

BIG TRUTH: GOD RESCUES ME FROM THE LIE

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 120:2; 144:11; Jeremiah 17:9; John 1:14; 8:31-36; 17:17; Galatians 4:3-7

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 14:6

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

BIG IDEAS

- We believe the lie that there is something our hearts need other than God.
- God rescues us from the lie by exposing us to the truth.
- Jesus is the truth.
- Jesus is the only way to God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2:9; 3

God created Adam and Eve and He placed them in the perfect home, the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve had everything they needed, yet they chose to disobey God by believing Satan's lie. God sent a Rescuer to save them and the rest of mankind from their sin when He sent 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

THE GREAT DECEPTION

Make a fake cake by covering a small rectangular box in frosting. You can use canned frosting or homemade frosting. Show the “cake” to your child and ask him if he thinks it is a cake. Give your child a fork and ask him to take a bite of the cake. When he discovers it is not a real cake, remind him that our hearts believe the lie that we need something more than God. We believe fake things instead of real things.

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

Genesis 2:9; 3.

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

God, the great Creator, created Adam and Eve and gave them a beautiful home in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve had everything they needed in the garden. They even had a close relationship with God. They had one rule to follow. They could not eat the fruit from one particular tree in the middle of the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This tree was off-limits to them because God was protecting them. God told Adam and Eve if they ate the fruit from the tree they would die. Satan entered the garden and convinced Adam and Eve that God was not telling the truth. He convinced them that they would not die if they ate the fruit of the tree. Adam and Eve believed Satan’s lie. Their hearts rejected God and His commands and they ate the fruit from the forbidden tree. When they ate the fruit, sin entered their hearts and the heart of every person born after them. All of humanity was changed in that instant. Death entered the world and every human heart was born believing Satan’s lie. Our hearts believe the lie that we need more than God. We believe that God keeps good things from us just like Adam and Eve believed God was keeping a good thing from them instead of protecting them. We reject God and His way and we seek our own way instead. God rescues us though just like He rescued Adam and Eve. He sent them out of the garden so they would not eat the fruit from the tree of life and live forever in their sinfulness. He promised them that He would send the great Rescuer, Jesus who would save all of humanity from the lie. God sent Jesus, who is the truth and He sets us free from the lie by exposing us to the truth. Jesus is the only way to know God and when we believe in Jesus, we are showing our faith and trust in Him to save us.

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

- What lie did Adam and Eve believe in the garden? (They believed that God was not enough.)
- What happened when Adam and Eve sinned? (Sin entered the heart of every person.)
- How does God rescue us from the lie? (He exposes us to the truth through Jesus.)



As a family, memorize John 14:6 by playing a game of Verse Hangman.

Play a game of “Two Truths and A Lie” as a family. Take turns giving two truths and one lie about yourself. The other family members have to guess what the lie is. Remind your child that God rescues us from the lie by exposing the truth to us.



Gather together an empty jar and a bag of craft pom-poms. Throughout the week, every time someone in the family tells a lie or stretches the truth, they should place a pom-pom in the jar. At the end of the week, talk with your child about the number of pom-poms in the jar and how easy it is for us to lie because our hearts are sinful.

Take a trip to your local library or do a Google search to find some Tall Tales. Read the tall tales with your child and talk about how easy it is for us to stretch the truth. Talk with your child about how we can know what a lie is by knowing the truth. God rescues us from the lie by exposing us to the truth.

Spend some time this week sharing with your child about how God rescued you from the lie by exposing you to the truth of Jesus.