

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

and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

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.)*

Acts 4

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

Peter and John and Jesus' other followers continued to preach the gospel after His ascension into heaven. Peter and John encountered a lame beggar and healed him of his lameness. The Sadducees were angry with Peter and John for healing the man and preaching the gospel. When Peter and John continued to preach the gospel, the Sadducees arrested them and put them in prison. The Sadducees could not find a real reason to keep Peter and John in prison so they let them go and told them not to preach about Jesus' death and resurrection. Peter and John refused to stop preaching because the only message to preach is that Christ was crucified for the world and rose again to new life. This message is the only message that any follower of Christ can preach. God redeems us to preach the truth about Jesus. He redeems us to preach that Jesus died for the sin of mankind and rose again on the third day. This truth is why Jesus came to earth and lived among men. It is the reason He died on the cross. God's story is that Jesus lived the perfect life, died on the cross in our place and rose again to new life. This is the story that is eternal and will never change or end. It is the only story to share with others and God saves us to share this story with those who have yet to hear it.

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

- What is God's story? (His story is that Jesus died for man.)
- What story should we share? (We should share the only story to share and that is that Jesus was crucified for us and offers salvation to man.)
- Why does God redeem us? (He redeems us to bring glory to Himself by sharing the gospel with others.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Ephesians 6:19-20. Talk about how when we are Jesus followers, we are made to be His ambassadors.

**DO**

As a family, create a plan to share the gospel with your neighbors and friends who do not know Jesus. Work together to think of ways to have your neighbors and friends over in order to have a spiritual conversation. Ask your children to think of ways that they can be part of this plan.

**FEEL**

Share with your child a time when you shared the gospel with someone else. Explain to your child that the only message we can share is that Jesus died for us and lives again now.

**WANT**

Spend some time this week praying and asking God to help your family glorify God by fulfilling His mission for His redeemed people.