

# GOD IS FATHER

## STORY: REDEMPTION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD IS FIXING CREATION

Isaiah 43:18; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Romans 8:19-22; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 3:7

### BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 21:5A

*"And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'"*

### BIG IDEAS

- Our sin has broken the good world that God created.
- God is greater than the brokenness of creation.
- God is fixing all of creation through Jesus.

### BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Jesus revealed His power in many ways during His earthly ministry. In this story, He shows His power over creation when He walks on the water and calms the wind and the waves. Our sin has broken creation, but God is fixing it.

### 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

### FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD IS GREATER

All of creation is broken. There is pain, sorrow, sickness, death, murder, and many other bad things in the world now. Even though creation is broken and dying, God is greater than any bad or broken thing. He is greater.

**REVELATION 21:5A**

*“And He who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”*

**Creation is broken because of man’s sin.**

- Creation was perfect when God first created it.
- There was no sin, no brokenness.
- God made all of creation and mankind perfectly.
- Everything God made was good.
- Because of man’s sin, creation was broken.
- Man’s heart was broken when sin entered it.
- Every person born after the first man is born with a sinful heart.
- Death entered the world when man sinned.
- The perfect creation was now broken and it began to die.

**God promised to redeem creation.**

- Though creation was broken when man sinned, God didn’t leave it broken.
- God promised Adam and Eve that He would rescue the world.
- God sent Jesus to pay the debt we owe for our sin.
- Because of Jesus, our hearts can be made new when we have saving faith.

**God will make all things new.**

- When Jesus returns, He will make a new earth and a new heaven.
- Jesus will fix what is broken.
- He will fix our brokenness and the broken world we live in.
- Our lives will not be filled with brokenness, but instead we will live perfectly with one another.
- Our hearts will be made new, and we will worship Jesus the way He intended us to.

**BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 14:22-33**

*Jesus Calms The Storm*

**Opening Illustration:**

Use craft sticks or small wooden dowels to create a scepter. Cut a crown out of cardstock and connect the ends and then attach it to the top of the scepter. Before attaching it, allow the children to decorate their crowns. Next, attach streamers to the scepter. Talk with the children about how God is the ruler of everything. He is fixing our broken creation, showing us grace and mercy and rescuing us through Jesus.

**BIG IDEA: OUR SIN HAS BROKEN THE GOOD WORLD THAT GOD CREATED.<sup>1</sup>**

*What are some things that are broken in our world? (We have pain and sorrow. People die. People hurt other people.)*

**Everything that God made was good, but our sin broke it.**

- Every part of creation was good when God created it.
- God is good and everything He does is good, so everything He created was perfect.
- Our sin broke God's good creation.
- Our disobedience, which is sin, broke creation.
- In the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned, they rejected God's good creation.
- Our sin is a rejection of the good things of God.

**Creation is dying because of our sin.**

- When God created the world, there was no death.
- Because of man's sin, death entered the world.
- Things decay and die now because of man's sin.
- Our bodies grow old and die.
- The world is now a broken world.
- Bad things happen in our world because of our sin.
- Murder, theft, broken relationships are part of the brokenness of the world.

**Our sin made the good things God created bad.**

- There are bad things in the world now because of our sin.
- There is fear and worry because the perfect creation was broken.
- The disciples feared the wind and the waves because of the brokenness of the world.
- Man's sin broke God's world and caused the good things He created to be scary or bad.

*How did God's good creation become bad? (Man's sin caused the good creation to become bad. Sin entered the world and creation began to die.)*



Bring in a flashlight. Remove the batteries before class and keep them close to you. Ask the children to turn the flashlight on. When it doesn't work, tell the children that it is like our broken creation. Next, put the batteries in the flashlight and turn it on. Tell the children that God is fixing our creation just like you fixed the flashlight.

<sup>1</sup> Romans 8:19-22: Creation was perfect and then man's sin broke it. It caused what was good and perfect to become damaged and broken.

