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2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-11; Colossians 1:21-23

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:13

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin creates a chasm of separation between God and us.
- God pursues us in our separation through the incarnation.
- God rescues us from our separation through the blood of Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 15:11-32

We are like the Prodigal Son. We move away from God by rejecting Him and His commands. God is like the Prodigal son’s father, welcoming us back when we repent and believe in 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

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NO MORE SEPARATION

Use empty paper towel rolls to create prison bars. Wrap the rolls in aluminum foil to make them look like metal. Connect the “bars” together using string or yarn. Talk with your child about how prison bars separate people from each other like our sin separates us from God. God pursues us through Jesus and rescues us from our separation.

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

Luke 15:11-32.

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

A man had two sons. The man loved both of his sons and provided for them very well. The youngest son became unhappy living with his father. He wanted to live on his own so he could make his own decisions and live for himself. One day he asked his father to give him his inheritance. The father agreed and the son left with his inheritance. The young man lived life just like he wanted. Soon the young son ran out of money, and he had to get a job taking care of pigs. He was so poor that longed to eat the food the pigs were fed. The young man became very sad and one day he decided to go home and try to work for his father as a servant instead of taking care of pigs. The father had not forgotten his son. One day the father saw a figure walking towards his home. As the figure drew a little closer, he realized it was his son and he ran to meet him. He wept as he embraced his son. He was so happy that his son returned, he threw a big party. He and his son were no longer separated. They were together again. God loves us even more than the father loved his young son. He pursues us and brings us back to him because we are separated from Him by our sin. God pursues us by sending Jesus to pay our sin debt. He rescues us from our separation.

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

- Why did the young son leave his father? (He wanted to live life on his own doing what made him happy.)
- Did the young son make himself happy? (He did for a little while and then he became poor and very sad.)
- How did the father react when he saw his son coming toward him? (He ran and embraced him. He threw a big party to celebrate.)
- How does God overcome our separation? (He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.)



As a family, memorize Ephesians 2:13 by writing each word of the verse on a sheet of paper and hiding it throughout your house. Take turns hunting for a word from the verse. When all the words are found, put the verse together and say it out loud together several times.



Take a trip as a family to a zoo, aquarium, or petting zoo. Talk with your child about how there is a separation between the people and the animals. Remind them that we are separated from God by our sin.



As a family, have a celebration. Decorate your table and plan a special meal to celebrate that God rescues us from our separation. Talk with your child about how we are separated from God, but He rescues us through the blood of Jesus.



Role play the story of the prodigal son, emphasizing his return. Talk with your child about how God rescues us from our separation by sending Jesus to pay our sin debt.

Spend some time this week sharing with your child how God rescued you from your separation.