### **Deep Down Discussion Sheet**

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

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

What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!

### Meaning

God's Holy Spirit works in our hearts as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and to live for God instead. This is how we become God's people. But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them, and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others as Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is a wonderful gift that God loves to give to us when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. *choose a few* 

# Discussion **Questions**

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their heart!
- 2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? The Holy Spirit.
- 3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? Jesus.
- 4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? Their whole lives.
- 5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? God.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? God's laws.
- 7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? *He comforts them and helps them to be brave.*
- 8. How can we become one of God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

#### BIBLE TRUTH

He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People!

### Meaning

God is one God, but three Persons: God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God, and God, the Holy Spirit. Together they have always lived, delighting to be with each other, and working out the perfect plans of God. This is a wonderful truth, even though it is very hard to understand. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He spent time with His disciples and taught them many things. He told them He would be going back to reign in heaven, but He promised His disciples that He would not leave God's people all alone. He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love God and live for Him, more and more. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of those first believers, just as Jesus said He would. He worked in their hearts, helping them in all the ways Jesus promised. And since then, God continues to give His Holy Spirit to all of His people --to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Yes, to each of them, God gives a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit. He comforts them, gives them wisdom, and helps them love Him and live for Him, too. God can do this in our hearts, also!

# Discussion Questions

- 1. How many Gods are there? Just one God.
- 2. How many Persons are there in the one God and who are they? *Three: God, the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.*
- 3. What has God always delighted in? The togetherness between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 4. What did Jesus do after He died on the cross and rose from the dead? He spent time with His disciples teaching them many things.
- 5. What did Jesus promise His disciples before He went to heaven? That He would not leave them all alone. He would send to them the Holy Spirit to live inside of them.
- 6. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do? *Make their hearts new. He would help them know God and His Word. He would comfort them. He would change their hearts, so that they would love and live for Him more and more.*
- 7. How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our heart? God will give us His Holy Spirit to live in our heart when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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### THE GOSPEL

God's Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in God's good news, the gospel. What is the gospel? We have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins! But God is so rich in mercy that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for God's people. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for them. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust Jesus as their Savior God will forgive their sins. They will enjoy special closeness with God now as His special people. And one day, they will get to live with Him forever. How amazing is God's love for His people! We can be God's people, too! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will save us, too! It is His promise to us!

### BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?"-- 1 Corinthians 6:19, ESV

Learn a Little: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whom you have from God."

#### Meaning

God created every person with a body, but also with a special heart, made to know and love Him. When we become God's people, God fills that special heart with His Holy Spirit. That makes our bodies like a temple --a special place of God's presence. What an amazing gift from God that we can have, when we become God's people! And how do we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

# Discussion Questions

1. What is a temple? A special place where people worship God. A place that is supposed to be holy, set apart and devoted to God.

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- 2. What part of our bodies did God make to be the temple of His Holy Spirit? Our hearts. Not the heart that pumps blood through our bodies. But heart that we cannot see, where our spirit is.
- 3. What is so special about having the Holy Spirit dwell right inside us, rather than in some temple or place of worship that we might go to? It means that God's people can always know close fellowship with God. He is always with them, right inside their hearts.
- 4. Who is the "you" the verse is talking about? Is it everyone or just a certain group of people? Paul is the person who wrote these words. He sent them to other believers. These words are written about the bodies of believers being a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Why do believers in Jesus have the Holy Spirit in their bodies, but not other people? *Because the Holy Spirit is a gift received from God to all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their own Savior. We must be saved by Jesus if we are to receive the Holy Spirit.*
- 6. Who do believers receive the Holy Spirit from? From God.
- 7. How can we receive God's Holy Spirit? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. God gives His Holy Spirit to all who do.

#### **BIBLE STORY**

#### The Case of the Eager Waiters choose a few

# Discussion Questions

- 1. Who did Jesus promise would come and help them when He left? God's Holy Spirit.
- 2. Where would the Holy Spirit live? *Inside of them, in their hearts.*
- 3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do right before He went up to heaven? *To go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.*
- 4. What special things did God do when He sent them the Holy Spirit that first time? He filled the room with a strong wind and had something that looked like fire appear over their heads! Wow!
- 5. What good news did the disciples tell others after the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts? They told others how they could have Jesus as their Savior and could also receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.
- 6. How can we become one of God's people? How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our hearts? We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.