

## GOD IS REDEEMER

## STORY: REDEMPTION

## BIG TRUTH: GOD IS REDEEMER

Psalms 130:7-8; Romans 3:21-26; Colossians 1:13-14; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-22; Revelation 5:8-10

## BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:7

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## BIG IDEAS

- We cannot redeem ourselves.
- God sent His Son to redeem us from our sin.
- Our redemption is purchased by the blood of Jesus.
- Redemption is final and forever.

## BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4

When Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, they were two women without husbands or family. They were in need of protection and help. Boaz, one of Naomi's relatives, chose to bring them into his family. When he brought them into his family, he provided protection and help. God is the Redeemer of every person. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt so that we might become part of His family.

## STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

## BIG AIMS



KNOW

## Every child should know that:

- God provides mercy and grace through Jesus
- Mercy is when God does not give us what we deserve; grace is when God gives us what we do not deserve



FEEL

## Every child should feel:

- Awe at God's goodness in His mercy and grace to us



DO

## Every child should:

- Give thanks because God is merciful and gracious to us



WANT

## Every child should want:

- To accept God's gifts of mercy and grace that He extends to us through Jesus

## FAMILY DEVOTION: FREELY FREE

We are all held captive by our sin. We are unable to free ourselves because we cannot pay our sin debt. God sent Jesus to redeem us and to set us free.

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**We are all held captive by our sin.**

- We are all sinful and we all sin against God.
- Our sin nature leads us to sin.
- Our hearts are sinful and are set on pleasing ourselves instead of God.
- Our sin holds us captive.
- We are slaves to it.
- We are controlled by our hearts and our hearts are sinful.
- Our sinful hearts are not free; they are slaves to sin.

**God is rich in grace and He gave Jesus to save us.**

- Our sin causes us to owe a debt to God.
- He is holy and righteous and our sin dishonors Him.
- He is rich in grace and He gave His only son to pay our sin debt.
- God freely gave Jesus to us.
- He did not ask that we do anything in order for Him to send Jesus.
- God was gracious and loving when He sent Jesus.

**We receive redemption through Jesus.**

- Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life.
- He became man so that He might pay our sin debt.
- Jesus died on the cross for our sin.
- He took on our sin and paid our sin debt so we would not have to pay it ourselves.
- We are set free from our sin by Jesus.

**BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4**

*The Kinsman Redeemer*

**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in several small baskets or containers and construction paper. Help the children create "wheat" using brown or yellow construction paper. Help them cut strips of construction paper to look like wheat. Scatter the wheat throughout the classroom. Divide the children into groups and then have them to race each other to see who can collect the most wheat. Once the children have all had a chance to collect wheat, lead them in a discussion about how Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi like God redeems us from our sin.

- Our sin debt is something that we cannot pay ourselves.
- Ruth and Naomi could not care for themselves, but Boaz brought them into his family by redeeming them.
- God redeems His people by sending His Son to pay their sin debt.
- He is our Redeemer.

**BIG IDEA: WE CANNOT REDEEM OURSELVES.****Every person is sinful and owes a sin debt.**

- From the first man and woman to every person who has lived or will live, all have sinned.
- We all have sinful hearts that lead us away from God.
- No one, besides Jesus, has lived a life without sin.
- We all rebel against God and His commands.
- We all seek to please ourselves instead of God.



Play a game of “Simon Says”. When a child does an action without the “Simon Says” command, tell him or her that they have to stand in a designated spot in the room. After the child has been in the designated spot for a round of play, tell them that they are free to join the game again. Tell them that you are redeeming them like Jesus redeemed us from our sin.

**We all need to be redeemed.<sup>1</sup>**

- Because we all are sinful, we are in need of someone to redeem us.
- There is no person who is able to redeem themselves.
- We need someone to redeem us, or set us free from our sin debt.
- Ruth and Naomi could not redeem themselves.
- They needed the help of a relative, or kinsman.
- They needed someone to provide for their needs and to bring them back into the family.

**We cannot pay our own sin debt.**

- No one is able to pay his or her sin debt.
- We are all sinful and because of our sin, we cannot pay for our sin debt.
- We all need to be redeemed from our sin.
- We all need to be made new.

*What did Naomi and Ruth need help with? (They needed help providing for themselves.)*  
*What do we need to be redeemed from? (We need to be redeemed from our sin.)*

1. Psalm 19:14: *God is our Redeemer. He washes away our sin and makes us new.*

**BIG IDEA: GOD SENT HIS SON TO REDEEM US FROM OUR SIN.****God always had a plan to save us.**

- God is all knowing and in control of all things.
- He always had a plan to save us from our sin.
- When God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden, He told them He would save them one day.<sup>2</sup>
- God did not leave them in their sin, separated from Him.

**God willingly sent His Son to save us.<sup>3</sup>**

- God did not hesitate to send His only Son to pay our sin debt.
- Only a sinless person could pay our sin debt.
- Jesus came to the earth.
- He became human like us.
- He lived a sinless life.
- God sent Jesus to redeem us and to make us new again.
- Ruth went to Boaz's field to gather wheat for Naomi and herself.
- Boaz was the kinsman, or relative who could help Naomi and Ruth.
- He knew Ruth and Naomi could not help themselves.
- He provided for them by giving them extra wheat and protection.
- God provided for us by giving Jesus to redeem us.



