

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

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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.

<p>BIG QUESTION</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!!</p> <p>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.</p> <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>
<p>BIBLE TRUTH</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus...The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church!</p> <p>Many people think that a church is a building, but it's not. "Church" is the name for all of God's people. God's Church is built by the Holy Spirit, one person at a time. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of people, giving them the gift of faith as they hear God's Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps them believe God's Word, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every people and language in the world. Each week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call "going to church." But in heaven, the whole Church --all of God's people, from every place and every time-- will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them. We can be part of God's Church --God's people-- too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is a church a building? <i>No. It's the name for all of God's people.</i> 2. Who builds God's Church? <i>The Holy Spirit, as He works in the hearts of people and gives them the gift of faith-- trusting in Jesus as their Savior.</i> 3. How does the Holy Spirit work inside someone's heart when they hear God's Word? <i>He helps him to believe what he hears, confess and turn away from his sins, and trust in Jesus as his Savior.</i> 4. What did God always plan for the Holy Spirit to do? <i>God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, His Church.</i> 5. What do we mean we say that we are going to church? <i>That we are going to gather together with some of God's people to worship God, learn from His Word, and love one another.</i> 6. What will it be like when God's people, the Church is in heaven together? <i>All of God's people will at last gather together to worship God and be together forever.</i> 7. How can we become part of God's Church--His dearly loved people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	God's Holy Spirit builds God's Church as He helps people hear and believe the gospel. What is the gospel, the good news about Jesus? <i>We have all chosen to disobey God and deserve His punishment for our sins! How sad! 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	"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord." --Acts 9:31, NIV 1984
Meaning	Learn a Little: "[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God and one another. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord --that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will be part of God's Church, too. We will enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. What was being strengthened and who was strengthening it? <i>The church was strengthened by God's Holy Spirit.</i> 2. What is a church? <i>A group of Christians gathering together to worship God and love one another.</i> 3. What does it mean for a church to be strengthened? <i>Not that everyone has bigger muscles and can lift heavy things, but that their faith in God is growing stronger, they understand more of God and His Word; they are loving and knowing God more; they are becoming more obedient to His good ways; and more lovingly towards each other.</i> 4. How does the Holy Spirit encourage a church? <i>He is at work in the hearts of believers, helping them to keep saying "no" to sin; helping them to better understand God's Word; growing their faith in God; helping them become more loving and knowing God better; helping them become more obedient to God's good ways; and helping them to act more lovingly towards each other. He gives them wisdom and courage to live God's way, even when it is very hard.</i> 5. How were people in the church living? What does that mean? <i>In the fear of the Lord. It means to live to please God, in your heart, with your words and with all your life.</i> 6. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the World's Biggest Building
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. Who was planning to build something very, very big? <i>God was.</i> 2. What was God planning to build? <i>His Church--a great gathering of people who love Him and know Him.</i> 3. What did God give people so that they could know Him and love Him? <i>A spirit.</i> 4. What did all people do that made their hearts ugly and full of sin? <i>They all chose to turn away from God and live life their own way.</i> 5. What did God plan to do to rescue His people so that they could become His people? <i>He sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for their sins.</i> 6. Who did God send His Holy Spirit to live inside of? <i>Those who turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.</i> 7. What did the Holy Spirit help these new believers do? <i>To live for God and boldly tell others the good news of Jesus that they might trust in Jesus as their Savior, too.</i> 8. When will God's Church be finished? <i>When the whole world has heard the good news of Jesus and His plans for His people here on earth are done.</i> 9. How can we become God's dearly-loved people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>