

GOD IS REDEEMER TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOPE

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Psalms 130:7-8; Romans 3:23-26; Ephesians 2:12; Colossians 1:13-14; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-21; Revelation 5:8-10

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 49:26

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BIG IDEAS

- Sin separates us from God.
- Separation from God leaves us hopeless.
- God gives hope to those separated from Him through His Son, Jesus Christ.

BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4

We are all in need of a Savior. Our sin is too great and we are unable to pay our sin debt. Because we all are sinful and we all owe a sin debt, we need Jesus as our Redeemer. God gave His Son to be our Redeemer, just as He provided Boaz to be Ruth's kinsman redeemer.

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God does not just save us from eternal punishment, but also redeems us. The word redemption means to buy back. This means that God sets us free from the slavery of sin through the death of His Son. God is not just redeeming us as individuals though, but He instead is redeeming a people, His church. The church is the collection of believers both universal (Christians everywhere) and local (Christians who meet together locally). God has set apart His people to declare His praises.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know:

- God is our Redeemer when we have no hope
- Redemption is when we are set free from our sin and brought into right relationship with God



Every child should feel:

- Hope that comes through Jesus our Redeemer



Every child should be able to:

- Describe the gospel message



Every child should want to:

- Live in hope, not separation

FAMILY DEVOTION: A KINSMAN REDEEMER

We are all sinful and unable to redeem ourselves from our sin. We all owe a penalty of death for our sin, but God provides His Son as our Redeemer. Jesus redeemed us from our sin debt when He died on the cross.

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God Is The Known Redeemer.

- God is a God who is known by His people.
- He reveals Himself to the world through His creation.
- He allows His people to know Him through His Word and His mighty actions.
- God reveals Himself as the Redeemer through His Son, Jesus.
- God sent Jesus to redeem the world. Jesus is God and the Son of God. When Jesus came, it was God coming to redeem the world.

God Is The Redeeming Savior.

- No person can save himself. All are in need of salvation from their sin nature.
- God revealed Himself as the Redeemer of His people when He provided this salvation.
- He sent Jesus to pay the sin debt of every person and offer salvation to those who repent and believe.
- God is our Savior. He redeems us from our sin and makes us part of His family.

God Is The Mighty Redeemer.

- There is no enemy, trouble, or sin that is too great for God.
- God is mightier than everything. He is mightier than our sin.
- He overcame our sin on the cross when His Son, Jesus paid our sin debt through His death.
- God is our mighty and powerful Redeemer.
- He overcomes all sin and washes it away through the blood of Jesus.

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Supporting Scripture: Ephesians 2:12; John 12:48; Hebrews 10:23.

Teacher Introduction:

Adam's sin in the Garden introduced sin into the heart of every person. This sin made all people sinful and unclean before God. When God gave His people, the Israelites His law to follow, He gave them the law of the kinsman redeemer. The kinsman redeemer was a male who took on the obligation or responsibility of helping a close relative who was in financial need, had sold property, or needed to be restored to society. This law painted a picture of the work of Jesus on the cross as the redeemer of the world. This picture is seen more clearly through the story of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz. Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem as widows. Their widowhood left them without property and protection. Boaz was a close relative of Naomi and through God's faithfulness to Ruth and Naomi, Boaz became their kinsman redeemer by marrying Ruth and bringing them both into his family. When Boaz took Ruth in marriage, she and Naomi became a part of his family and received the protection and rights of his other family members. God does the same thing for those who repent and believe in Jesus. Jesus is our kinsman redeemer. His death on the cross redeemed the world from its sin and now those who follow Him become part of God's family. They receive the same rights and privileges as God's own Son, Jesus.

Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the truth: *Boaz, the Kinsman Redeemer*. The three points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from Ruth 1-4 and teach the truth that God is our Kinsman Redeemer. 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 redeems us through His Son, Jesus.

Opening Illustration:

Have the preschoolers place all of their shoes in a pile in the middle of the room. Next, divide the preschoolers into two teams. Have the teams race each other to see who can find their shoes the fastest. Once a team has found all of its members' shoes, lead the preschoolers in a discussion about how the team helped its members find their shoes. God helps us by sending a Redeemer when He sent Jesus.

GOD IS REDEEMER TO THOSE
WHO HAVE NO HOPE**BIG IDEA: SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.¹****Sin is rebellion against God.**

- God is the Creator and Ruler of all things.
- He is holy and righteous and deserving of all our praise and worship.
- We do not worship Him on our own because of our sinful hearts.
- We naturally rebel against God because we are sinful.
- Sin leads us away from God, not to Him.
- We rebel against His Word and His commands. Instead, we desire to do our own thing and fulfill our own desires.
- This rebellion causes us to be separated from God.
- When we rebel against Him, we are moving away from Him.



Give the children different objects to separate into groups, such as different colored blocks, boxes of crayons or markers, or some other group of objects that can be sorted. Once the objects are sorted, remind the children that our sin separates us from God.

Our sin causes us to reject God.

- Our sin leads us to reject God as the one true God.
- Instead of worshipping God as the true God, we create other gods and idols.
- We follow our sinful hearts and reject God and His authority.
- This rejection leads us away from God and causes us to be separated from Him.
- We cannot walk in harmony with God when we have not repented of our sin because that sin leads us to deny and reject Him.

