

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

<b>BIG QUESTION</b>	How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!
<b>Meaning</b>	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.
<b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How should God's people live each day? <i>They should live like Jesus!</i></li> <li>2. Who did Jesus always love? <i>God.</i></li> <li>3. Who did Jesus always please in everything He felt, thought, said, and did? <i>God.</i></li> <li>4. Are God's people perfect like Jesus? <i>No, they are not.</i></li> <li>5. Who do God's people try to live like? <i>Jesus.</i></li> <li>6. How do God's people try to live like Jesus? <i>They try to love God and please Him in everything they feel, think, say, and do.</i></li> <li>7. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH</b>	They Should Live Like Jesus... By Loving Other People as God Has Loved Them!
<b>Meaning</b>	<p>Jesus always loved people with God's love. He loved them in everything He said and did. Jesus even loved His enemies and did good to them, though they were so mean to Him. Jesus loved people most of all by dying on the cross to save us from our sins. He took God's punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Why? So that they could have special closeness with God now. And so that one day when they die, they could live happily with God forever. How great is Jesus' love for people!</p> <p>Jesus wants God's people to love other people with God's love, too. He wants them to love others in everything they say and do. He wants them to tell others how they can be saved and become God's people, too. He even wants them to love their enemies and do them good. God's people need help to live like this. God promises to help them love others, by His Holy Spirit living in their hearts. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, the Holy Spirit will live inside of us and help us to love others with God's love, too.</p>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>  <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How did Jesus love others? <i>With God's love, in everything He said and did.</i></li> <li>2. How did Jesus treat His enemies? <i>He loved them and did good to them, even when they hurt Him.</i></li> <li>3. How did Jesus love His people, most of all? <i>By dying for them on the cross, taking the punishment they deserved from God for their sins.</i></li> <li>4. How does God want His people to love others? <i>Like Jesus did.</i></li> <li>5. How should God's people treat their enemies? <i>Love them and do them good.</i></li> <li>6. How should God's people treat people? <i>Love them in everything they say and do.</i></li> <li>7. Who will work in God's people's hearts to help them love others? <i>The Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>8. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>

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<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>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!</i>
<b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b>	"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." --1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ESV
<b>Meaning</b>	These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and love others this way, too. God's Holy Spirit helps His people love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard. God's Holy Spirit can help us love this way, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does God want His people to treat others? <i>He wants them to love others.</i></li> <li>2. Who shows us how God wants us to love others? <i>Jesus does.</i></li> <li>3. What are some ways we can love others, as God wants us to? <i>We can be patient and kind. We can not insist on our own way.</i></li> <li>4. Does love ever end? <i>No, it does not!</i></li> <li>5. Who helps God's people love others? <i>God's Holy Spirit, living inside of them.</i></li> <li>6. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God's Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us to love others like Jesus did. Ask Him to help you!</i></li> </ol>
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>	<b>The Case of the Man Who Kept on Loving</b>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What kind of man was Stephen? <i>He was a man who loved God and loved others. He tried to live out this love in everything he did. He learned God's Word, he prayed to God, he spoke to others about God and he cared for others' needs.</i></li> <li>2. What happened when Stephen told others the good news of Jesus? <i>Many people were healed of sicknesses, by God's great power. Many people believed in Jesus and trusted Him as their Savior.</i></li> <li>3. Who was not happy about all these people believing in Jesus? <i>Stephen's enemies.</i></li> <li>4. What did Stephen's enemies do to get him in trouble? <i>They told lies about him that would make other people very mad.</i></li> <li>5. What did Stephen do when his enemies said lots of lies about him? <i>He kept on loving them.</i></li> <li>6. What did Stephen do when his enemies were throwing stones at him to kill him? <i>He kept on loving them. He even asked God to forgive them.</i></li> <li>7. How can God help us love others like this? <i>By His Holy Spirit working in our hearts. When we turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. He can help us to love others, like Stephen and Jesus did.</i></li> </ol>