

**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**

*"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

**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

**THE GREAT POWER**

Go for a drive with your child. Show your child different road signs and then show them a destination that has several routes to it. Show your child the different routes and tell your child that some places have multiple ways to get to them, but God only has one way and that is through Jesus. God made the way for us by sending Jesus to pay our sin debt.

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

Mark 9:14-29.

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

Jesus' reputation as a healer was great all over the land. People would come to Him for help and healing. There was a man who had a young son who had been possessed by an evil spirit, or demon for a very long time. The father was bringing his son to see Jesus when he met some of Jesus' disciples. The father asked the disciples to help his son and they tried and tried, but could not set the boy free. Some of the scribes and leaders began to argue with Jesus' disciples. Jesus arrived as they were arguing and questioned why they were bickering. The father told Jesus about his possessed son and all the ways the demon had tried to bring harm to his son. He had caused him to writhe around, foam at the mouth, and grit his teeth. The father was desperate for help. He so desperately wanted his son to be free of the evil spirit. Even though the father was desperate, he didn't quite believe that Jesus could help his son. He asked Jesus to help if he was able. Jesus rebuked the father for his lack of faith. He told the father that anything is possible for the person who believes in Jesus. The father cried out in his desperation that he believed and even asked Jesus to help him have more faith. Jesus cast out the evil spirit in the young boy and the young boy was made whole. The father was given more faith and belief. We are all like the young boy. We are held captive by our sin and we cannot save ourselves. There is nothing we can do to set ourselves free from our sin. We need Jesus to rescue us and He does by paying our sin debt for us.

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

- What did the father lack? (He lacked faith.)
- How was the young boy set free? (Jesus cast out the evil spirit.)
- How are we like the young boy? (We are held captive by our sin and cannot set ourselves free.)



As a family, memorize 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 by writing the verses on a piece of paper and making a puzzle out of it. Say the verse out loud several times to memorize it.



Help your child create a list of verses that talk about God helping us or rescuing us. Place the chart in a visible place in your house and talk with your child about the verses throughout the week. Remind your child that we are desperate for Jesus to rescue us and He does when we have saving faith in Him.



As a family, create small life preservers out of cardstock paper. On each life preserver, write a behavior or attitude that you need rescuing from, such as pride, disrespect, sassy words, impatience, etc. On the back of the life preserver, write a verse that can help you remember that God has set us free from our sin if we have saving faith in Him.



Spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for setting us free from our sin through Jesus.