

# GOD OFFERS A NEW POSITION AS SERVANTS WHEN WE ARE SLAVES

STORY: NEW CREATION

## BIG TRUTH: GOD OFFERS A NEW POSITION AS SERVANTS WHEN WE ARE SLAVES

Mark 10:44-45; Luke 17:9-10; Romans 6:12-19; 7:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Colossians 3:23-24; Timothy 3:3-7

## BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 6:22

*"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become [bond servants] to God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life."*

## BIG IDEAS

- Our sin makes us slaves.
- The only way we can be set free from slavery is through Jesus.
- In Christ we are called to be servants to God.
- Servants live to serve their master.

## BIBLE STORY: JOHN 13:1-20

Jesus came to the earth as a servant King. He did not come to be served, but to serve others. He taught His disciples how they should serve one another by serving them through the washing of their feet. Jesus offers us the opportunity to be servants instead of slaves.

## STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

## BIG AIMS



### Every child should know that:

- God offers us a new relationship with Him through Jesus



### Every child should feel:

- Valued by God because of the new relationship He offers



### Every child should:

- Remember the sacrifice of Jesus that makes it possible to have a new relationship with God



### Every child should want:

- To be a part of God's family as one of His holy, chosen people

## FAMILY DEVOTION: FREED TO SERVE

Through Jesus, we can have freedom from our sin, which enslaves us. Because we are free, we can serve others as Jesus served us. We are set free to serve one another in love.

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### Our sin nature produces unrighteous fruit.

- Our sinful hearts do no good work.
- Apart from God, we cannot do good things.
- The things we do as sinners may seem good, but they are still sinful.
- The fruit, or deeds that we do, are not righteous because they are separate from God.
- We cannot do any good thing in the power of our sinful self.
- We are slaves to our sin and we are blind to the truth of Christ.

### Christ's death sets us free from our sin.

- When Jesus died on the cross, His death set us free from our sin nature.
- Because of His righteous work on the cross, we do not have to continue as slaves to our sinful selves.
- We are free to become like Christ by putting on His righteousness.
- Only when we seek to be like Christ can we really be righteous because we are putting on His righteousness.
- Our sin no longer has a hold on us when we walk with Christ.

### When we walk with Christ, we become slaves to God.

- Christ's death sets us free and enables us to be in a relationship with God again.
- When we enter into a relationship with God, He becomes our guide.
- We become slaves to Him as we seek to be like Him.
- We seek to do righteous things through His power.
- We obey Him because obedience shows our love and brings about righteous fruit that is eternal.

## BIBLE STORY: JOHN 13:1-20

*Jesus Washes The Disciples' Feet*

### Opening Illustration:

Give each child a large piece of paper or poster board and markers or colored pencils. Ask the children to create a comic strip that tells of the many things that God offers us, such as: salvation, a new home, love, the opportunity to serve Him, eternal life, etc. Talk with the children about how God offers us a new way that is better than our sinful way.

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## BIG IDEA: OUR SIN MAKES US SLAVES.<sup>1</sup>

### We are all slaves to our sinful nature.

- Our sin nature holds us captive in such a way that we are blinded to the truth.
- Because sin permeates every part of our heart, we do not even realize that we are slaves to sin until God opens our eyes to see the truth.
- Our sin nature is a result of the first sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- When they chose to sin, sin entered the heart of every person after them.
- It enslaved them and held them captive.



Bring in a pair of toy handcuffs. Let the children take turns handcuffing you or each other. Remind them that we are all slaves, or held captive by our sin nature.

### We obey our master when we are slaves to sin.

- Satan is the ruler of this world. God has allowed him power on this earth for a time.
- When we are living enslaved to our sin, we are serving Satan.
- We do the things that make him happy, such as: lying, cheating, rejecting God, and hating one another.
- Our sin nature leads us to be selfish and consumed with our own glory.
- When we bring ourselves glory, we bring joy to Satan because it means we are not bringing glory to God.

### No one is free from sin without Jesus.

- We are all born with a sin nature that leads us to continue sinning, even from a very young age.
- This sin nature means that there is no one who is able to save himself.
- We are all slaves to our sin unless we are free in Jesus.
- Jesus shared with His disciples that those who had believed in Him were clean and did not need to wash their whole body, but those who had not believed in Him were dirty.
- Our sin makes us dirty. There is no one who isn't dirty from sin.

Who are sinners? (Everyone is a sinner.)

What are we slaves to in our sin? (We are slaves to our sin nature and to Satan.)

