# **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**

- 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.

#### choose a few

- 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 Saying "No" to Disobeying God!

## Meaning

Jesus is the perfect Son of God, but when He lived on earth, He was tempted to disobey God just as we are. Sometimes, God's plan for Jesus was very hard. Jesus was tempted disobey God, His Father, and do something easier. God's enemy, Satan, knew just what kinds of things to tempt Jesus with. Oh, how he wanted Jesus to disobey God! He did NOT want Jesus to be our Savior!

But no matter what the temptation was, Jesus always said "no" to it. He prayed to God, His Father, to help Him. He remembered God's Word and it made Him strong to always say "no" to disobeying God. He never, ever disobeyed God, so He could be our perfect Savior.

God's people are often tempted to disobey God, too. They want to love God. They want to obey Him. They have the Holy Spirit living in their hearts, helping them; but (unlike Jesus), sin is very strong in their hearts, too. God wants His people to do what Jesus did when they are tempted. He wants them to pray to Him and ask for His help. He wants them to remember His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit living in their hearts can help them say "no" to sin. And when they do give in to temptation, His Holy Spirit can comfort them with God's forgiveness.

When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, God promises to help us say "no" to disobeying God, too. And, He promises to forgive our sins, even when we do disobey Him. Thank You, God!

# Discussion Questions

1. Who is tempted to disobey God? Everyone...even all of God's people.

choose a few

- 2. Who wants to love and obey God? *God's people*.
- 3. Who has the Holy Spirit living in their heart? God's people.
- 4. Is it hard for God's people to say no to disobeying God? Yes, it is.
- 5. Was it hard for Jesus to say no to disobeying God? Yes, it was.
- 6. Who helped Jesus when He was tempted to disobey God? God, His Father, and God's Word, the Bible.
- 7. Who can help God's people when they are tempted to disobey God? *God and His Word, the Bible.*
- 8. 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 made us and we should obey Him. But sadly, we are all disobey-ers who deserve His punishment. But in His mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to offer it on the cross as He died as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for them! Now, all who turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven their sins. They get to be God's people, knowing Him in their hearts now. And one day, going to live with Him forever in heaven. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

# BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." -- 1 Corinthians 10:13, ESV

Learn a Little: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability."

### Meaning

God's people will be tempted to sin every day of their lives. Their temptations are common to man—that is, they will be tempted to sin against God, just like everyone else. But God's people can be encouraged that God is always there to help them say "no." He promises that He will never let them be tempted more than they can bear. With any temptation they face, He promises to provide a way of escape, so they can endure the temptation without sinning. How good, merciful, and powerful is the Lord! We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can help us say "no" to temptation, too.

# Discussion Questions

- 1. What is a temptation? Wanting to do something that you know you shouldn't do.
- 2. Who is tempted to sin (disobey God) every day? We all are, even God's people!
- 3. Who promises to help God's people not give in to temptation? God does!

choose a few

- 4. What does God promise to give God's people to help them? He promises to never give them more than they can bear. And, He promises to give them a way out, so they can say 'no' to the temptation.
- 5. Do God's people always wait for God's way out? No, sadly, they choose to give into temptation anyway.
- 6. What do God's people do when they do give into temptation? Turn away from their sins and ask for God's forgiveness.
- 7. How can we be forgiven our sins and become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

### **BIBLE STORY**

## The Case of the Escape that Waited

# Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What kinds of great things did David do? David was a good shepherd; he was a brave fighter; he sang and played the harp, making up songs to God; he loved God and wanted to obey Him, even when it was very, very hard.
- 2. What did the people think of David? They loved him.

choose a few

- 3. Who did not love David? Why? King Saul did not love David. He was jealous of him.
- 4. What did King Saul try to do to David? He tried to kill him lots of times.
- 5. Did God want David to get rid of Saul by killing him? *No, He did not. He wanted David to trust in Him and His plans.*
- 6. What did David do when he was tempted to kill King Saul? He said no to the temptation. Instead of killing him with a spear, he went away. He woke up Saul and told him that he could have killed him, but did not. He asked Saul to stop trying to kill him.
- 7. Can God help us say "no" to disobeying Him? Yes, He can. He loves to help us! We can pray to Him, asking Him to help us. We can ask Him to send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, helping us to turn from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to give us strength to say "no" when we are tempted to say "yes" to disobeying Him and His good laws. And we can ask for His forgiveness when we do give in to temptation.