

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**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God sent Jesus to die in our place as our substitute // We need a substitute because we cannot pay our sin debt on our own

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Awe at Jesus's willingness to sacrifice Himself as our substitute

**DO****Every child should:**

- Talk about why we need a substitute and how Jesus is our substitute

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To believe in Jesus's work on their behalf to pay their sin debt

GOD SENT HIS SON

Help your child create a comic strip explaining the story of Jesus' birth. Use markers and colored pencils to create the comic strip. Help your child include the main parts of the story. Remind your child that Jesus is our perfect Redeemer. God sent His Son to pay our sin debt because we can't pay it.

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.)



As a family, memorize Ephesians 1:7 by writing the words of the verse on pieces of paper and placing them on different pieces of furniture throughout your house. Whenever someone sits on a piece of furniture that has a word from the verse attached to it, he or she gets to say the verse out loud.



Share with your child what it means to be redeemed. Take your child for a drive to 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.



Plan a special day for your child. Make sure you include some of your child's favorite activities. At the end of the special day, talk with your child about how he did nothing to earn the day, but you were giving him a free gift. Remind him that God sent His Son as a free gift for our sin debt.



Share with your child what God's redemption of you means to you. Share what it means to receive the free gift of redemption and how you could never pay your sin debt.

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