**BIG IDEA: GOD IS GREATER THAN THE BROKENNESS OF CREATION.<sup>2</sup>****The brokenness of creation is not greater than God's power.**

- God is greater than all things.
- He is the most powerful being of all beings.
- There is nothing in Creation too powerful for Him.
- No part of our brokenness or the world's brokenness can overpower God.
- God is the Creator of all things, so He is over all things.
- Everything comes from God.
- Every thing, person, and idea comes from God. He creates it, gives it life and sustains it.
- God is over all things and all people.
- Everything is within God's power because He is the ruler of everything.
- God is never weak or unable to overcome something or someone.



Bring in a sheet and lay it on the floor. Place various objects (such as a chair, books, boxes, etc.) on the sheet to act as obstacles. Explain to the children that the sheet represents the water and the objects represent the waves. Have the children line up and take turns walking on the sheet without touching any of the objects. When all of the children have had a turn, discuss with them how Jesus is greater than any evil in this world and proved His power over this broken world by walking on the water and calming the storm.

**No storm, trial, or evil can overcome God.**

- The disciples were overcome by the waves on the lake.
- Their boat was overpowered by the waves.
- Their hearts were fearful and anxious because of the storm.
- They could not overcome it. They were powerless against it.
- Jesus came to the disciples showing His power.
- When He walked on the stormy water, He showed them His power over creation, even a broken creation.
- Jesus was not overpowered by the waves.
- He overpowered them.
- Jesus is greater than waves.
- Jesus is greater than our brokenness.

*How is God greater than the brokenness of creation? (He is the great Creator. Everything comes from Him, so nothing can overpower Him.)*

2. Job 26:14: God is so powerful that we cannot even fully understand His power. He holds all of the power and everything is subjected to Him.

**BIG IDEA: GOD IS FIXING ALL OF CREATION THROUGH JESUS.<sup>3</sup>****God will not leave creation in its brokenness.**

- Though creation is broken and dying, God made a way for it to be new again.
- Just like the disciples were saved from the storm by Jesus, we are saved from our brokenness by Jesus.
- The disciples could not stop the storm.
- Peter could not save himself from sinking.
- Jesus could and did save them.
- He calmed the wind and the waves and saved Peter from sinking because He is all powerful and in control of all things.



Use blue and white streamers attached to craft sticks to make wind/wave sticks. Have the children pretend to be the wind and waves by waving their sticks and then take turns calming them with their voice. Remind them that Jesus had the power to calm the storm and He is the way that God is fixing creation.

**Jesus has the power to fix our brokenness.**

- Jesus had power over the waves when He walked on them.
- He showed His power over creation when He calmed the storm.
- Jesus has power over our brokenness.
- When He died on the cross for our sins, He overcame our brokenness and the brokenness of this world.
- We can be made new through saving faith in Jesus.
- We have saving faith when we turn away from our sin and believe in Jesus.
- Jesus gives us a new heart when we have saving faith in Him.
- He fixes the brokenness of our sinful heart. He makes our hearts new.
- When Jesus returns, He will remove this broken world and create a new world that is perfect and that will remain perfect forever.

*How does God fix creation through Jesus? (Jesus took on the sins of mankind and paid the sin debt for man. When we have saving faith in Him, we are made new.)*

3. 2 Peter 3:7: God will destroy this broken world and create a new heaven and a new earth in His time. He will make all things new and those who believe will no longer live in a broken world.

## HOOKS

**A New World**

Give each child a blank piece of paper and crayons. Ask the children to draw a picture of their house and family. Once the children finish their pictures, use tape to create a “paper quilt.” Tape the pieces of paper together to form a square or rectangle “quilt”. Next, hang the “quilt” up and talk with the children about how one day our world is going to be new and perfect again.



- All of the pictures on this “quilt” are part of our world.
- Our world is broken because of our sin, but one day, God is going to make the world new again.

**All Things New**

Bring in several old and broken objects, such as a broken pencil, an empty paper towel roll, a broken flashlight, or broken toys. Also, bring in new versions of the same objects. First show the children the old and broken objects. Remind them that this is what our world is like. It is broken and dying because of our sin. Next, show them the new objects. Talk with them about how Jesus is making our world new again.



- Our world is full of sin and brokenness. It is dying because of our sin.
- Jesus died on the cross to give us life again.
- Jesus is fixing our broken creation by paying our sin debt.