

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.

BIG QUESTION Meaning Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace! All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen. But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all, even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans, even as they go through bad or sad things. What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus. 1. Why do God's people keep on believing in Him? <i>It is God's sustaining grace.</i> 2. Who enjoys many good things in this world? <i>Everyone.</i> 3. Who suffers through bad or sad things in this world? <i>Everyone.</i> 4. Who do God's people love more than the good things they enjoy? <i>God.</i> 5. Who do they keep trusting in, even as they go through bad or sad things? <i>God.</i> 6. Who helps God's people keep believing in God? <i>God does.</i> 7. What does God give His people to help them keep on believing in and living for Him? <i>His sustaining grace.</i> 8. What is sustaining grace? <i>Grace is a big, Bible word that means a gift we get that we don't deserve. Sustaining means to keep on going. Sustaining grace is God giving us the amazing gift of strength to keep on believing and living for Him.</i> 9. Who does God want us to depend upon? <i>Himself.</i> 10. What does God love us to ask Him for? <i>His help.</i> 11. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH Meaning Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People! God is the Creator of all things, but He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He's the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes. That includes the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals, and people. Absolutely everything! God created people with something special inside their bodies: a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain both our bodies and our spirits. He's the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people. He's the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face. Without God's sustaining power, God's people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don't have to depend upon themselves but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. 1. Who is the Creator and Sustainer of everything in our world? <i>God is.</i> 2. Who keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes? <i>God does.</i> 3. What did God create people with, so they could know and love Him? <i>A spirit.</i> 4. Who do we depend on to sustain our bodies—give us what we need to live? <i>God</i> 5. Who sustains our spirits, too? Who must we depend on to help us to work in our hearts and help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior? <i>God.</i> 6. Who does God give to His people to live inside of their hearts and help them to keep on loving God and living for Him? <i>His Holy Spirit.</i> 7. Who helps God's people to keep on fighting sin in their hearts and to keep on trusting in Him, even when it is very hard? <i>God does.</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. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!</i>

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THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It Is God's Sustaining Grace... God Alone Sustains His People. Oh, how we need God to help us to keep believing in Him! We are all sinners who have chosen to disobey God. The beautiful heart that God put inside of us to know and love Him is broken. That's why God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it up when He died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead on the third day in victory, showing He had really beaten sin and death for them. For those who do become God's people, they are always God's people! He will keep on helping them love Him and live for Him the rest of their lives. Thank You, LORD! 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. He loves to answer this prayer!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." -- Jude 1:24-25, ESV Learn a Little: "Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."
Meaning	We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble. God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. Who keeps God's people from "stumbling" in loving God and living for Him? <i>God does.</i> 2. Who did God send to save His people? <i>Jesus.</i> 3. Why will God's people stand before God blameless (that is, not deserving His punishment for their sins)? Who paid for their sins already? <i>Jesus paid for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross for them.</i> 4. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE STORY Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	The Case of the Impossible, big, bad, SCARY news 1. What bad thing happened to Jacob's family when there was no rain? <i>Their crops died. The water dried up. They had no food.</i> 2. How did the LORD help Jacob's family get food? <i>He sent Jacob's son, Joseph, ahead of them to Egypt. Joseph was a very important worker for Pharaoh. He could give Jacob everything he needed.</i> 3. What happened to Jacob's family while they lived in Egypt? <i>It grew and grew into a whole people--the people of Israel.</i> 4. What did the new Pharaoh make Jacob's family do for him? <i>He made them his slaves. He forced them to build his big, new buildings.</i> 5. Who did the people of Israel need to rescue them from Pharaoh and their hard life in Egypt? <i>The LORD.</i> 6. Who did the LORD send to rescue the people of Israel? <i>Moses.</i> 7. What did the LORD do to free the people of Israel from Egypt? <i>He sent frogs, flies, and many other sadnesses upon Pharaoh and his people until at last Pharaoh let them go.</i> 8. Who did Pharaoh send after Moses and the people of Israel after they left Egypt? <i>His soldiers on chariots to bring the people back to be his slaves again.</i> 9. How did the LORD keep the people of Israel from being caught by Pharaoh's soldiers? <i>He parted the Red Sea so they could go through on dry land. He let the soldiers be swept away in the waters after they had passed through.</i> 9. What did the people of Israel sing to the LORD when He rescued them? <i>They praised Him for rescuing them. They praised Him for His unfailing love.</i> 10. The LORD promised to sustain the people of Israel long ago and He still promises to sustain His people today. How can we become His people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>