

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

How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day!!!

Meaning

Prayer is talking and listening to God. It's how God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with Him. It is a little bit like the forever happiness they will have with God when they live with Him in heaven.

God's people pray to God every night and day...and many times in between. There is so much to talk to Him about and God always wants to listen!

God's people tell God how wonderful He is. They say sorry for how they have disobeyed Him. They thank Him for all He's done for them and others. They ask Him to do great things. God's people want to stay close to God because He is the most wonderful person that anyone can ever know.

Discussion Questions*choose a few*

1. Prayer is talking and listening to whom? *God.*
2. How do God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with God? *By praying.*
3. What is a little bit like the forever happiness God's people will have with God when they live with Him in heaven? *Prayer.*
4. What kinds of things do God's people pray about? *They tell God how wonderful He is. They say sorry for how they've disobeyed God; They thank God for all He's done for them. They ask Him to do great things.*
5. Why do God's people want to stay close to Him? *Because He is the most wonderful person anyone can ever know.*

BIBLE TRUTH

Every Night and Day...He Wants Us to Thank Him!

Meaning

Prayer is talking to God and listening to Him. Prayer is a little taste of the forever happiness God's people will have with Him in heaven. When God's people pray, they thank God for what He has done.

There are so many things God's people can thank Him for. He keeps the world going, every day and night. He provides them with food, friends, and family. He gives them the Holy Spirit to comfort them and help them do whatever good things He wants them to do. He answers their prayers. Best of all, He has taken away the punishment they deserved for their sins when Jesus suffered and died on the cross for them. In heaven, God's people will thank God forever and ever. They will never run out of things to thank God for.

We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Then we can thank Him for being our Savior, too!

Discussion Questions*choose a few*

1. What kinds of things do God's people thank God for? *For keeping the world going; for providing them with things they need and things to enjoy; for answering their prayers.*
2. What's the biggest thing God's people thank God for? *For sending Jesus to be their Savior.*
3. Will God's people run out of things to thank God for in heaven? *No! They will never run out!*
4. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

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THE GOSPEL	What is the good news of God? <i>It's the gospel! There are many things that God's people thank God for. They know He is the One who gives them everything good that they enjoy. But most of all, God's people love to thank God for saving them from their sins and making them His people. How amazing it is that God would send His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take God's punishment for their sins. And that on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for them. They thank God for His work in their hearts. He helped them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior and will keep on helping them their whole lives. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to do this!</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"Give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men." –Psalm 107:8, NIV 1984
Meaning	Learn a Little: "Give thanks to the LORD." God's people have so much to thank the LORD for! What wondrous works He has done for them! He sent Jesus to be their Savior and forgive all their sins. He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of them and help them love Him and live for Him! And one day, they will all go to live with Him forever.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. What is the LORD's love like for His people? <i>It is unfailing.</i> 2. What does unfailing mean? <i>It means that nothing will ever stop it.</i> 3. What do God's people want to say to the LORD for His unfailing love? <i>They want to thank Him.</i> 4. What else do God's people thank God for? <i>His wonderful deeds, the wonderful things He has done for them.</i> 5. What is the most wonderful thing God has done for His people? <i>He sent Jesus to be their Savior.</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 Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	The Case of the Wet and Wild Thank You 1. What did Jonah not want to do? <i>To tell the people of Nineveh about God's coming punishment. He didn't want them to have a chance to ask God to spare them.</i> 2. Why did Jonah hate the people of Nineveh? <i>They were the mean enemies of the people of Israel. They had done terrible things to them. Jonah wanted God to punish them.</i> 3. What did Jonah do instead of obeying God? <i>He went the opposite way. He went out to sea and was sailing as far away as he could get from Nineveh.</i> 4. Why did the big storm come up at sea? <i>Because Jonah was disobeying God and God would use the storm to help Jonah turn away from disobeying Him.</i> 5. Why didn't the big storm stop when the sailors prayed to their gods? <i>Because their gods were just fake gods. Only the LORD could stop this storm.</i> 6. What did Jonah tell the sailors to do? <i>To throw him overboard.</i> 7. What should have happened to Jonah when he was thrown overboard? <i>He should have drowned in the sea.</i> 8. What did God send to rescue Jonah? <i>A big fish to swallow him.</i> 9. What did Jonah thank the LORD for? <i>For rescuing him, when he deserved God's punishment.</i> 10. Who else did the LORD want to rescue, when they deserved His punishment? <i>The people of Nineveh.</i> 11. What happened when Jonah went to Nineveh? <i>The people of Nineveh turned away from disobeying God. The LORD did not send the punishment He warned them about.</i> 12. Who deserves God's punishment today for disobeying God? Who has God sent to rescue them? <i>We all deserve God's punishment for disobeying Him. God sent Jesus to save all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will forgive them and make them His dearly loved people who will know Him and love Him forever.</i>