

GOD RESTORES HIS PURPOSE FOR ME

REVIEW - REDEMPTION

BIG TRUTH: GOD RESTORES HIS PURPOSE FOR ME

Job 10:13; Psalm 57:2; 138:8; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:27; 55:11; Romans 5:10; 8:28; Ephesians 1:5, 9, 11; 3:11

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

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BIG IDEAS

- God provides reconciliation.
- God restores our relationship with Him.
- God restores our relationship with others.
- God restores our relationship with ourselves.
- God restores our relationship with the lost.

BIBLE STORY: NEHEMIAH (GOD IS RESTORING ISRAEL TO THEIR HOME)

Nehemiah was a faithful follower of God and helped lead the Israelites back to their homeland after they had been in exile. Nehemiah always gave God the glory for the good things that he did. Even though the Israelites had been in exile because of their sin, God restored them back to their homeland as He promised He would. God is faithful and He restores His purposes for us.

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:

- When we are redeemed, we are given a new purpose



Every child should feel:

- Thankful for the restored relationships that God gives us through Christ



Every child should:

- Talk about Jesus as the one who restores us back to right relationship with God and others



Every child should want:

- To rightly pursue God's purpose for our lives

FAMILY DEVOTION

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.

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We are Christ's representatives because of Jesus.

- Those who are followers of Christ are His ambassadors.
- Because Jesus paid our sin debt, He made it possible for us to have a relationship with God.
- We have access to God because Jesus lived the perfect life and died the death we deserve.
- We can represent Him to the world because He went before us and lived the perfect life.

We are Christ's ambassadors because of Jesus.

- When Jesus came to the earth, He came to pay the sin debt of the world.
- Through His perfect life and His death on our behalf, He made it possible for man to be reconciled to God.
- Prior to Jesus' life and death, man was separated from God with no way of being reconciled.
- Jesus made a way for man to be in a relationship with God.
- When we repent of our sin and believe that Jesus paid our sin debt, we are no longer separated from God.
- Because we are no longer separated from God, we become His ambassadors.
- It is through us that God shares the good news of the gospel with others.

We are restored because of Jesus.

- Our restoration is made possible through the life and death of Jesus.
- Because He willingly took on our sins and paid our debt, we can be united with God.
- We are restored as God's children because Jesus gave Himself on our behalf.
- Because Jesus lived the perfect life and died in our place, we are seen as righteous and can be in a relationship with God.

BIBLE STORY: NEHEMIAH

Opening Illustration:

Help the children create a storybook about Jesus using different colored pieces of construction paper or cardstock. For younger children, supply markers and stickers to help them tell the main events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. For older children, help them write the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Focus on Jesus' redemption of people.

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Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: GOD PROVIDES RECONCILIATION.

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation”

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESTORES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESTORES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer.”

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESTORES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES.

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold, the new has come.”

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESTORES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOST.

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

“That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

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HOOKS



Walls of Restoration

Divide the children into small groups and give each group a container of Legos. Ask the children to work as a group to build a wall out of their Legos. Talk with the children about how God restores us to Himself like He led Nehemiah to help the Israelites be restored to their homeland.



- When Jesus died, He removed the barrier of sin that kept us from God.
- We can be restored to God when we repent and believe in Jesus.



The Great Wall Of Sin

Give each child a piece of paper. Ask the children to write down a sin that they are guilty of. Use tape to connect the pieces of paper to form a wall around the room. Talk with the children about how our sin forms a barrier between us and God, but Jesus breaks down that barrier.



- We can be restored to God through the life of Jesus.
- When we repent and believe in Him, we can have a relationship with God.