Give each child a small piece of paper and markers or crayons. Guide the children to create their own coupon by drawing pictures and coloring the paper to show what is being redeemed. For example, they could draw a picture of a bed to represent the opportunity to stay up past bedtime. Remind them that God redeemed us by sending His Son.

*How did Boaz help Ruth and Naomi? (He provided for them by giving them extra wheat & bringing them into His family.)  
Who did God send to redeem us? (God sent His Son, Jesus to redeem us.)*

2. Genesis 3:15: God promised Adam and Eve and all of mankind that a Savior would come who would destroy Satan. Jesus is our Redeemer.

3. 1 John 4:9: God sent Jesus even while we were still sinners. He made a way for us to be redeemed.

**BIG IDEA: OUR REDEMPTION IS PURCHASED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.****God required a perfect sacrifice for our sin.**

- Just anyone could not redeem us.
- In order for our sin debt to be paid, a sacrifice without blemish was needed.
- No one is without sin, except Jesus.
- Jesus is our sinless and perfect sacrifice.
- Only He could redeem us from our sin.
- Boaz was the perfect helper for Ruth and Naomi.
- He had the ability and connection to be their kinsman redeemer.
- A kinsman redeemer is a relative who could restore family members who were in great need.
- Ruth and Naomi were in need.
- They needed restoring to their community and family.
- Boaz was the perfect redeemer for them.



Have the children put their heads down on the table. Instruct them to keep their eyes closed and their heads down. Tell them if they feel a light tap on their shoulder they can open their eyes and raise their heads. Quietly walk around them, tapping their shoulders until every child's head is raised again. Remind them that Jesus' blood redeemed us just like your tap made it ok for them to raise their heads.

**Our sin required the death of a perfect sacrifice.<sup>4</sup>**

- The wages of sin is death.
- Our sin debt requires a blood sacrifice.
- Jesus is that sacrifice.
- Our sins are paid for through Jesus' death.
- When Jesus died on the cross, His blood redeemed us from our sins.
- Boaz redeemed Ruth by making her his wife and a part of his family.
- His marriage gave Naomi and Ruth rights in their family and community again.
- God's redemption of us gives us a place in His family.
- We are no longer outsiders, separated from God.

*How did Boaz make Naomi and Ruth part of his family? (He married Ruth.)*

*How did God redeem us? (Jesus died on the cross for our sins.)*

4. Genesis 3:3: Our sin caused death to come into the world. In order for our sin to be paid for, death must happen.

**BIG IDEA: REDEMPTION IS FINAL AND FOREVER.****God's redemption is forever.**

- The work of Jesus on the cross cannot be undone.
- When He paid for our sins, He did so forever.
- When He died on the cross, His death forever washed away our sin.
- Boaz redeemed Ruth forever.
- He made her his wife forever.

**Forgiveness for our sins is final.<sup>5</sup>**

- When we turn away from our sin and believe in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.
- This act does not have to happen over and over.
- Once our hearts are made new by Jesus, they are always new.
- Our redemption is forever and always.
- God will never take our redemption away.
- The work of Jesus is final and complete.
- Ruth and Naomi became part of Boaz's family forever.
- They were no longer on the outside.

*Is God's redemption forever? (Yes. Once God redeems us, we are always redeemed.)*



Bring in several narrow slips of paper and a stapler in order to make a paper chain. Fold a slip of paper over and staple the ends to make the beginning chain. Next, slip another piece of paper through the first chain and fold it over. Staple the ends together and repeat this with the children helping you. As you make the chain, talk to the children about how long you could keep making the chain. Talk about how, if you had the time, you make the chain forever. Remind them that when God redeemed us, His redemption is forever. Even though you'll stop making the chain, God's redemption will not end or ever be taken away.

5. John 10:29: Our forgiveness is forever. Nothing can remove us from God's hand. Once we have saving faith, we are saved forever.

## HOOKS

**Redemption Hunt**

Give each child a half sheet of paper with the word “Redemption” written on it. Give them crayons and markers and ask them to color and decorate their piece of paper. Next, allow the children to take turns hiding their piece of paper while everyone else has their heads down and eyes closed. Have the other children hunt for the paper. Allow every child to have a turn hiding his or her paper. Once they have all been found, lead the children in a discussion about how God is our Redeemer.

**A Gathering Of Beans**

Bring in a bag of dry beans, such as black beans or pinto beans. Give each child a small plastic cup and a plastic spoon. Place a handful of beans on each table where the children are sitting and tell them that they should try and gather the beans into their cup by picking up one bean at a time with the plastic spoon. (This should be hard for them.) As they are doing this, walk around the tables and place extra beans in each child’s cup. Talk with them about how Boaz helped Ruth just like you are helping them and God helped us by sending Jesus to pay our sin debt.

