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2 Kings 19:32-35; Psalm 18:1-3; 138:7; 144:1-2; Micah 7:5-7; John 14:6; Romans 1:16-17; 3:22-24; Ephesians 2:8-10

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 43:11

"I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no Savior."

BIG IDEAS

- God can save us from our biggest danger.
- We cannot save ourselves because of our sin.
- Salvation from our sin comes from Jesus alone.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 7:1-14; JOSHUA 23

When God's people repented of their idol worship and turned back to God, they saw Him fight for them against the Philistines. The Philistines had oppressed the Israelites, but God fought for His people to save them from their enemy. God gave the people rest from conquering the Promised Land and fulfilled all His promises to them. He is the one Savior. He, alone, can save man.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS SAVIOR - GOD GIVES ADOPTION

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

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

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CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES**GOD FIGHTS FOR HIS PEOPLE**

Help your child create a sword out of cardboard or cardstock. Allow them to decorate the sword as they like. On the sword they create, write the "The Word of God". Talk with them about how God fights for His people. He is their Savior and He fights their battles for them. God's Word is our sword and the way in which we know how to obey Him.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Joshua 23.

THINK ABOUT IT:

As Joshua is nearing the end of his life, he recounts some of the ways that God has fought for His people. He reminds the Israelites that if they repent of their sins and put away their false gods and idols, that God will fight for Him. God is the Savior of His people. He fights their battles for them when they walk in obedience to Him. He delivers them from the evil people who fight against them.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who does Joshua say fights for the Israelites? (God fights for the Israelites.)
- What should God's people do? (They should obey Him and repent of their sins.)



Help your child memorize Isaiah 43:11. Talk with your child about how God fights for His people and how He fights for us. He promises in His Word to take care of His people because He is their Savior.



Spend some time this week talking with your child about his or her fears. Share with your child a fear you have and then remind him or her that God can save us from our biggest danger. God is more powerful than anything and He is our Savior.



Spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for the way He fights for your family. Allow your child to name some ways that God fights for him or her. Thank God for the way He is the Savior of the world and provides a way for our sins to be paid for.

