

# GOD'S MISSION IS FOR HIS GLORY

## STORY: NEW CREATION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD'S MISSION IS FOR HIS GLORY

Isaiah 43:25; 48:8-11; Ezekiel 20:9; Romans 14:9, 11; Philippians 2:9-10; Revelation 5:9-14; 7:9-12

### BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 67:1-3

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!"*

### BIG IDEAS

- God is for God.
- God saves us so that we might be a picture of salvation to others.
- When the gospel captures our hearts, we long to share the good news with others.
- The purpose of our lives is to advance God's mission so that everyone everywhere can worship Jesus.

### BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 6:1-8

Isaiah's vision of God seated on His throne in heaven shows the glory and righteousness of God. All people will praise God and as God calls out for someone to go for Him, Isaiah answers that call.

### STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

### BIG AIMS



#### Every child should know that:

- God has given us a holy mission to make Him known to others



#### Every child should feel:

- Burdened for those in their lives who do not know Jesus



#### Every child should:

- Share the gospel with someone who does not know Jesus



#### Every child should want:

- To live faithfully on mission for God and be aligned with His purposes instead of our own

### FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE

Before Saul knew Jesus, he was spiritually dead. He was lost in his sin and was not really living. After he encountered Jesus, he began to really live and became alive in Christ.

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**God's mission is that His glory is known in all the earth.**

- God is for His glory.
- His mission of sharing the gospel with all the world is for His glory.
- His desire is for all the earth to know His glory through hearing and believing the gospel.
- God has provided salvation and this reveals His glory to the world.
- The world hearing this good news brings God glory and advances His mission.

**God's purpose is that all who believe bring Him glory.**

- God has ordained that those who believe in Jesus become part of His family.
- Those who become part of His family are part of His mission to make Himself known in all the earth.
- It is God's purpose for all of His people that they bring Him glory by sharing the good news of the gospel with all the world.
- Sharing the good news of the gospel with all the world shows people the glory of God and fulfills His purpose for man.

**God alone is worthy of honor and praise.**

- There is no other being worthy of honor and praise than God.
- God is the greatest and mightiest being of all beings.
- He alone is perfect, righteous, and holy.
- God alone is worthy of being known in all the earth and of being worshipped.
- His purpose is to be known in all the earth and to be worshipped in all the earth.

**BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 6:1-8**

*Isaiah's Vision Of God*

**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in several different colored pom-poms. Divide the children into small groups and toss the pom-poms all together onto the floor. Have the groups race one another to gather a specific color of pom-pom. For example, one team will gather only red pom-poms. Once they are finished, talk with them about how God offers us a new relationship through Jesus and adopts us into His family, which brings us peace.

**BIG IDEA: GOD IS FOR GOD.<sup>1</sup>****God's purposes are for His own glory.**

- God is the most holy being of all beings.
- He alone is worthy of all honor and praise.
- No one is like God. No one deserves praise like God does.
- Everything that God does is for His own glory.
- All that He has created and all that He does is for His glory.



Have the children read Isaiah 6:1-8 out loud. Talk about the different images of God's glory that Isaiah saw in His vision. Remind the children that God is for God. He is for His own glory.

**All things exist for God's glory.**

- Everything that God created is for His glory.
- All of creation exists to declare God's glory and all of creation does declare His glory.
- All people were created for God's glory.
- All people were made in His image to bring Him glory.
- God's people exist for His glory and they bring Him glory through their relationship with Him.

**God does all He does for His glory.**

- Everything God does is for His own glory.
- He uses everything for His glory and to make Himself known in all the world.
- Even the people who reject Him are used for His glory.
- Everything God chooses to do brings Himself glory.
- He glorifies Himself in all of His works and actions on earth and in the universe.

*Whom is God for? (God is for God. All that He does is for Himself.)*

1. Romans 9:17: *God raised Pharaoh up for the specific purpose of bringing Himself glory. All that God does is for His glory.*

## BIG IDEA: GOD SAVES US SO THAT WE MIGHT BE A PICTURE OF SALVATION TO OTHERS.<sup>2</sup>

### God blots out our sin for His own sake.

- God wipes away our sin for His own glory.
- It brings God great glory when He forgives us of our sin.
- When He relieves us of our sin debt, He is glorified.
- We see His great power and majesty when He wipes away our sin.
- When we are considered righteous instead of sinful, God is glorified.

