

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.

<p>BIG QUESTION</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1. How should God's people live each day? <i>They should live like Jesus!</i></p> <p>2. Who did Jesus always love? <i>God.</i></p> <p>3. Who did Jesus always please in everything He felt, thought, said, and did? <i>God.</i></p> <p>4. Are God's people perfect like Jesus? <i>No, they are not.</i></p> <p>5. Who do God's people try to live like? <i>Jesus.</i></p> <p>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></p> <p>7. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>
<p>BIBLE TRUTH</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>They Should Live Like Jesus... By Trusting God and Being Happy with What He Wants!</p> <p>Jesus trusted God, His Father, completely. He knew that what His Father wanted Him to do was always best. He knew His Father would always give Him strength to do whatever He wanted Him to do. Sometimes His Father's plans were very hard, but Jesus knew that His plans were still always best.</p> <p>God wants His people to trust Him like Jesus did. God promises to always take care of them. He promises that even all the sad or bad things they go through, He will use to do good things. He promises to always give them the Holy Spirit to give them the strength to do what He wants them to do.</p> <p>Sometimes it is very hard for God's people to keep trusting God and His plans. Sometimes they want to grumble or be mad at God because of what happens to them. But God wants them to keep on trusting Him, even in those very hard times. He wants them to be happy and keep on believing that He is doing what is best for them. He wants them to keep trusting that He will show Himself to be the good and great God He is. For indeed, God IS so very good and great; and, what He has planned is always best! We can become God's people who trust God, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p>1. Who did Jesus trust completely? <i>God, His Father.</i></p> <p>2. What did Jesus think about what God, His Father, wanted Him to do? <i>That it was always best.</i></p> <p>3. Who did Jesus know would give Him strength to do whatever God wanted Him to do? <i>God, His Father.</i></p> <p>4. Who should trust God like Jesus did? <i>God's people.</i></p> <p>5. Who does God always promise to take care of? <i>His people.</i></p> <p>6. What does God promise to do with all the sad and bad things His people go through? <i>To use them to do good things.</i></p> <p>7. Who does God promise to give to His people to help them? <i>The Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>8. How does God want His people to act about what happens to them? <i>He wants them not to grumble or get mad, but keep trusting Him and be happy that what He plans is best.</i></p> <p>9. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting Jesus as our Savior.</i></p>

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THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! All of us have chosen to disobey God. We have not wanted His good ways, but to do things our own way. We deserve His 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>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." -- Proverbs 3:5- 6, ESV Learn a Little: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart."
Meaning	These verses remind us that we can always trust the LORD and His good plans, even when we don't understand what He is doing. He wants us not to depend on ourselves or what we see, but on Him, His Word, and His good plans. And when we do, we can know that He will show us what He wants us to do, every day of our lives.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. Who can we always trust? <i>The LORD.</i> 2. Does God still have good plans, even when we don't understand them? <i>Yes, He does!</i> 3. What book tells us of God's good plans and promises? <i>The Bible.</i> 4. When we trust in the LORD with our lives, what can we know He will show us each day? <i>What He wants us to do. How He wants us to live.</i> 5. What is the best, first step we should take if we want to trust in the LORD? <i>We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!</i>
BIBLE STORY Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	The Case of the God Who Would Never Leave 1. What was the name of the mighty king of Babylon? <i>King Nebuchadnezzar.</i> 2. Why were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego marching to King Nebuchadnezzar's home? <i>They had been captured and were being made to work for their enemies in their home city.</i> 3. What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego remember that helped them trust God as their enemies took them away? <i>They remembered God's promises to bring them back home one day; and, to one day even send His Son to save them from their sins.</i> 4. Why did King N. want to make Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego his helpers and give them lots of nice things? <i>So they would forget the LORD and their own land.</i> 5. What did King N want everyone to bow down to? <i>A great, golden idol.</i> 6. What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they didn't bow down? <i>They were taken to the king and given another chance to worship the idol, but they would not do it.</i> 7. Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego keep on trusting in the LORD and were willing to be thrown into the fiery furnace? <i>They knew the LORD was the one, true God. They know He could save them, if it was His good and perfect will.</i> 8. What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they were thrown into the fire? <i>They were not burned up, but protected by God. They were joined by an angel (maybe Jesus).</i> 9. What did King N. say when he saw that the LORD had protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? <i>He proclaimed the LORD to be the Most High God and should be honored by all peoples.</i> 10. What is the best first step God wants us to take in learning to trust Him, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did? <i>We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!</i>