Deep Down Discussion Sheet

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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

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

- 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 Gives God's People Wisdom!

Meaning

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him. How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray. This is one of the reasons why God's people take time to read God's Word and pray. This keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one reason why God's people gather together as a church: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help them understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out. There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you!

Discussion Questions

- 1. By whom does God give His people wisdom? By His Holy Spirit, working in their hearts.
- 2. What is wisdom? *Knowing what God wants us to do.*
- 3. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom to do? To live their lives to please God.

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- 4. How does God give His people wisdom? By the Holy Spirit, as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians and when they pray.
- 5. What is one of the reasons why God's people gather together as a church? So they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they can ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out.
- 6. What does the Holy Spirit especially use to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live? By regularly reading God's Word and praying. By gathering together as a church with other believers.
- 7. What does God always promise to give His people? The wisdom they need to live for Him.
- 8. How can we become God's people? By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

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THE GOSPEL

God's Holy Spirit lives gives inside of God's people, giving them wisdom to live for Him. We can become God's people, too, by believing 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

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." -- Ephesians 1:17

Learn a Little: "I keep asking that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom that you may know him better."

Meaning

There are many times when God's people don't know what they should do, but there is always Someone who promises to give them the wisdom they need: God! God promises to give them wisdom, and to give it generously! He will always give them all the wisdom they need! And, while some may get tired of us asking them for advice, God never gets tired of His people asking for His help. He is always happy to listen and to give them the wisdom they need. How does God give this wisdom? His Holy Spirit uses the Bible, prayer, and other godly people to speak God's wisdom to His people. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion **Questions**

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- 1. What kind of person is the "I" who keeps asking for God to give others the Holy Spirit? How do you know? It is a Christian, someone who has turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. We know this because Paul is the one who wrote these words, as we know he was a Christian. We also know this because God gives Christians new hearts that desire to know Him better. Without a new heart, all people chose to rebel against God and do things their own way.
- 2. Who does Paul keep asking? Why does he ask Him? Paul keeps asking God, the Father. God the Father is the one who gives the Holy Spirit to His people.
- 3. What does Paul want the Spirit to give God's people? Why? Wisdom and revelation so that they may know God better.
- 4. Why would Paul want God's people to know God better? Because God is the most wonderful Person we can ever know. It is a delight to know Him better. He also knew that as God's people know God better, they will know how to better to please Him with their lives.
- 5. How can we become God's people? By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the Secret Weapon Within

Discussion Questions

1. What happy things did Jesus teach His disciples? That Jesus was the Savior who would forgive their sins so that they could be God's people. That God's people would get to live with God in perfect happiness one day.

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- 2. What hard things did Jesus teach His disciples would happen? That Jesus' enemies would want to hurt them and stop them from telling others how Jesus could be their Savior.
- 3. Who did Jesus promise to send to help His disciples? God's Holy Spirit.
- 4. Where would God's Holy Spirit live? *Inside their hearts*.
- 5. How would the Holy Spirit help them when they stood before their enemies? *He would give them boldness and the right words to speak*.
- 6. What did Jesus' enemies think when they heard the disciples speak? They were amazed at their wise words. They couldn't believe men with so little schooling could speak so well.
- 7. What secret weapon did Jesus' enemies not understand was helping Jesus' disciples speak well? *The Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.*
- 8. Who else did the Holy Spirit work in as Jesus' disciples shared the good news of Jesus? *In those who listened. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
- 9. How can we have the Holy Spirit come and live in our hearts? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*