

GOD IS SAVIOR AND RESCUES HIS PEOPLE

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BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SAVIOR AND RESCUES HIS PEOPLE

Isaiah 45:21; Hosea 13:4; Matthew 1:21; John 3:16; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 4:9, 14

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 43:11

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BIG IDEAS

- God is the one, true Savior.
- God fights for His people.
- God rescues His people.
- Jesus is the Savior of the World.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 17

David believed and trusted that God is mightier than any other. David fought Goliath because he fought using God's power. David knew that God protects His people and that He always wins His battles.

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Separated from God because of sin, humanity has no hope apart from God Himself. God in the midst of our sin declares that He is Savior. Jesus, fully God and fully man, came to earth to willingly die to take our place. After three days He rose from the grave and He defeated sin and death itself. God being a Savior is the same as the hero of the story sacrificing himself to save the villain. God is Savior and He not only saves us from judgment, but also adopts us into His family as sons and daughters of God. Through Jesus we become a part of a new family and have a new Father.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know:

- We need a Savior because of our sin
- God is the Savior of His people



Every child should feel:

- Loved because God sent His Son to be our Savior



Every child should be able to:

- Acknowledge sins that they commit
- Talk about how God saves His people and adopts them into His family



Every child should want to:

- Experience spiritual adoption

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD IS THE ONLY SAVIOR

God is the only true God. There is no other God besides Him. God is the only true Savior. Isaiah reminds the people that there is only one God and He alone is our Savior.

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God Is The Only True God.

- There is only one God.
- All other beings that try to appear to be God are not truly God.
- There is only one God who is the Creator of the world.
- God is the only true all-powerful being.
- He alone is God and there are no others besides Him.

There Is No God Before The One True God.

- God has no beginning and no end.
- He is not a created being. He has always existed.
- There is no god before the one true God.
- Only God has always existed.
- All others gods are false and not the one true God.
- God is the most powerful being and He alone is the beginning of all things.

God Is The Only Savior.

- Because God is the Creator of all things, He is the beginning of all things.
- Only God is perfect and holy.
- He is the only being who can save His people.
- No one else is perfect like God, so no one else can save like He can.
- God is the Savior of the world.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 17*David And Goliath*

Supporting Scripture: Psalm 3:8; 1 Samuel 2:8-9; Psalm 35:10; Ephesians 1:7

Teacher Introduction:

Israel, God's chosen people, had received their earthly king, Saul. Though they had wanted an earthly king, Saul had not been the greatest king. The Israelites were being attacked by the Philistines and Saul was not able to defeat them. The Philistines had a giant named Goliath who was fighting for them. Goliath frightened the Israelites and caused them to shrink back. None of the Israelite soldiers wanted to fight Goliath. David was a young shepherd boy whom God had chosen to be Israel's next king. Before he became king though, he worked for his father tending sheep. One day, David's father sent him to the Israelite camp to carry food to his brothers. David saw that the Israelites were afraid of Goliath. He heard Goliath taunt the Israelites, but David was not afraid. David knew that God always wins His battles. David volunteered to fight Goliath even though he was just a young shepherd boy. God worked through David to defeat Goliath. David trusted God and knew that God fights for His people. God rescued His people through David and showed the Israelites and the Philistines that He is the one true Savior.

Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the truth: *David and Goliath*. The four points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from 1 Samuel 17 and teach the truth that God is Savior and He rescues His people. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson questions are placed to help you guide the preschoolers to think about and process the truth God is Savior and He rescues His people.

Opening Illustration:

Play a game of Goliath bowling with the children. Use empty water bottles, or plastic cups as the bowling pins. Use a small ball or a plastic bowling ball as the ball. Have the children take turns knocking down the "Goliath pins." Talk with the children about how God is the only Savior and He fights for His people like He fought for the Israelites against Goliath.

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HIS PEOPLE**BIG IDEA: GOD IS THE ONE, TRUE SAVIOR.¹****Salvation is from God.**

- God is the beginning of all things.
- He is the source of all life and the giver of all things.
- He is the great Creator and He alone is the sustainer of life.
- God is the giver of salvation to the world.
- God is the only way that man receives salvation from his sin.

God is the only perfect being.

- There are no others like God.
- He alone is holy and righteous.
- God is the only perfect, sinless being.
- There are no others like God.
- Only God is perfect and without blemish.
- All that God does is right and good.
- He alone is wise and understanding.
- He alone holds all knowledge.

God's perfection means He is the only Savior.

- God does everything right and perfect.
- He never makes mistakes and He does no wrong.
- He is perfect in every way and has never sinned.
- God's perfection makes Him the only Savior.
- In order to pay man's sin debt, the Savior had to be perfect and without blemish.
- God is the only being who is perfect and without blemish.
- God is the only Savior.

Who is the only Savior? (God is the only true Savior.)



Before class write down the word "Jesus" on several small pieces of paper. Place half of the pieces of paper in one container and the other half in another. Divide the preschoolers into two groups and have them race each other to see who can collect all the paper from the container first. Once the papers are collected, gather the preschoolers together and tell them that the name on the paper is the only Savior. Show them that the only name on the paper is Jesus. Remind them that Jesus is the only Savior.

