

GOD RESCUES ME FROM MY SIN

STORY: REDEMPTION / YEAR: VALUE

BIG TRUTH: GOD RESCUES ME FROM MY SIN

John 8:31-36; Romans 6:14-18; 8:1-4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Ephesians 2:1-6; Colossians 1:13-14; 2:13-15

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:56-57

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BIG IDEAS

- I am in desperate need of rescue.
- Jesus came to rescue me when I could not save myself.
- The power of God is greater than the power of sin and death that reigns in me.

BIBLE STORY: MARK 9:14-29

Jesus' disciples tried to cast out an evil spirit from a young boy, but they could not. The young boy could only be saved by Jesus. We are all like the young boy, in desperate need of rescuing and we can only be rescued by Jesus.

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

FAMILY DEVOTION: THE GREAT POWER

There are many powerful things and powerful people in the world, but none are more powerful than God. Only God can save the lost and heal our broken hearts. Only He can truly rescue us.



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Our sin brings death to us.

- The wages, or payment, for sin is death.
- All have sinned and are unholy.
- We all owe a sin debt that we cannot pay ourselves.
- We all deserve to die for our sins.
- Death was brought to this world because of sin.
- Death is a result of sin.
- Our sinful hearts make us spiritually dead.
- We are captives and in need of rescue.

God sets us free from sin.

- It is only through God that we are freed from sin.
- God shows mercy and grace by making a way for us to be forgiven.
- God provides a perfect sacrifice for our sin so we might be free.
- God didn't allow us to continue in our captivity.
- He chose to make a way for us to be free from our sin.
- God is our salvation and the one who sets us free.

We have victory over our sin nature through Jesus.

- Jesus lived a sinless life and He paid our sin debt.
- He died the death we deserve to die and now we do not have to be spiritually dead.
- We can be free from the captivity of sin if we have saving faith in Jesus.
- Jesus defeated death and we have victory over it.
- When we have saving faith in Jesus, we do not have to fear an earthly death because we know that our souls will live forever with Jesus in Heaven.

BIBLE STORY: MARK 9:14-29

Jesus Heals A Demon-Possessed Boy

Opening Illustration:

Give each child a piece of art paper and paint. On the board write the words "God is..." Talk with the children about the different things that God is. He is Savior. He is Father. He is Merciful. He is Gracious. He is our Rescuer. Ask the children to draw pictures with their paint of one of the things that God is. Tape the pictures together when they are dry to make a paper quilt. Place the quilt on the wall under the phrase "God is..." written on a long piece of paper.

BIG IDEA: I AM IN DESPERATE NEED OF RESCUE.**We all are spiritually dead in our sin.¹**

- From the very beginning of our life, we sin.
- We follow our sinful hearts, which reveals our sin through our selfish focus and behavior.
- We are never not sinful and in need of rescue.
- We can do nothing to help ourselves.
- There is nothing others can do to help us.
- The demon-possessed boy was helpless.
- He could not rescue himself.
- His family could not rescue him either.
- We are like the demon possessed boy. We are helpless and in need of rescue.



Help the children look up verses that talk about how we are dead in our sins. Remind them that we are all in desperate need of rescuing.

Our sin makes us desperate.

- Our sin slowly kills us.
- It controls all of us and as we grow, we sin more.
- The demon-possessed boy was desperate for rescue.
- He could do nothing to save himself.
- There was no way for him to cast the evil spirit out.
- He couldn't even talk, much less command the spirit to leave him.
- We are like the demon-possessed boy. Our sin holds us captive and we cannot save ourselves.

How does our sin make us desperate? (It takes us captive and we have no way to set ourselves free.)

1. Colossians 2:13: *We are all dead in our trespasses, or sin.*

BIG IDEA: JESUS CAME TO RESCUE ME WHEN I COULD NOT SAVE MYSELF.²

Though we are desperate in our sin, we do not have to stay that way.

- We are desperate in our sinful state.
- We are like the young boy and his father.
- They were desperate for help, for healing.
- They knew that they were desperate.
- When we understand our desperation, we know we cannot help ourselves.
- God doesn't leave us in our desperation.

God sent Jesus to rescue us.

- The young boy could not save himself.
- His father could not set him free either.
- Only Jesus could set the boy free and give the father the faith to believe that his son could be freed.
- We cannot save ourselves and no one else can save us.
- Only Jesus can save us from our sin. Only He can rescue us.
- Jesus is the only way we can be set free from the captivity of our sin.
- He came to the earth to set us free. He came to rescue us just like He rescued the young boy and gave the boy's father faith.



Bring in a large bag full of heavy books. Make sure the bag is too heavy to pick up by yourself. Ask the children to pick up the bag of heavy books and carry it across the room. When they struggle to do it alone, offer to help them. Tell them that we cannot save ourselves from our sin, but are in need of Jesus to rescue us.

Why can we not save ourselves? (We are not good. We are sinful and held captive.)

2. Isaiah 64:6: All of our good works are like filthy rags; they can never save us. We cannot save ourselves.

BIG IDEA: THE POWER OF GOD IS GREATER THAN THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH THAT REIGNS IN ME.

I am held captive by my sin.

- We are all slaves to our sin.
- We are not free from sinning. Our sin natures hold us captive and keep us from pleasing God.
- We seek our own pleasure and we reject God.
- Our sin nature causes us to focus on ourselves and to think only of what makes us happy.
- It causes us to be held captive because we cannot change who we are.
- We cannot take our sin nature away and make ourselves good.
- The demon-possessed boy could not remove the demon from himself and make himself demon free.
- His father couldn't remove the demon. They were captive to the demon.

God is mighty and powerful.³

- God is a mighty God. There is nothing that is mightier than He.
- He can do all things easily. Nothing is ever hard or difficult for God.
- He created the heavens and the earth easily. He only had to speak and they began to exist.
- God created mankind and gives life to every person.
- God even sustains life, or keeps everything on the earth alive.
- God is greater than any sin in the world. He is not held captive by anything because He is the greatest.

God is stronger than the sin that holds us captive.

- Our sin is not too strong for God.
- He is not overcome by it or stopped by it.
- He is more powerful than our sin and can overcome it just like Jesus could cast the demon out of the boy.
- God can remove our sin by sending His Son to pay our sin debt.
- Only God could save us and set us free.
- Only He could make us clean before Him because He is more powerful than anything.

What is more powerful than our sin? (God is more powerful than our sin or anything else in the world.)

3. Psalm 62:11: God is more powerful than anything. All power comes from Him and belongs to Him.

HOOKS

**God Rescues**

Help the children create a life preserver using a paper plate with the center cut out. Give the children markers, stickers, and streamers to decorate their life preserver. As they make their preservers, talk with the children about how God rescues us.



- We are all sinners in need of rescue.
- No one can save himself because we are all sinful.
- We are held captive by our sin and cannot set ourselves free.
- Only God can save us and He rescues us from our sin.

**To Be Rescued**

Help the children think of situations that would require someone to be rescued, such as a burning building, a car wreck, a kidnapping, etc. Talk with the children about how in each of the situations, the person in trouble cannot save himself. They need someone to save them. We are all sinful and in need of God to save us. We cannot save ourselves. We need God to save us.



- Why can we not save ourselves? (We are held captive by our sin.)
- How does God save us? (God sends Jesus to save us and set us free.)