

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

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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.

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.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? <i>He changes their heart!</i> 2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? <i>The Holy Spirit.</i> 3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? <i>Jesus.</i> 4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? <i>Their whole lives.</i> 5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? <i>God.</i> 6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? <i>God's laws.</i> 7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? <i>He comforts them and helps them to be brave.</i> 8. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH	He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage!
Meaning	God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do hard things, too. God does not expect His people to do these hard things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do. God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others about Jesus. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they don't want to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to have joy, even when life is sad or hard. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to harm them. He reminds them of God's promise to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And that one day, God will take them to live with Him forever. Then, there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever. God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What kinds of things does God give His people? <i>Many good things.</i> 2. What does God call His people to do? <i>He calls them to do many things, even very difficult things.</i> 3. What did God promise to do to help His people? <i>He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to live in them and to help them.</i> 4. Who does the Holy Spirit live in? <i>He lives in every believer.</i> 5. What does the Holy Spirit help believers do? <i>Everything He calls them to do, even very difficult things that they would never have the courage to do on their own.</i> 6. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they go through hard things? <i>To keep trusting in God and joyfully endure the hard things.</i> 7. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people the courage to do when they face enemies who want to harm them? <i>To boldly face them and do what is right.</i> 8. What are some of God's promises that the Holy Spirit encourages believers with? <i>That God will use everything that happens to them for their good and His glory. That one day, God will bring them home to live with Him forever.</i> 9. Can God's Holy Spirit give us courage to live for God, too? How? <i>Yes! When we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	God's Holy Spirit lives inside of God's people, giving them courage to live for Him. We can become God's people, too, by believing the gospel: <i>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!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"...fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." --2 Timothy 1:6,7, ESV
Meaning	Learn a Little: "God gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control." After a fire burns for a while, the wood turns to coals and the flame dies down. But if you take a piece of paper and fan the coals, the flames rise up again from the wind the fanning created. God gives His people the gift of faith when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and helps them know God and live for Him. By His Holy Spirit, God's people will go on loving Him and living for Him all the days of their lives. But there are times when their faith feels weak and life is hard. This Bible verse encourages God's people to keep on believing and to keep on living for God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. It encourages them to have an active faith: to seek God and to ask Him to work in them even more, by His Spirit, especially when life is hard, and their faith feels weak. God gives His people His Holy Spirit. He can work inside them. He can help them turn away from fear and give them God's power, love, and self-control for everything they face. The Holy Spirit is the One who strengthens the "flame" of their faith. He gives them courage. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, His Holy Spirit will live in us and give us the courage we need to live for God.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who does God give as a gift to live inside His people? <i>His Holy Spirit.</i> 2. What does the Holy Spirit help God's people do instead of fear? <i>Power, love and self-control.</i> 3. What can God's people do to grow in their love for God, especially when it is hard to keep on living for God? <i>They can ask God's Holy Spirit to help them and give them more power, love, and self-control.</i> 4. What does God's Holy Spirit give God's people power to do? <i>To keep on living for God.</i> 5. What is the self-control that God's Holy Spirit gives? <i>To say "no" to disobeying God.</i> 6. Who do God's people depend on for more courage to live for God? <i>God's Holy Spirit.</i> 7. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Scaredy Cat Scat
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen when His enemies came to arrest Him? <i>They would all leave Him.</i> 2. What happened when Jesus' enemies came to arrest Him? <i>His disciples did leave Him.</i> 3. What happened when a servant girl recognized Peter after Jesus had been arrested? <i>Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus three times.</i> 4. What did Jesus' disciples do after Jesus died on the cross and was buried? <i>They hid from Jesus' enemies, hoping they would not come and kill them, too.</i> 5. Who did Jesus appear to after He rose from the dead? <i>To some women and to His disciples.</i> 6. What did Jesus tell His disciples was God's plan for them after He went home to heaven? <i>To tell the whole world how they could be saved through Him (Jesus).</i> 7. Who did Jesus promise to send to help them obey God's plan for them? <i>God's Holy Spirit.</i> 8. How did God's Holy Spirit change the disciples when He came to live inside of them? <i>He gave them peace and joy and boldness.</i> 9. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, the Holy Spirit will come and live inside of us and help us live for God, too.</i>