

GOD RESCUES ME FROM THE LIE

STORY: REDEMPTION

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

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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.

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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 DECEPTION

Satan wove a web of terrible deceit when he convinced Adam and Eve that they should eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Their disobedience caused sin to enter the heart of every man and woman. God’s perfect world broke, but God rescues us from the lie when He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.

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Sin entered the world because we believed Satan’s lie.

- Satan lied to Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- Eve believed Satan when he said she would not die if she ate of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- She rejected God and the truth and believed Satan’s lie.
- Every person to come after Eve naturally rejects God’s truth and believes Satan’s lie.
- Our sin nature keeps us from believing the truth.

God made a way for us to know the truth.

- God did not leave us in our blindness.
- He did not leave us in our captivity or believing the lie.
- He opens our eyes to the truth and shows us the lie we’ve been believing.
- He shows us our sin and how we’ve rejected Him.
- God made a way for us to be free from the lie and from our sin.
- Jesus is the way to know the truth and to be free from the lie.
- Jesus is the way God rescues us from the lie.

Jesus is the only way to God.

- There is no other way to know God than through faith in Jesus.
- Jesus is the way that God rescues us from the lie.
- No one else can rescue us from the lie.
- We cannot rescue ourselves from the lie.
- Only God can rescue us and we can only be rescued through Jesus.
- Jesus is the only sinless, perfect man and only He can save us from our sin.

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Adam and Eve Sin

Opening Illustration:

Gather together clear contact paper, different colored tissue paper (torn and balled up), and black construction paper. Draw a cross on the construction paper and then cut the inside of the cross out leaving a 1” edge. Next place the contact paper over the cross and place it sticky side up. Give the children different colored tissue paper to place on the contact paper. Once they finish filling in the contact paper with tissue paper, place another piece of contact paper on the back of the cross. Remind the children that the cross shows us that God rescues us from our sin and brokenness. He fixes our brokenness by sending Jesus to pay our sin debt.

BIG IDEA: WE BELIEVE THE LIE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING OUR HEARTS NEED OTHER THAN GOD.

Our hearts lead us to believe we do not need God.¹

- Eve had everything she needed .
- Adam had everything he needed and they had a relationship with God.
- Satan lied to them and convinced them they did not need God.
- They rejected God's rule over their lives and sin entered their hearts.
- We are a prisoner of the same lie because we're all born sinful.

The sin nature of our hearts keeps us from being satisfied with God.

- Our hearts think we need something more.
- We think that what God has given isn't enough.
- We believe that God keeps good things from us.
- Eve believed the lie that God was keeping a good thing from her.
- Adam believed he needed to follow Eve instead of following and obeying God.
- We believe that we need something more than God.
- We search for satisfaction in other things.
- We wrongly believe we can make ourselves happy.



Divide the children into small groups or pairs. Next, read some true statements and some false statements to the children. Give each group a chance to guess if they think the statement is the truth or a lie. The group that guesses the most correctly gets a small prize. Talk with the children about how our hearts believe the lie that we need something other than God.

What lie do we believe? (We believe we need something other than God.)

1. Jeremiah 17:9: Our hearts are wicked and deceptive. They make us believe we need something more than God.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESCUES US FROM THE LIE BY EXPOSING US TO THE TRUTH.**God is gracious to show us the truth.²**

- God reveals truth in creation.
- That a higher being exists is clearly seen in creation.
- God reveals Himself and truth because He is gracious.
- He could leave us in our blindness, but He rescues us from it.
- We know truth because God shows us truth.
- God exposed the truth to Adam and Eve.
- He told them they would one day die a physical death, but one of their descendants would come to crush sin.

The truth sets us free from the lie.

- Knowing Jesus is knowing the truth.
- We understand the truth if we understand who Jesus is.
- Jesus is the truth and God sent Him to expose the lie that condemns us all.
- God helps us see the lie that we believe by showing us the truth of our sin nature and revealing the truth about Jesus.
- When we know the truth, we are set free from the captivity of our sin.
- We are no longer slaves to sinful thoughts and feelings because our hearts have been set free and made new.



