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Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:22-28; Matthew 1:21; Mark 16:15-16; John 3:36; 14:6; Ephesians 2:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; 1 John 5:11-12; Revelation 7:9-12

## BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

## BIG IDEAS

- Our sin causes us to place our hope in false saviors.
- In His goodness God shows us that He is the only true Savior.
- In His love God sent Jesus to fix our brokenness.

## BIBLE STORY: 1 KINGS 18:1-40

At times, we are all tempted to place our hope in things that are hopeless. Elijah dealt with the worship of false idols. He was given power by God to prove to the people that Baal was a false god and that the idols the people worshiped were not real. He trusted God and followed Him obediently, calling down fire from heaven to burn up the false gods. God is the one true God, yet our sin causes us to believe in false saviors.

## 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:

- God fixes our relationships with Him and with others through Jesus



### Every child should feel:

- Hope that God is fixing creation



### Every child should:

- See Jesus as God's plan for our brokenness



### Every child should want:

- To be made new through faith and hope in Jesus

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## TRUE VERSUS FALSE

Play a game of Truth Toss with your child. Create “truth balls” using wads of paper. Place two containers or buckets next to each other and then give your child several wads of paper and yourself several wads of paper. Next, make a statement and ask your child to guess if you are telling the truth or telling something that is false. If your child guesses correctly, he or she gets to toss a wad of paper into the container. Next, ask your child to make a statement and you take a turn guessing. Remind your child that God is the true Savior and anything else is false.

## DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

1 Kings 18:1-40.

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

King Ahab listened to his wife, Jezebel, and built an altar to her god, Baal. Baal was a fake, or false god. He was not real or alive and had no power, but King Ahab and his people all worshiped Baal. Elijah was God’s special messenger who was sent by God to show King Ahab the truth about Baal. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to build an altar, place a sacrifice on it and then pray to Baal to send fire to consume the sacrifice. The prophets agreed and built their altar. Elijah also built an altar to God. He even poured water on the altar and sacrifice to show the people that God is the one true God. The prophets of Baal prayed and prayed for Baal to send fire down and consume the sacrifice. Baal never responded to them because he was not real. Elijah prayed to God and God sent fire to consume the sacrifice even though the altar was wet. Everyone who saw this immediately began to worship the one true God. God showed that He alone is the true God. We are like the prophets of Baal because we have faith in false saviors instead of in God. We believe in false idols when the false idols cannot help us. There is only one true God and He sent Jesus to save us from our sin because He loves us.

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

- What happened when the prophets of Baal prayed for fire to come down? (Nothing happened.)
- What happened when Elijah prayed for fire to come down? (God sent fire to consume the sacrifice.)
- Who is the only true Savior? (God is the only true Savior.)



As a family, memorize Acts 4:12 by writing each word of the verse on a piece of paper and helping your child put it in order. Say the verse out loud several times together.



Help your child create a list of good things about God. Place the list somewhere visible for the week. Each day, go over the list and talk with your child about how God is a good God and out of His goodness and love for us, He sent Jesus.



As a family use Play-doh to create an animal or person. Next, tell your child that false saviors are created by man just like you created the animal or person. They aren’t real just like the Play-doh figure isn’t real. Next, take turns squishing the play-doh. Remind your child that only God is the true God.



With your child, break an egg into a bowl. Show the broken eggshell to your child and ask your child if he or she can put the eggshell back together perfectly. When he or she can’t, talk with her about how God fixes our brokenness when we cannot fix it ourselves.

Spend some time this week praying and thanking God for sending Jesus as our true Savior.