

**BIG TRUTH: GOD SENT HIS SON TO RESCUE ME**

Matthew 1:21; John 3:16; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 4:9, 14

**BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**BIG IDEAS**

- God is our Rescuer.
- God rescues me from my sin.
- God rescues me from the lie.
- God rescues me from death.
- God rescues me from separation.

**BIBLE STORY: MARK 2 (JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC)**

Because we are sinners, we need someone to rescue us from our sin. We cannot save ourselves. We see an example of this in Mark 2, when a paralytic's friends bring him to Jesus. Jesus sees their faith and he heals the paralyzed man both spiritually and physically. The paralytic needed rescue, and he couldn't do anything to help himself out of his condition. This is how we are in our sin, but Jesus is our Rescuer.

**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:**

- We need a Rescuer, and Jesus is the only way we can be rescued

**Every child should feel:**

- Thankful that God would send Jesus to be our Rescuer

**Every child should:**

- Talk about God's rescue of us through Jesus

**Every child should want:**

- To trust in Jesus as their Rescuer

**REVIEW**

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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

Mark 2

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

In Mark 2, we see a narrative of one of Jesus' healing miracles. Jesus is teaching in a home, and there were so many people gathered there that you couldn't even squeeze in through the door to see Him if you wanted to. There was a man who was paralyzed, and he had four friends who were bringing him to Jesus so that he could be healed. When they got to the house and saw that they would be unable to bring him through the door, they took their friend onto the roof. They cut a hole in the roof and they lowered him and his bed down through the hole so that he was in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw the friends' faith and how much they believed that Jesus would heal their friend, he told the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven." This made some of the religious people mad, because they knew that only God had the power to forgive sins and they did not know that Jesus was God. Jesus knew that this had made them mad, so he asked them why they were questioning him. He told them that it was easier to heal the paralytic physically, but that he also had healed him spiritually so that they would know who He was. He healed the paralytic physically as well, and then the man got up, took his bed, and left. Everyone glorified God that day. The paralytic needed rescue. Jesus showed us that day that he not only can rescue us from our physical pain or conditions, but that he can rescue us from our dead spiritual condition. We all need a Rescuer, and Jesus is our Rescuer.

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

- What was wrong with the man in the story? (He was paralyzed)
- Why did his friend cut a hole in the roof? (They had faith that Jesus could heal their friend)
- Why were the scribes mad? (They knew that only God had the power to forgive sins)
- What did Jesus do? (He showed them that he could rescue the man physically and also spiritually)
- How are we like the man in the story? (We need a Rescuer)



As a family, memorize Isaiah 48:10-11 by writing the verse on a piece of paper and making a puzzle out of them. Take turns putting the puzzle together and then saying the verse out loud several times.



Take your child on a blind walk through your neighborhood or a local park. Blindfold your child and then have him hold onto your waist as you lead him through the neighborhood and/or park. Talk with your child about how we are all like the blind man, but God sent His Son to rescue us from our spiritual blindness.

As a family, play a game of "I, Spy". Take turns naming things for the family to find. Once everyone has a chance to play, talk with your child about how God healed the blind man and He rescues us from our spiritual blindness.

Role play the story of Jesus healing the blind man. We receive sight, too, when we have saving faith in Jesus.

As a family, spend some time this week at bedtime praying with your child and thanking God for rescuing us while we are still rebels.