

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS BROKE THE POWER OF SIN**

Romans 8:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:4

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 6:9**

*We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God is fixing creation.
- God is fixing our relationship with Him.
- God is fixing us.
- God is fixing our relationship with others.
- Only God can fix our brokenness.

**BIBLE STORY: JOHN 3:1-15**

Jesus told Nicodemus that the only way to be able to see the kingdom of heaven was to be born again. This does not mean that we have to be physically born a second time, but that we must be given new spiritual life and be spiritually born again. We can be born again because Jesus made a way for us; when He died on the cross He broke the power of sin so that we can have new life in Him!

**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:**

- Redemption is when God fixes the things that sin has broken

**Every child should feel:**

- Hope that God is fixing creation

**Every child should:**

- Talk about Jesus as God's plan for redemption

**Every child should want:**

- To be made new through faith in Jesus

**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.)*

John 3:1-15

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

Nicodemus was a religious leader in his community. He was an important leader and a very wealthy man. He thought he knew everything there was to know about God and how to get to Heaven just like his friends, the Sanhedrin. When he heard about Jesus and saw the miracles that Jesus performed, Nicodemus began to wonder who Jesus really was. He began to wonder if he really did know how to get to Heaven like he thought he did. Nicodemus wanted to talk to Jesus, but he didn't want his important friends to know, so he went to see Jesus at night. Jesus was not surprised by Nicodemus' visit or by his questions. Jesus knew that Nicodemus was really questioning in his heart. Jesus told Nicodemus that if a person was going to see Heaven, that person had to be born again. Nicodemus was shocked. He didn't understand how people could be born as babies twice. Nicodemus was thinking about physical birth and Jesus was talking about spiritual birth. Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to have a physical birth and a spiritual birth in order to see Heaven. Everyone has a physical birth. We are all born as babies, but not everyone has a spiritual birth. In order to know God and see Heaven, we have to be born again. Being born again means we have placed our faith and hope in Jesus and have repented of our sin. It means we believe that we needed Jesus to pay our sin debt because we are sinners and that we are now followers of Jesus. When we do this, we are made new and we have a new life. Our hearts no longer are held captive by our sin nature and are now free to follow Jesus.

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

- What does redemption mean?
- Why do we need redemption?
- Who is the only one who can redeem us?
- What does Jesus tell Nicodemus about how he can know God?



As a family, memorize John 3:3 by writing each word of the verse on a piece of paper and putting it up throughout your house. Next, play a game of "I Spy" and ask your child to spy the words of the verse. When they have all been found, put them together and say the verse out loud several times.



As a family, look through pictures of your child when he was a baby. If possible, show your child pictures of you when you were a baby. Talk with your child about the day of their birth, and then share with him about your own new birth when you became a follower of Jesus.

Spend some time this week praying with your child, thanking God for giving us new life through Jesus.

Using gray or black cardstock paper or poster board, create a tombstone for "Death." Help your child write verses that talk about Jesus defeating death and about Jesus overcoming the grave. Remind your child that God put death to death through Jesus's death and resurrection.