

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS REDEEMER**

*Psalms 130:7-8; Romans 3:21-26; Colossians 1:13-14; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-22; Revelation 5:8-10*

**BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:7**

*"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- We cannot redeem ourselves.
- God sent His Son to redeem us from our sin.
- Our redemption is purchased by the blood of Jesus.
- Redemption is final and forever.

**BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4**

When Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, they were two women without husbands or family. They were in need of protection and help. Boaz, one of Naomi's relatives, chose to bring them into his family. When he brought them into his family, he provided protection and help. God is the Redeemer of every person. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt so that we might become part of His family.

**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

**UNABLE TO REDEEM**

Fill a large container or a bucket with water or heavy rocks. Tell your child that if he or she can move it from one side of the house or yard to the next, he or she can have a week of not getting in trouble for anything. When your child cannot move the container, talk with them about how we cannot redeem ourselves. Jesus had to redeem us because on He could.

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

Ruth 1-4.

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

Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem from Moab with nothing. They were both widows and had no one to care for them or protect them. Naomi sent Ruth to gather wheat from the fields of a man named Boaz. Boaz was a good man who was distantly related to Naomi. Boaz liked Ruth and told his servants to leave extra wheat for her. When Ruth returned home to Naomi and shared with her that Boaz had shown her special favor, Naomi knew that there was hope for them. Because Boaz was related to Naomi, he could help them become a part of a family again. Boaz could serve as their kinsman redeemer, or the relative who took them in and cared for them. In order for Boaz to be their kinsman redeemer, he would have to choose to make Ruth his wife. Naomi sent Ruth to Boaz one evening to ask him to be their kinsman redeemer. Boaz made sure that no other relative was before him and then he agreed to marry Ruth. Boaz redeemed Naomi and Ruth. He made them a part of his family forever. Every person is like Ruth and Naomi. They are in need of redemption. God sent Jesus to redeem us by paying our sin debt for us. God is our Redeemer and His redemption is forever. We can never lose our redemption from God.

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

- Could Ruth and Naomi help themselves? (No, they could not provide for themselves without help.)
- How did Boaz help Naomi and Ruth at first? (He told his servants to leave extra wheat for Ruth to collect.)
- How could Boaz help Naomi and Ruth forever? (He could redeem them and make them part of his family.)
- How does God redeem us? (He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.)
- Are we able to redeem ourselves? (No, we are all sinful and cannot redeem ourselves.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Ephesians 1:7 by taking turns saying the verse throughout the week. Talk with your child about how we are redeemed by God.

**DO**

Each day this week, plan a special surprise for your child, such as a later bedtime, a free pass from chores, a special meal, etc. Do these things without any expectation for your child to behave a certain way or ask for them. Talk with your child about how God sent Jesus to redeem us even when we didn't earn it or deserve it.

**FEEL**

Help your child think of ways he or she can give someone something before they ask for it or without them deserving it. Plan a special treat for a neighbor or friend. Help your child prepare the treat or surprise. Talk with him or her about how God redeemed us when we didn't deserve it. He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.

**WANT**

Spend some this week at bedtime, praying and thanking God for sending Jesus to redeem us.