

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'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.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH Meaning	To Worship God and Love One Another... By Telling What God Has Done and Praying! When God's people gather together, they share with each other wonderful things God has done. They remind each other of the great things God did long ago in Bible times: how God always kept all His promises and did mighty things to save His people. They hear stories about how God has been at work around the world, bringing many other people to put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. They share with each other how God has been at work in their lives, caring for them and helping them live for Him. Oh, how faithful God has been to His people! Oh, how faithful God continues to be to them! All these stories of God's goodness and faithful helps them to keep on trusting God and living for Him. But God's people don't just talk to each other about what God has done. They also talk to God about them! All these stories of them. They praise and thank Him for what He has done. They confess ways they have disobeyed Him and seek His forgiveness. They ask Him to do more great things, in their lives and around the world. God delights in His people gathering together to pray. Jesus tells us in the Bible that when two or more of God's people are gathered together and praying that He will be there with them in a special way. Whether on their own or gathered together, God's people know God will always answer their prayers in the way He knows is best. We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	1. What kinds of things do God's people share with each other when they gather together? <i>The many, wonderful things God has done.</i> 2. What do they want to do when they hear what God has been doing? <i>They want to praise God and trust Him even more.</i> 3. Who else do they talk to about what they share, besides each other? <i>God.</i> 4. What kinds of things do God's people pray about? <i>They praise Him; they confess their sins to Him; they thank Him; and, they ask Him to do great things.</i> 5. What is the best, first prayer that we can pray? <i>To ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is we become God's people.</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 go to church? To worship God and love one another... by telling what God has done and praying! God's people have so many things to share with each other when they gather together! They love to tell what they have seen Him do and pray to Him to do more. God is amazing! He hears His people's prayers and answers them. Nothing can stop His plans! No wonder God's people love to pray for God to work! No wonder God's people have so much to share when they gather together! But the most amazing answer to prayer we can ever know is when God answers our prayer to forgive our sins. You see, we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment. But God, in His great mercy, has provided us a way to be forgiven our sins and to become His people. How? Through His Son, Jesus. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. On the cross, He chose to suffer and die, giving up His life as the full payment for sins. On the third day, Jesus rose up from the grave. He had done it! 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 receive God's forgiveness. This is how they become God's people forever. God can help you do this, too! Ask Him to help you! He loves to answer this prayer.</i>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE	"Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints." --Ephesians 6:18, HCSB Learn a Little: "Pray at all times... for all the saints."
Meaning	"Saints" is a big, Bible word for God's people. God's people pray when they gather together at church. They praise God and they confess their sins to Him. They thank Him for all the ways He has cared for them. They ask Him to do more great things and to help them to love Him and live for Him. There is so much to pray for!
Discussion Questions	Sometimes God's people get tired of praying. Sometimes God's plans take much longer than they want. It would be easy to stop praying and give up. But there's someone who helps God's people keep on interceding (a big Bible word for praying for others). Who is it? It's God, Himself. Yes, God's Holy Spirit is at work inside of each of them helping them even to talk to God. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
choose a few	1. What are "saints?" <i>It is a big, Bible word for God's people--all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.</i> 2. Who should keep on praying for "the saints," God's people? <i>God's people should!</i> 3. When should God's people pray? <i>On all occasions... all the time.</i> 4. What kinds of things do God's people pray about when they gather together as a church? <i>They praise God and confess their sins to Him. They thank Him for how He has cared for them. They ask Him to do more, great things and to help them love Him and live for each other.</i> 5. How can we become one of God's people? <i>We can ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers!</i>
BIBLE STORY	The Case of the Amazing Answer
Discussion Questions	1. Why was it getting so hard for the believers in Jerusalem? <i>Their enemies, and even King Herod, were trying to stop them. The king had taken James and had him killed. Then, he took Peter and put him in prison. He was probably planning to kill him, too.</i> 2. What did the king do to make sure that Peter did not escape? <i>He chained him between two soldiers in his jail room and then put two more soldiers outside the door as guards.</i> 3. What did the believers do while Peter was in jail? <i>They prayed and prayed that God would rescue him.</i> 4. How did God rescue Peter? <i>He sent an angel to him, who helped him out of the jail room, past the guards and through the big gates.</i> 5. What kinds of things can God's people today pray for? <i>For God to help His people love each other; to love and obey Him; to help others hear the good news of Jesus and be saved.... and many other things.</i> 6. 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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