

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all
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	<p>How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day!!!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prayer is talking and listening to whom? <i>God.</i> 2. How do God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with God? <i>By praying.</i> 3. What is a little bit like the forever happiness God's people will have with God when they live with Him in heaven? <i>Prayer.</i> 4. What kinds of things do God's people pray about? <i>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.</i> 5. Why do God's people want to stay close to Him? <i>Because He is the most wonderful person anyone can ever know.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH Meaning	<p>Every Night and Day...He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things!</p> <p>One part of praying is a big word called "supplication." Supplication sounds like "supply" and that's what it means: asking God to supply us with something we need. God's people ask God to supply them with many things. They know that there is so much they cannot do or supply for themselves. They need God to give them these things.</p> <p>They ask God to help them honor Him in how they live. They want Him to help them obey His laws so that when other people see how they live, they will praise God. They want Him to help them tell others about the wonderful things He has done. God's people also ask Him to take care of their needs and worries. Every day there are many things they need. Sometimes they are worried or scared about things. They tell God about them all. They know He delights to take care of His people.</p> <p>They also ask God to help other people. They pray for God's people that He would help them. They pray for God to save people who don't trust in Jesus as their Savior. God's people pray for everyone, even people who are mean to them. God's people ask God to do many great things. They know that He is a very great God. Nothing is too hard for Him to do. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is the first, most wonderful thing we can ask God to do for us!</p>
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the big word for asking God to do something? <i>Supplication.</i> 2. What kinds of things do God's people ask God to do? <i>Help them live to honor Him in how they live; help them obey His laws; help Him tell others about Him; Ask for things they need; Ask Him to take care of their needs and worries.</i> 3. Who do God's people pray for besides themselves? <i>Everyone!</i> 4. Why do God's people know that can ask great things of God? <i>Because God is a very great God. Nothing is too hard for Him to do.</i> 5. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>

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GOSPEL**

What is the good news of God? *It's the gospel? Through Jesus, God has given us what we need the most. You see, all people choose to disobey God and deserve His punishment. But God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and offer it as the full payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had beaten sin and death for God's people. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven their sins. They get to be God's people. We can be forgiven our sins and 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.*

**BIBLE TRUTH
BIBLE VERSE**

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."
--Psalm 17:6, ESV

Meaning

God's people love to talk to God. They talk to Him every day. They know He is the great King over everything and everyone. He is the one, true God. He loves them and is mighty to help them. They know He will always hear their prayers and help them. How amazing that such a great God would care for people like you and me so much! He loves to hear our prayers and answer them in the way and in the timing, He knows is best. And what is the best, first prayer we can ask God to answer? To help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people! Ask Him to help you.

**Discussion
Questions***choose a few*

1. Who do God's people call upon (pray to) when they are in need? *They call on God.*
2. How often do God's people ask God for help? *Every day! They always need His help.*
3. How does God treat His people? *He loves them and is mighty to help them.*
4. What do they know God will do when they pray to Him? *He will answer them.*
5. How does God answer His people's prayers? *He answers them in just the right way, at just the right time. God always knows what is best and does what is best for them!*
6. What is the best, first prayer we can ask God to answer? *We can ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God's people.*

BIBLE STORY**The Case of the Daring Pray-ers****Discussion
Questions***choose a few*

1. What did the first Christians gather to pray about? *They praised God for being their great God. They confessed their sins to God, and they thanked Him the many good things He did for them. And, they asked Him to do great things.*
2. What kinds of things did they ask God to do? *To love each other; to not be scared of their enemies when they shared about Jesus; and, to help many people believe in Jesus as their Savior.*
3. What did Peter and John give the lame beggar man who sat near the Temple gates? *They asked God to heal his legs by God's great power, and God did.*
4. What did Peter and John tell the people who saw the lame man healed? *That it was because of Jesus that this man was healed. They told them to turn away from disobeying God and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
5. What did the important teachers think when they saw all of this? *They were upset. They wanted to stop Peter and John.*
6. What did the important teachers do to Peter and John? *They arrested them and they told them to stop telling people about Jesus. But Peter and John refused!*
7. What did the believers in Jesus do when they gathered together with Peter and John? *They prayed that God would do more great things through them. They prayed that He would make them brave to keep on telling others about Jesus. God answered their prayers!*
8. What is the message that Peter, John, and the other believers asked God to help them boldly tell? *The gospel! The good news that God forgives the sins of all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is the good news God wants us to receive, too! Ask Him to help you!*