

GOD SHOWS UNDESERVED LOVE

REVIEW - REDEMPTION

BIG TRUTH: GOD SHOWS UNDESERVED LOVE

1 John 4:10; Romans 5:8, 10; Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:3-7

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

BIG IDEAS

- God provides mercy and grace.
- God's grace is a gift we do not deserve.
- God's grace is received through faith.
- God's mercy is just and loving.
- God's mercy is given through Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 15:3-7 (PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP)

God is love. He loves His people perfectly even though we don't deserve it. In Luke 15, Jesus tells a parable that helps explain this. He tells the story of a shepherd who has one hundred sheep. But because the shepherd loves all of the sheep, if one wanders off on his own, the shepherd will leave the other ninety-nine and will go after the one. Just like the single sheep did not deserve the shepherd's love and care, we don't deserve the love that God shows to us.

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



Every child should know that:

- God provided a way of redemption because of His love



Every child should feel:

- Loved by God



Every child should:

- Talk about God's mercy and grace



Every child should want:

- To love God because He first loved us

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life."

God is love and His love is perfect.

- Only God is perfect.
- Everything about Him is perfect and everything He does is perfect.
- God is love. Love comes from God because it begins with Him.
- We know what love is because God shows us love.
- If God did not show us love, we would not understand love.
- God is not only love, but His love is perfect.

God loves the world even though it is sinful.

- In His perfect love, God loves the world.
- The world is fallen and broken, but God loves the world.
- God acts out of love toward the world.
- No person deserves God's love, but God loves them perfectly anyway.
- God shows love to the world through His sacrifice.

God's love is shown by His sacrifice of Jesus.

- Because God loves us, He sent His Son to pay our sin debt.
- The story of mankind's rescue is because of God's love.
- God shows His love by sending Jesus to die in our place.
- God loves perfectly through the sacrifice of Jesus.
- God's sacrifice is for every person because every person is created in His image and likeness.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 15:3-7

Parable Of The Lost Sheep

Opening Illustration:

Help the children create a storybook about Jesus using different colored pieces of construction paper or cardstock. For younger children, supply markers and stickers to help them tell the main events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. For older children, help them write the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Focus on Jesus' redemption of people.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: GOD PROVIDES MERCY AND GRACE.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 5:8

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD'S GRACE IS A GIFT WE DO NOT DESERVE.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23-24

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD'S GRACE IS RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH.

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:8-9

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD'S MERCY IS JUST AND LOVING.

BIBLE VERSE: 1 JOHN 4:10

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD'S MERCY IS GIVEN THROUGH JESUS.

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:4-5

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved."

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**His Banner Of Love**

As a group create a large door banner out of poster board or paper. Give the children art supplies, such as construction paper, markers, glue, and stickers to create a banner that shows God's love for us. Help the children think of the ways that God shows His love, specifically His sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Lead them in a conversation about how God loves everyone and He shows His love by sending Jesus even though we do not deserve it.



- God's story is a story of love.
- He loves us each and every one of us and He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.
- God's love is shown to us in the Bible.

**Counting Sheep**

Divide the children into two groups and give each group a large piece of paper and a marker. Set a timer for a minute and when you say "go" the children should take turns seeing how many sheep their team can draw in one minute. After you've played a few times, talk with the children about how God loves each and every person just like the shepherd loved each of his sheep.



- God loves every person created in His image.
- He showed His love for everyone by sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sin.
- The shepherd loved his sheep, too. He left the fold just to find the one lost sheep.