1. Psalm 3:8: God is the only Savior. He alone is perfect and true.

BIG IDEA: GOD FIGHTS FOR HIS PEOPLE.²**All of the world belongs to the Lord.**

- Everything belongs to God because He is the Creator of all things.
- He holds everything in His hands.
- He created the world and all that is in it and He set the world in motion according to His great plan.
- He is the sovereign ruler of all things and all people in the world.
- Even though the Philistines overpowered the Israelites, God still controlled all things.



Sing “Our God Is An Awesome God” with the preschoolers. Remind them that God fights for His people like He used David to fight against Goliath.

God controls all things and holds all the power.

- Though Goliath fought against God’s people, God controlled Goliath.
- God used David, a young shepherd boy, to defeat Goliath and the Philistines.
- God does not leave His people to fight for themselves.
- He controls all things because He is sovereign over all the earth.
- He controlled David and Goliath.

God guards and protects His people.

- God takes care of His people.
- He does not leave His people in trouble without helping them.
- God watches over His people and using His might to protect them.
- David defeated Goliath because God worked through David to protect the Israelites.
- God is a God who fights for His people.

Why does God fight for His people? (He is the ruler of everything and everyone and He controls all things. He protects His people.)

2. 1 Samuel 2:8-9: *God guards the feet of His people. He watches over them and protects them.*

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HIS PEOPLE**BIG IDEA: GOD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE.³****Nothing is too strong or hard for God.**

- There is nothing that is too hard for God.
- Nothing is too difficult for God to overcome.
- He is the most powerful being of all beings.
- Nothing can overcome God because He is the highest being.
- God is mighty and strong.

God rescues the afflicted.

- God's people, the Israelites were afflicted by the Philistines and their giant Goliath.
- God did not leave them in their affliction.
- God rescued them through David.
- God doesn't leave His people in their affliction.
- He rescues them and fights for them.

God helps His people when they need it.

- The Israelites needed God's help.
- They could not defeat the Philistines by themselves.
- They were too afraid and too weak to defeat the giant Goliath.
- God used David to help His people.
- David defeated Goliath easily because he used God's power.
- God helps His people because He loves them and watches over them.



Bring in a superhero cape or a towel that can be used as a cape. Have the preschoolers take turns wearing the cape, pretending to be a superhero. Talk with the preschoolers about how God rescues His people. He takes care of them.

How can God rescue His people? (He is mighty and strong and nothing can overcome Him.)

3. Psalm 35:10: Nothing is too strong for God. No one can overcome God. He looks out for His people

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HIS PEOPLE**BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.⁴****God showed grace to the world by sending Jesus.**

- We are all in need of salvation.
- We all need redemption because we all have sinned against God.
- Our sin leaves us unable to save ourselves.
- God showed grace to the world when He chose to send His Son to pay our sin debt.
- God showed grace to the Israelites when He used David to defeat Goliath.
- God is a merciful God who sent salvation to the world.



Bring in a plastic globe or a large map of the world. Point out different countries on the globe or map. Show the children all the different places in the world and remind them that Jesus died for the sin of all the world.

God sent Jesus to redeem His people.

- All people have sinned, which means that no person is perfect and without sin.
- A sinless sacrifice was necessary to pay our sin debt.
- God sent Jesus to take our place and pay for our sin debt.
- When the Israelites could not defeat Goliath, God used David to defeat him.
- God sent Jesus to be our substitute.

Our sins are forgiven through Jesus' blood.

- Jesus came to earth and lived a sinless life.
- Because He was sinless, He was the perfect sacrifice for our sin.
- He took our place on the cross and paid for our sin.
- God accepted the death of Jesus in our place.
- Our sins are forgiven because Jesus' blood was shed on the cross.
- Jesus is the only Savior of the world.
- There is no other Savior because only Jesus was perfect.

Why is Jesus the Savior of the world? (He lived a sinless life and died on the cross in our place.)

4. Ephesians 1:7: We have redemption through the blood of Jesus.

HOOKS

**Sling-Shot Race**

Bring in a toy sling shot for the children to see. Use a soft ball or “shot” and have the children take turns trying to hit a target. Talk about how difficult it would have been for David to hit Goliath, but God fought for His people and rescued them.



- Goliath was a large man.
- He had heavy armor on his body that would have made it difficult for David to hit him.
- God fought for His people by helping David hit Goliath with just one shot.
- God rescued His people through David.

**How Tall Was Goliath?**

Use a large piece of paper taped to the wall to show how tall Goliath was. Let the children measure themselves against Goliath’s height. Mark their height measurements on the paper. Talk with them about how God is bigger and mightier than Goliath. He’s the Savior of the world.



- Goliath was a big man. He was a giant.
- Even though Goliath was a giant, he was not mightier than God.
- God is mightier than anyone.
- He is the Savior of the world and He saved His people from Goliath.

What if I Fought Goliath?

Help the children decide which weapon they would want to use to fight Goliath. Talk with them about how God is their Savior and He rescues His people.

- David chose to take a sling-shot to fight Goliath.
- Even though Goliath had better weapons and armor, it didn’t matter.
- God helped David defeat Goliath because God is the Savior of His people.