

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS REDEEMER**

Psalm 130:7-8; Romans 3:21-26; Colossians 1:13-14; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-22; Revelation 5:8-10

**BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:7**

*“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- We cannot redeem ourselves.
- God sent His Son to redeem us from our sin.
- Our redemption is purchased by the blood of Jesus.
- Redemption is final and forever.

**BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4**

When Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, they were two women without husbands or family. They were in need of protection and help. Boaz, one of Naomi’s relatives, chose to bring them into his family. When he brought them into his family, he provided protection and help. God is the Redeemer of every person. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt so that we might become part of His family.

**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 adopts His children into a new family by His grace

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe at the gift of adoption that God has given to His people

**Every child should:**

- Treat others in the church with honor and respect because in Christ we are all members of the same family

**Every child should want:**

- To be adopted into God’s family through faith and repentance

**A PERFECT REDEEMER**

Take your child for a walk through your neighborhood. Ask your child to gather leaves, acorns, sticks, etc. Look through the things that your child gathers and separate the ones that are broken or torn. Ask your child to try to find a perfect leaf, acorn and stick. Talk with your child about what makes the ones he chooses perfect. Talk with your child about how Jesus is the perfect redeemer because He is sinless.

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

Ruth 1-4.

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

Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem from Moab with nothing. They were both widows and had no one to care for them or protect them. Naomi sent Ruth to gather wheat from the fields of a man named Boaz. Boaz was a good man who was distantly related to Naomi. Boaz liked Ruth and told his servants to leave extra wheat for her. When Ruth returned home to Naomi and shared with her that Boaz had shown her special favor, Naomi knew that there was hope for them. Because Boaz was related to Naomi, he could help them become a part of a family again. Boaz could serve as their kinsman redeemer, or the relative who took them in and cared for them. In order for Boaz to be their kinsman redeemer, he would have to choose to make Ruth his wife. Naomi sent Ruth to Boaz one evening to ask him to be their kinsman redeemer. Boaz made sure that no other relative was before him and then he agreed to marry Ruth. Boaz redeemed Naomi and Ruth. He made them a part of his family forever. Every person is like Ruth and Naomi. They are in need of redemption. God sent Jesus to redeem us by paying our sin debt for us. God is our Redeemer and His redemption is forever. We can never lose our redemption from God.

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

- Could Ruth and Naomi help themselves? (No, they could not provide for themselves without help.)
- How did Boaz help Naomi and Ruth at first? (He told his servants to leave extra wheat for Ruth to collect.)
- How could Boaz help Naomi and Ruth forever? (He could redeem them and make them part of his family.)
- How does God redeem us? (He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.)
- Are we able to redeem ourselves? (No, we are all sinful and cannot redeem ourselves.)



**KNOW**

As a family memorize Ephesians 1:7 by cutting letters or words from magazines or newspapers to spell out each word of the verse. Glue these letters and words to a piece of construction paper. Say the verse out loud together.



**DO**

Take your child to your local department store or mall. Ask your child to pick out one thing that he or she would like to give to a friend, neighbor or family member. Talk with your child about how the person receiving the gift has not earned it, but is receiving it for free. Jesus is our Redeemer. We do not earn it, but we receive it as a free gift.



**FEEL**

Share with your child what it means to be redeemed. Take your child for a drive past your local jail. Talk with your child about how sometimes people are set free from their prison sentence. Tell your child that our sin is like a prison sentence, yet God redeems us and sets us free from it through Jesus.



**WANT**

Help your child create a redemption chart. Include different chores or jobs that your child can redeem for something better. Throughout the week allow your child to use the redemption chart. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how Jesus is our Redeemer.

Spend time as a family thanking God for His redemption. Pray as a family thanking God for sending Jesus to pay our sin debt.