Sin leaves us as orphans.

- Our sin separates us and leaves us as outsiders.
- We are not part of God's family until we repent and believe in Jesus.
- Our sin leads us to rebel and reject God and this places us outside of His family.
- This separation leaves us vulnerable to the broken world.
- When we reject God, we reject His Son and this leaves us without salvation.
- Until we repent and believe in Jesus as the Savior, we are outside of God's family.

What separates us from God? (Our sin separates us and leads us away from God.)

1. Ephesians 2:12: Sin causes us to be outside of God's family. It separates us from God.

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WHO HAVE NO HOPE**BIG IDEA: SEPARATION FROM GOD LEAVES US HOPELESS.²****Separation from God means future judgment.**

- When we are separated from God, we have no hope now or in the future.
- God holds all of life in His hands. He is the only way we can have any real hope at a life that is fulfilling and joyful.
- When we are separated from Him, we have no hope.
- Our separation from God means we will be judged in the future for our rejection of Him.
- Unless we repent and believe in Jesus, we will never be united with God. We will always be separated.
- Our sin debt will be held against us, causing us to be judged for it when Jesus returns.



Give each child a leaf shaped piece of paper. Ask the children to color their leaf to look like barley. Talk with the children about how Ruth was separated from a family until Boaz rescued her just like we are separated from God before we believe in Jesus.

Separation from God leads to sorrow.

- Ruth and Naomi were without a family. Naomi had lost her husband and two sons. Ruth had lost her husband, Naomi's son.
- They were hopeless because they could not provide for themselves in the culture they lived in.
- They were alone and without protection from those who would try to hurt them.
- When we are separated from God, we are hopeless.
- Our hopelessness leads to sorrow because we have no way of helping ourselves.
- Just like Ruth and Naomi could not help themselves, we cannot help ourselves.
- We are in need of a Redeemer to save us and bring us into a family.

We cannot overcome our separation without God.

- We are all sinners. We cannot overcome our own sin because we are not perfect and blameless.
- Because it is our sin that separates us from God, we cannot overcome our separation.
- There's nothing we can do to pay our own sin debt.
- We are all in need of a Savior. We all need to be redeemed from our sinful state and made new again.

What makes us hopeless? (We are without God, separated from Him by our sin.)

2. John 12:48: We will face a future judgment if we do not repent and believe in Jesus. This future judgment produces hopelessness.

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BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES HOPE TO THOSE SEPARATED FROM HIM THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.³

God promised a Redeemer for the world.

- God is faithful and true. He always keeps His Word.
- He promised to send a Redeemer for the world and He kept His promise.
- He sent His Son, Jesus to pay the world's sin debt.
- God didn't leave man hopeless. Instead, He sent hope to the world.
- Ruth and Naomi didn't have hope, but found hope in their relative, Boaz.
- Boaz brought them into his family and offered them protection and care.



Help the children make a paper chain using narrow strips of paper to represent God's family. Allow each child to attach a piece of the chain. As you make the chain, remind the children that God gives us hope through His Son, Jesus. Jesus makes a way for us to be a part of God's family.

God is faithful and He sent a Redeemer.

- God's faithfulness is seen through His sacrifice of Jesus.
- God didn't make a promise and then forget about the world.
- He kept His promise of saving the world and bringing them back to Him.
- He sent Jesus to pay the world's sin debt and this gives the world hope.
- Without Jesus, the world has no possibility of being reunited with God.
- Jesus made the way for man to know God again and to remove the separation between God and man.

God's Redeemer gives hope to those who believe in Him.

- Jesus paid the world's sin debt when He died on the cross.
- His sacrificial death was enough to pay for the sin of every person.
- It fulfilled God's requirement for a blood sacrifice.
- Only those who repent and believe in Jesus can have hope in a future with God.
- Jesus is God's Redeemer and belief in Him brings hope to people.
- He gives hope because people can know they are in right standing with God and that they have a future with Him in heaven.

How does Jesus give us hope? (He paid our sin debt and made a way for us to be with God again.)

3. Hebrews 10:23: We can have hope because we know that God is faithful. He does what He promises to do.

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HOOKS

**Obedience Check-Up**

Bring in a play doctor's kit with a pretend thermometer and stethoscope. Let the preschoolers take turns listening to one another's hearts and lungs and taking each other's temperature. As they play with the doctor's kit, talk with them about how our sin makes us disobey God. Our hearts are sick because of our sin. Even though our hearts are sinful, God makes a way for us to be redeemed through Jesus. Remind them that Jesus died for our sin and He redeemed us.

**The Caped Rescuer**

Bring in a cape or small sheet that can be used as a cape. Allow the children to take turns wearing the cape and pretending to rescue their friends. Remind them about how God is our Redeemer and Rescuer. He makes us part of His family by redeeming us. God redeems us through His Son, Jesus. Jesus paid our sin debt and when we repent and believe, we are set free from our sin.

**A New Heart**

Give each child a piece of paper and markers. Allow the children to draw on their papers and then dip the papers in a container of water. Show the children how the water destroys their papers just like our sin destroys our lives. After you've dipped every child's paper, give each child a new piece of paper. Tell them the new paper is like the work of Jesus on the cross. Jesus redeems us and makes us clean. Our hearts are made new because of Jesus' death on the cross in our place.