### God forgives people to show others His glory.

- God saves us to show the world His offer of salvation.
- When our lives are transformed and people see the change in us, they see God's power and mighty salvation.
- God is glorified when we are saved. When our lives are transformed, He receives the glory because it is something only God can do.
- God works in our hearts in a way that only He has the power to do.
- When others see the change in our hearts, they see a picture of who God is and what He does in the heart of man.



Bring in a book of hidden pictures. Help the children work together to find the hidden pictures. Talk with them about how God saves us to show the world the work He does in hearts. When we tell others, they can understand how God changes hearts.

*Why does God save us? (He saves us to show the world His salvation.)*

2. Isaiah 43:25: God blots out our transgressions for His own sake.

## BIG IDEA: WHEN THE GOSPEL CAPTURES OUR HEARTS, WE LONG TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS.<sup>3</sup>

### Salvation changes a sinner's heart.

- Before salvation, sinners are focused on themselves and not on others.
- Sin keeps a person blinded and self-centered.
- After salvation, a person is no longer held captive by their sinful heart.
- Instead, they are set free and receive power through the Holy Spirit to live selfless lives.
- When a person understands what God has saved them from, they feel compelled to share this news with others.
- Their changed hearts compel them to share the good news of the gospel with those who have never heard it.



Play a game of telephone with the children. After you play a few times, talk with the children about how God has a message for His people to share. His people will want to share this message when the gospel captures their hearts.

### A redeemed person is so transformed, he longs to tell of this change.

- When a redeemed person understands just how different he or she is because of Jesus, they will tell others of the work that God has done.
- A redeemed person understands his or her own sinfulness, like Isaiah understood his sinfulness.
- A redeemed person also understands his or her changed heart.
- Just as Isaiah called out that he would go for God, a redeemed person calls out to go for God, also.

### Salvation compels people to share the gospel with others.

- When a redeemed person understands his or her own salvation and comprehends the wrath that is coming for those who don't believe, they are compelled to share the life-saving news of the gospel.
- A redeemed person will desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus in order that others might hear the good news of Jesus.
- Isaiah quickly volunteered to be sent by God because he understood that he had been cleansed of his great sinfulness.
- Believers will quickly volunteer to go, too, when they fully understand the sinful condition they have been saved from.

*What happens when the gospel captures a person's heart? (That person is eager to share the good news with others.)*

3. Romans 1:14-15: Paul was eager to preach the gospel to those who needed to hear it.

## **BIG IDEA: THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES IS TO ADVANCE GOD'S MISSION SO THAT EVERYONE EVERYWHERE CAN WORSHIP JESUS.<sup>4</sup>**

### **God redeems people to bring Him glory by sharing His truth.**

- People are redeemed from their sin for a greater purpose than just having eternal life.
- They are redeemed to be a part of God's story of sharing Himself with the world.
- Redeemed people bring God glory when they testify to what He has done in their own lives.
- God saves people to share the good news with others so that others can worship Him for who He is and what He has done.

### **God's purpose for people is that they share the gospel with everyone and that everyone worships Him.**

- We are created to be eternal beings who are in a relationship with God and worship Him always.
- God's purpose for His redeemed people is that they share the gospel with everyone and that people believe and worship Him.
- God created people for worship and He created them to worship Him.
- He alone is worthy of all worship and His plan of salvation brings people to Him in worship.
- God mission is for His own glory and He allows His people to join in that mission to bring Himself glory.



Ask the children to take turns naming different countries in the world. Set a timer and see how many countries the children can name without looking at a map. Next, show the children a map and remind them that God's purpose is that everyone everywhere hear the gospel so they can worship Jesus.

*What is God's purpose for our lives? (His purpose is for us to advance the gospel to the world so people everywhere can worship Jesus.)*

4. Romans 10:12-15: Paul asks who will tell those who have not heard? How will they hear if no one tells them?

## HOOKS



KNOW

**Unclean Lips**

Have the children draw a picture of their faces using markers and paper. Next, ask the children to color their lips black. Talk with the children about how Isaiah understood his own sinfulness when he saw God's glory and cried out that he had unclean lips. Lead them in a discussion about how we all are unclean before God and God saves us to bring Himself glory.



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- Just like Isaiah understood he was unclean, we, too, must come to understand we are unclean.
- When we understand that we are unclean, we know we need salvation.
- God saves us to bring Himself glory.



FEEL

**To Worship Jesus**

Bring in several different classroom musical instruments. Ask the children to take turns playing the instruments. Next, ask the children to name some of their favorite worship songs. Lead the children in a discussion about how God saves us to share the gospel so others will worship Jesus. Talk about how ultimately, missions exist so that God will get glory.



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