's people. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."-- Deuteronomy 6:4-5, ESV

Learn a Little: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might."

Meaning

These verses tell us that the LORD is one--He's the one, true God. Moses first spoke these words to the people of Israel, but they are true for us all. God wants everyone to love Him most of all. He wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. That's every bit of us! The best, first step to loving God most of all is to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.

Discussion **Questions**

- 1. Who is the one, true God? The LORD.
- 2. How does the LORD want us to love Him? With all of our heart, soul, and strength. All of ourselves!
- 3. What is the best first step we can take in loving the LORD like this? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. His Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and help us do this. And He can help us love the LORD more and more! Ask Him to help you!

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Man Who Left His Money

choose a few

Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What is the kingdom of God? It is where God is obeyed and loved.
- 2. Where is the kingdom of God? It is in heaven, where God is perfectly obeyed and loved now. It will be on earth, when Jesus comes back and puts an end to sin and death forever. And, it is in the hearts of God's people right now, as they turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior.
- 3. Did Matthew grow up knowing about God and His Word? Yes, he did.
- 4. Did Matthew love God and obey His Word when he grew up? No, he did not.
- 5. What did Matthew do that was so bad? He did bad things to other people in order to get more money for himself.
- 6. What did Matthew love most of all? He loved money and nice things.
- 7. What did Matthew love most of all after he became a follower of Jesus? *He loved God most of all.*
- 8. What made the change in Matthew? The Holy Spirit worked inside his heart when he heard Jesus telling about God. He turned away from his sins and trusted in Jesus as His Savior. God forgave him and cleaned his heart of his old sins.
- 9. How can we become people who love God most of all? We can ask God to work in our hearts. We can ask Him to help us to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.