Bring in a pair of toy handcuffs. Let the children take turns being handcuffed. Ask the handcuffed child to choose the false statement from the true statements that you write on the board and read out loud. When the child guesses correctly, release him from the handcuffs. Remind the children that God sets us free from the lie by exposing us to the truth.

How does God show us the lie we believe? (He exposes the truth to us.)

What sets us free from our sin? (The truth, or Jesus sets us free from our sin.)

2. Hebrews 4:16: God is gracious to allow us access to Him through Jesus Christ.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE TRUTH.**The truth is only found in Jesus.**

- There is no truth apart from Jesus.
- We can only know the truth by knowing Jesus because Jesus is the truth.
- Eve took her eyes off of God and she stopped knowing the truth.
- Our sinful hearts blind us and lead us to believe lies instead of the truth.

God exposes us to the truth by sending Jesus.

- God showed grace to us by sending Jesus.
- Jesus came as the one who would crush sin and expose the lie.
- Jesus came showing the truth that God does love us and He is all we need.
- Jesus is God showing us our belief in a lie.
- Satan's lie is that we do not need God and that He does not love us.
- Eve thought God was keeping something good from her.
- Jesus shows that God was willing to give us His very best because He loves us.

There is no other truth besides Jesus.³

- All truth is from God.
- God is truth and He gives truth to us.
- His Word shows us the truth and reveals Jesus to us.
- There is no truth apart from God.
- God is the Creator of all things and He is the Creator of truth.
- We know truth because God reveals truth to us.
- Jesus is the only way to know truth because He is the only truth.

Who is the truth? (Jesus is the truth.)



Create a word matching game using the names of different people from the Bible. Make sure you include "Jesus". Have the children try to find matches. When they find a match, have them put the match on the board. When every match is found and placed on the board, remind the children that Jesus is the truth. No other person is the truth, only Jesus.

3. John 17:17: Jesus is the Word and the Word is God's truth. Jesus is the truth.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD.⁴**God is the only being who can free us from our sin.**

- Only God can show us the truth and set us free from the lie we believe.
- He is all-powerful and sovereign over all.
- Only He can show us that we are sinful.
- Only He can expose the truth to us.
- Adam could not free himself from the lie.
- He could not show himself the truth because he had been blinded by his sin.
- Only God could reveal the truth because God is the truth.



Help the children make “One-Way” road signs out of poster board or cardstock. Help them write the words “One-Way” and then give them markers to decorate their signs. As they make them, talk with them about how Jesus is the only way to know God. Jesus is the one way to get to God.

We can only know God by knowing Jesus.

- It is not enough to just believe in God or a higher power.
- Even Satan’s demons believe in God, but they do not have saving faith in Jesus.
- We must believe in the saving power of Jesus to really know God.
- Even Adam and Eve had to leave the presence of God because of their sin.
- They had to believe in the promise of Jesus coming to know God again.
- Jesus is the one way to truly know God.
- Without saving faith in Jesus, we cannot know God.
- There is no other way to God except through Jesus.

What is the only way to God? (To have saving faith in Jesus is the only way to God.)

4. 1 John 4:9: *There is only one way to know God and that is through Jesus.*

HOOKS



KNOW

The Lying Heart

Give each child a paper heart and markers. Tell the children to use the markers to write the lies that we believe, such as “God does not love us”, “We need more than God”, etc. Help the children think of other lies that our hearts cause us to believe. Once they finish writing the lies on their hearts, talk with them about how God rescues us from the lies.



DO

- Our hearts lie to us because Adam and Eve first believed Satan’s lie in the Garden of Eden.
- Now every heart is sinful and we believe the lies of our heart.
- God made a way for our hearts to be made new so we don’t have to believe the lie.
- He rescues us from the lie through Jesus.



FEEL

All We Need

Divide the children into small groups. Give each group a small bag and some index cards. Ask the children to draw pictures or write down some things that people need everyday, such as water, food, clothing, etc. Ask them to put their cards in the bag and then give each group an opportunity to share what they put on their cards. When every group is finished, talk with them about how our hearts lie to us and convince us that we need more than God, but all we need is God.



WANT

- Satan lied to Adam and Eve and convinced them that they needed more than God.
- God is everything we ever need because He is the Creator of all things and He gives us life.
- Our hearts lie to us and make us think we need more than God or that God isn’t enough, but He is.