

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS OUR RESCUER**

1 Samuel 2:8-9; Psalm 3:8; 35:10; 91:1-6; Isaiah 43:1-5; 45:21-22; Ephesians 1:7

**BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 19:10**

“For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**BIG IDEAS**

- Our sin takes us captive.
- We cannot rescue ourselves.
- God is the only one who can rescue us from sin.
- God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

**BIBLE STORY: 2 KINGS 19**

King Hezekiah was a king who sought to obey and please God. He ruled the Israelites when the Israelites were under the siege of the Assyrians. The Assyrian king did not follow the true God. Hezekiah knew he could not save the Israelites by himself. Only God could rescue them from the Assyrians. Only God can rescue us from our sin. He is our Rescuer.

**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 has provided a rescue plan for us through Jesus

**Every child should feel:**

- A desperate need to be rescued from sin and death

**Every child should:**

- Remember that God proved He is more powerful than sin and death through Jesus

**Every child should want:**

- To be rescued by Jesus who is our Savior

**JESUS TO THE RESCUE**

Play a game of charades acting out different situations in which people need to be rescued. Once you finish the game, talk with your child about how God is the only person who can rescue us because we cannot rescue ourselves from our sinfulness.

**DISCOVER IT:** (Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)

2 Kings 19.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** (Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)

Hezekiah was a good king who followed God. Hezekiah trusted God and sought to please Him. Hezekiah was ruler of Judah, a tribe of God's special people, the Israelites. Judah had been overtaken by a group of people called the Assyrians. The Assyrians didn't follow God. The king of the Assyrians, Sennacherib, made fun of Hezekiah for trusting in God, but Hezekiah didn't stop trusting God. Hezekiah knew that Judah could not rescue themselves from the Assyrians. Isaiah, God's special messenger, came to Hezekiah to tell him that God was going to rescue them. God promised to rescue Judah from Assyria. Only God could rescue Judah and Hezekiah knew it. God did rescue Judah from Assyria. God also rescues us from our sinfulness. We are held captive by our sin just like Judah was being held captive by the Assyrians. We cannot set ourselves free from our sin just like Judah couldn't set itself free from the Assyrians. God is the only person who can rescue us from our sin. God sent Jesus to save us and to set us free from our sin.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** (Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)

- Who was holding Judah captive? (The Assyrians were holding Judah and Hezekiah captive.)
- Who rescued Judah from the Assyrians? (God rescued Judah from the Assyrians.)
- Who rescues us from our sin? (God rescues us. He's the only one who can rescue us.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Luke 19:10 by saying the verse out loud several times. Take turns saying the verse out loud.



DO

Play a game of hide and seek with your child. After you play the game several times, talk with your child about how our sin makes us blind to our sin and holds us captive just like we don't know where people are hiding.



FEEL

Help your child create a play jail. Use empty paper towel rolls and a box to create the jail. Help your child create a sign for the jail that says: Held Captive By Sin. Talk with your child about how we are held captive by our sin. Only God can set us free.



WANT

Share with your child about your own salvation. Focus on the ways you didn't realize you were in sin until God showed you. Share about how God rescued you from your sin.

Spend some time this week praying with your child and asking God to open his or her eyes to their own sin, to help them realize they cannot save themselves. If they have already realized this, thank God for opening their eyes.