1. Romans 6:20: We are all enslaved to our sin. No one is born free from their sin.

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**BIG IDEA: THE ONLY WAY WE CAN BE SET FREE FROM SLAVERY IS THROUGH JESUS.<sup>2</sup>**

**Jesus gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone.**

- No one is free from the bondage of sin.
- We are all held captive by its deceptive snare.
- Because we are all sinful, there was no person who could pay the wage of our sin.
- Only Jesus could come and give His life because He is the only perfect man.
- He came to earth, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for our sin.
- He gave His life to give us freedom.
- We have a way to freedom through His death on the cross.



Play a game of musical chairs with the children. The child left without a chair when the music stops gets to name a way to serve someone else.

**Jesus gives freedom through His death.**

- When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, death entered the world.
- The consequence of sin is death and it is the debt that every person owes.
- God required a perfect sacrifice be made in order to pay the sin debt that was owed.
- There was no one who could pay this debt because we are all held captive by our sin.
- Jesus is the only one who lived perfectly and He is the perfect sacrifice.
- He gives us freedom through His own death.
- He offers us freedom when we repent and believe in Him.

**Jesus is the only way to freedom.**

- There is only one way to true freedom and that is through Jesus.
- There is no other way because no one else is perfect and without sin.
- Only Jesus could pay our sin debt and set us free.
- Only He could live fully as man and without sin.
- Because of His life and death, we have freedom from our sin.

*What did Jesus' death bring us? (It brings us freedom.)*

2. John 10:9: Jesus is the way we receive freedom from our sin.

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## BIG IDEA: IN CHRIST WE ARE CALLED TO BE SERVANTS OF GOD.<sup>3</sup>

### Jesus came to serve, not be served.

- Jesus is our example of service.
- He came to serve us by living a sinless life and setting us free through His death.
- By His example, we see how to serve everyone faithfully and lovingly.
- Jesus is the King of everything, yet He served others.



Give each child a blank piece of paper, pictures from magazines, and glue. Help the children create a collage that shows ways we can serve one another. Remind them that we are called to serve one another if we are followers of Christ.

### We are not above Jesus.

- Jesus is God; He is the sovereign, holy ruler of everything, yet He humbled Himself to serve others.
- We are not above Jesus. We do not have a higher position than Jesus.
- We are sinful and undeserving of God's mercy, yet He gave us mercy.
- When we follow the example of Jesus, we will serve like Jesus served.

### We are commanded to serve others.

- We are told in God's Word to serve one another.
- It is a mark of our new life in Christ that we serve one another.
- People know we are followers of Christ when we humble ourselves and serve others.
- Jesus showed us the way and we are to follow His example.
- We are set free to serve one another, not to continue living enslaved to our sin by being selfish.

*What are we called to be in Christ? (We are called to be servants.)*

3. Mark 10:45: *We are commanded to serve one another like Jesus served us.*

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## BIG IDEA: SERVANTS LIVE TO SERVE THEIR MASTER.<sup>4</sup>

### Jesus is the master of His followers.

- We all have a master, or someone or something that rules us.
- Jesus is the master, or ruler of those who follow Him.
- He guides us and leads us in the right way.
- People who are servants live to please their master.
- Jesus is our master, so we live to please Him.



Bring in a crown or make one using cardstock. Let the children take turns wearing the crown. The rest of the students should find ways to serve the student wearing the crown. Once every child has a chance to wear the crown, remind them that Jesus came to serve and He asks us to serve others.

### We will follow Christ if we are His servants.

- Those who say they are followers of Christ, will serve.
- Those who believe in Christ will obey His commands to serve one another.
- A master does not go far without his servant there to help him.
- When we serve Christ, we will follow Him and serve where He asks us to serve.

### We will serve Jesus by serving others.

- When we obey Jesus' command to serve, we are serving Him.
- It brings God glory when we obey Him by serving others.
- Jesus showed His disciples that serving one another is greater than being number one.
- We should desire to serve one another because Jesus served us.
- When we help others in the name of Jesus, we are serving Him.
- We bring Him glory when we help others and give of ourselves to others.

*What will we do if we follow Jesus? (We will serve Him if we follow Him.)*

4. John 12:26: When we follow Christ, we will be like Him and serve others.

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## HOOKS



### Duck, Duck, Goose Helpers

Play a game of Duck, Duck, Goose with the children. Once you finish, talk with the children about how we all want to win or be the best when we play a game, but Jesus called us to be servants.



- Jesus is the most important person in the world because He's God.
- Even though He's God, He didn't come to the earth to be served. He came to serve others.
- We should be like Jesus and seek to serve someone else.



### Foot Coloring

Place a large piece of paper on the floor. Give each child a crayon and ask him or her to color on the paper using their feet. Talk with them about how difficult it is to color with their feet.



- Sometimes it's hard to serve others just like it's hard to color with our feet.
- God asks us to serve one another and we know that He will help us serve.