



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's to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

BIG QUESTION Meaning	Why Do God's People Go to Church? To Worship God and Love One Another! A church is God's people gathering together. Some churches meet in special buildings. Some churches meet in homes. Some meet outside. No matter where they meet, when God's people gather together, they are a church. When God's people gather together as a church, they worship God. They worship Him for being the one, true God who is not like anyone else. They worship Him for saving them through Jesus. They sing songs and pray to God. They listen to the Bible and learn how to obey it. God's people also gather together to love one another. They talk with each other, and take care of each other, and pray for each other. The Bible tells us that God's people are to meet together often. It tells us that when they gather together, Jesus will be there with them in a special way. We can be God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then, we will gather together with God's people to worship God and love one another, too!
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. Why do God's people go to church? <i>To worship God and love one another.</i> 2. What is the name of God's people meeting together? <i>A church.</i> 3. Where do churches meet? <i>Sometimes in buildings, sometimes in homes, sometimes outside.</i> 4. Who do God's people worship when they meet together? <i>God.</i> 5. What kinds of things do they worship about God? <i>He is the one, true God. He is their Savior.</i> 6. What kinds of things do they do when they meet together? <i>Sing and pray; listen to the Bible and learn how to obey it; love each other.</i> 7. Who promises to be with God's people in a special way when they gather together? <i>Jesus. They have special closeness with God now in their hearts, will go live with Him, happily forever when they die. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH Meaning	To Worship God and Love One Another... By Learning from God's Word, the Bible! God's people gather together to learn from the Bible. There is no other book like it. It alone is God's Word. It is the best place to find out about God and how to obey Him. But that's not all! The Bible is not just words that God's people listen to and learn from. God's Word is powerful! The Holy Spirit works inside of people as they hear God's Word. He uses it to help them turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is how we become God's people. (The big, Bible word for this is "conversion.") And, He uses it to help us to know God better, to give us hope, and to obey Him. This is how we live as God's people. (The big, Bible word for this is "discipleship.") Sometimes God's people learn from the Bible in little groups. (You are probably learning about the Bible in one of these right now!) But the most important way God's people learn from God's Word is when they all gather together as a congregation and listen to a godly man preach from the Bible. The Bible calls these men, pastors (or elders). God has called them to preach God's Word and to lead God's people in living for Him. What a great gift they are to God's people! The pastor stands in front of the congregation (God's people gathered together). He reads to them from the Bible and explains what it means. He helps them understand how to live it out. (The big, Bible word for this is "expositional preaching.") The Holy Spirit helps the pastor and the congregation as they study God's Word together. It is very important for God's people to hear the Bible when they gather together. God uses it to work powerfully in their lives. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can use His Word to work powerfully in our lives, too.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. What is the name of the book God has given His people to learn about Him and His good ways? <i>The Bible.</i> 2. What is the big Bible word for becoming one of God's people by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior? <i>It's "conversion."</i> 3. What is the big, Bible word for loving God and live for Him? <i>It's "discipleship."</i> Who do God's people gather together to listen to? <i>A pastor--a godly man preach from the Bible.</i> 4. What does the godly man do when he preaches? <i>He reads to them from the Bible and explains to them what it means. He tells them how they should obey it.</i> 5. What makes the Bible so important to learn from? <i>It's the only book that is God's Word. It's the best place to find out about God and how to obey Him.</i> 6. What makes the Bible powerful? <i>The Holy Spirit works in people's hearts as they hear it, helping them to know God better and to love and obey Him more and more.</i> 7. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

P.2*Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games*

THE GOSPEL	What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! The Bible tells us the amazing good news that though we are sinners who deserve God's punishment, that God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life and offered it as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross. 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 and become God's people. That's just a beginning. God will use His Word to teach His people more and more about how to love Him and how to live to please Him. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He will use His Word, the Bible, to help us to know Him and live for Him, more and more. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE Meaning Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching." --1 Timothy 4:13, ESV Learn a Little: "Devote yourself to the reading of Scripture." God's people gather together to worship God and love one another. And what book tells them how to do this best of all? God's Word, the Bible! The Bible helps God's people know how God wants them to live; and, it is powerful to help them live that way. No wonder God's people devote themselves to the Bible. They want their leaders to read it to them and to teach them what it means when they gather together. It alone is God's Word! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can use His Word to work powerfully in our lives, too. 1. What is another word for God's Word, the Bible? <i>Scripture.</i> 2. What book tells God's people how God wants them to live? <i>The Bible does.</i> 3. How is the Bible powerful to do inside of God's people? <i>It is powerful to help them love God and live for Him.</i> 4. Where do God's people meet all together and listen to God's Word? <i>At church.</i> 5. Who teaches them about God's Word when they meet together? <i>Godly leaders.</i> 6. What do the godly leaders teach when they read God's Word? <i>What it tells us about God and how God wants us to live.</i> 7. What is the first, very wonderful thing that God can use His Word to do in our hearts when we listen to it? <i>God can use it to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can make us His people!</i>
BIBLE STORY Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	The Case of the Faithful Leader 1. Where was Paul? <i>He was in prison in Rome. His enemies put him there for telling people about Jesus, and now they planned to kill him.</i> 2. Whom did Paul write to before he died? <i>Timothy.</i> 3. What was so special about Timothy? <i>Timothy had been Paul's special helper. He cared for Paul. He loved God, God's Word, and he cared for God's people. He was like a son to Paul.</i> 4. Where did Paul leave Timothy? <i>What did he want him to do? He left him as the pastor, the godly leader, of the church in a city called Ephesus. They needed a good pastor who would teach them God's Word and help them live it out. Paul knew Timothy would do a good job.</i> 5. What did Paul tell Timothy to remember? <i>To keep on preaching God's Word, even when it is very hard. To keep on loving and caring for the believers at that little church in Ephesus. He also wanted him to come to visit him, if he could.</i> 6. What is the good news of Jesus that Paul and Timothy wanted everyone to know? <i>That we can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God can help us do this, too! Ask Him to help you to become one of His people!</i>