

GOD MAKES ME HIS AMBASSADOR

REVIEW - NEW CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD MAKES ME HIS AMBASSADOR

Matthew 28:18-20; John 1:7; 15:15; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 6:19-20

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BIG IDEAS

- God offers a new mission.
- God's mission is for His glory.
- God's mission is fueled by position and pursuit.
- God's mission is to share the gospel.
- God's mission is to make disciples.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 4

In Acts 4, Peter and John are in prison after they were preaching the gospel. The Sadducees who had arrested them knew that they didn't have any real reason to keep them there, so they let them go but told them they could not preach the gospel anymore. Peter and John left the prison and kept sharing the good news of the gospel. They knew that their true purpose was to be ambassadors for Christ, and this purpose is the same for us.

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



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- God gives us a new purpose



FEEL

Every child should feel:

- Awe that God would use us as His ambassadors



DO

Every child should:

- Learn how to share the message of the gospel



WANT

Every child should want:

- To live faithfully for God's purposes

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 ambassadors for Christ.

- Paul prays for God to give him the words to say to proclaim the gospel.
- We need God's help in order to be faithful ambassadors for Him.
- We should also pray that God would give us the words to proclaim the mystery of the gospel.

Ambassadors are representatives.

- An ambassador is a representative of something or someone else.
- Jesus followers are set apart to be ambassadors for Christ.
- This means that while they live in the world, they aren't ultimately representing themselves, but they are representing God.
- We should be careful to make sure that everything we say and do is a reflection of Jesus, and not of our sinful flesh.

We are called to proclaim the Gospel with boldness.

- Paul prays that he would be bold to proclaim the gospel.
- Because the world is dead in their sin, they won't be happy to hear that the wages of their sin is death. They won't want to hear the good news of the gospel until the Lord softens their heart.
- This does not mean that we are not supposed to share the gospel, but instead that we should be bold in sharing.
- We can pray to the Lord for help, that He would give us the boldness we need to make Him known in the world.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 4**Opening Illustration:**

Provide the children with several narrow strips of different colored paper cut to 1" x 8.5". Help the children use the strips of paper to create a story paper chain. Have the children draw pictures of God's story of redemption. Help them think through key aspects of God's story beginning with creation and ending with Jesus' promised return. The children should write or draw an aspect on one strip of paper and then connect the strips together in order with tape or staples. Remind them that the story of the world is God's story. He created man and all things for His glory.

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 OFFERS A NEW MISSION.

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S MISSION IS FOR HIS GLORY.

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!”

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S MISSION IS FUELED BY POSITION AND PURSUIT.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S MISSION IS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:15

“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.”

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**No Other Name**

Have the children look up the following verses: Acts 4:12; John 14:6; John 10:9; John 8:24; Romans 10:9. Have the children read the verses and then discuss how a person is saved. Remind them that there is only one way to be saved, and that is through Jesus.

**For His Glory**

Give each child a blank piece of paper and markers. Ask the children to make a list of ways that they can bring God glory with their lives. Help them think of three areas in their lives that they can bring God glory, such as home, school, and with friends. Allow the children to share their lists. Lead them in a discussion about how we are redeemed to bring Him glory.



- God saves us to glorify Himself.
- He redeems us to use us to share the truth of Jesus with others.
- We exist to worship Him for all of eternity and to bring Him glory by sharing His truth with others.

