## **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 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.

They Should Live Like Jesus...By Learning God's Word and Obeying It!

#### **BIBLE TRUTH**

### Meaning

God knows everything. He knows everything about the world. He knows everything that has happened and everything that will happen. He knows everything about us, too. He knows everything we do and say. He even knows everything we are thinking in our hearts. There is nothing about us that is hidden from God, good or bad. Yes, God knows every one of our sins! He knows we deserve His punishment and He has provided us with a Savior—Jesus! When we tell God our sins and turn to live for Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and make us His dearly loved people. Then we can know and love God in the wonderful special closeness that He made us to enjoy with Him.

### choose a few

- 1. What does God know? Everything.
- 2. What does God know about the world? Everything that has happened and will happen. Everything that is happening right now.

# 3. What does God know about us? Everything we do and say. Everything we are thinking in our hearts.

- 4. Can we hide anything good or bad that we've done from God? No.
- 5. Does God know all of our sins? Yes.
- 6. Why did God send Jesus? To save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He came to make us God's people!
- 7. What will God do when we trust in Jesus as our Savior? Forgive us for all our sins and makes us His people.
- 8. What does God want us for us? For us to know and love Him in the wonderful, special closeness that He made us to enjoy.

# Discussion

**Questions** 

## **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

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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? The gospel! The Bible tells us the good news of the gospel. That even though we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment, that He sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it up as He died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really 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 do this!

## BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." -- Psalm 119:11,15,16 ESV

Learn a Little: "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

### Meaning

God's people delight in God's Word, the Bible. It is full of God's precepts and decrees (His good laws). It tells of His ways (what God is like). They meditate on God's Word (think about what it means); and, even hide it in their hearts (memorize it) so that they might not sin against God. They know that God's Word is not just true. It is also powerful to change them to be more like Jesus. They don't want to neglect it, because they want to know God and please Him more than anything else in life. God can help us delight in His Word, too.

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Who delights in God's Word and wants to learn it? God's people do.
- 2. What does it mean to hide God's Word in our hearts? It means to memorize it so that we know it without someone having to read it or tell it to us.

choose a few

- 3. Why do God's people want to meditate (think about) Goad's Word? So they can understand it and obey it.
- 4. What is God's Word powerful to do? To change us.
- 5. Why do God's people want to never neglect (stop reading and learning) God's Word? *Because they want to know God and please Him more than anything else.*
- 6. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.
- 7. Who promises to help us understand God's Word? *God does. Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer!*

### **BIBLE STORY**

### The Case of the Lost Treasure

## Discussion **Questions**

1. What did Moses tell the people of Israel to do? To learn God's laws and obey them. To have their kings write them down and know them, too.

choose a few

- 2. What would happen if the people of Israel did these things? God would help them to obey them and love God. Their kings would be good kings. God would protect them from their enemies.
- 3. Did the people of Israel do the things Moses told them to do? *Sometimes yes, but many times*
- 4. Did the kings do what Moses told them to do? Sometimes, yes. *Mostly, no.*
- 5. What kind of bad things did the kings do? They worshipped fake gods instead of the LORD. They even lost God's Word, the Bible.
- 6. What was Josiah like? He was a good king. He wanted to love and obey the LORD. He helped the people turn back and worship Him, too.
- 7. What did Josiah do when the Bible was found? He listened to it read. Then, he cried out to God to forgive them for not obeying it. He gathered the people together to hear it. They all promised to obey God's Word, too.
- 8. How can we be like Josiah, wanting to love God and obey His Word? We can ask God to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to work in our hearts by His Holy Spirit, helping us to love God and obey His Word.