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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

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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

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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.)*

Nehemiah

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

Nehemiah was faithful to God. He worked with Ezra to help lead the Israelites back to their homeland after they had lived in exile for many, many years. Nehemiah was always faithful to give God the glory for all the good that he accomplished. God used Nehemiah to help the Israelites rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. The wall had been destroyed during their exile and captivity. Nehemiah faced much opposition from his own people and from people outside of Israel, yet he never faltered in continuing to complete the wall. He believed God and was faithful to Him. God restored the Israelites to their homeland as He promised that He would. They had been exiled because of their unfaithfulness and disobedience. We are exiled from God because of our sin, but God promised to send a Rescuer and He did when He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt. Jesus restores us to God. Our relationship with God is restored through faith in Jesus.

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

- What did Nehemiah help the Israelites do? (He helped them rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.)
- What does it mean for something to be restored?
- How does God restore people to Himself? (He restores people through Jesus.)



As a family, memorize 2 Corinthians 5:20. Practice saying all of the verses that you have memorized from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.



Help your child create a list of barriers that people face in life. Think through the different things that hold us back, such as locked doors, walls, physical handicaps, etc. Remind your child that our sin is a barrier to our relationship with God.

Help your child come up with a definition of the word "restored". Talk with your child about what it means to be restored to God.

Make a list of people your family has a relationship with. Talk with your child about what it means to have relationships and how important they are. Remind your child that we are created to be in relationship with God.

Spend some time this week praying and thanking God for restoring us to Himself through Jesus.