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Psalm 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

“...Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your Redeemer...”

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.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS REDEEMER - GOD GIVES CHURCH

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

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 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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A KINSMAN REDEEMER

Help your child write the word “Redeemer” on a piece of paper. Then allow him or her to decorate the word. Talk with them about how God is our Redeemer. He paid the price for our sins and He redeemed us into His family, making us His children.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Ruth 4:1-12.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Boaz did not have to redeem Ruth and Naomi, but God moved in Boaz’s heart to cause him to become their kinsman redeemer. Naomi and Ruth were blessed by God for their obedience to Him. Boaz’s choice to become their redeemer is a picture of what Christ did for God’s people on the cross. He was the first Son of God and when He died on the cross, He redeemed all of God’s people making them the sons and daughters of God.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who redeemed Ruth and Naomi? (Boaz redeemed them and brought them into his family.)
- Who redeemed God’s people? (Jesus Christ redeemed God’s people. He saves those who have no hope.)



Help your child memorize Isaiah 43:11. Talk with your child about what it means to be redeemed and how this changes our lives and our eternities.



Lay out a “field” of animal crackers or another favorite snack for your child. Give your child a basket and tell them they can collect what is left after you “harvest” the field. As you “harvest” the field place a few extra pieces on the edges for your child, then allow them to collect what is left. Tell them that God takes care of His children just like Boaz provided for Ruth and Naomi.



Using cotton balls or some other item that is easy to gather and see, allow your child to pretend to be Boaz leaving extra wheat for Ruth. Take turns playing Boaz and Ruth. Talk with your child about how God is our Redeemer and He makes us a part of His family when we repent and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ.



Spend some time singing praises with your child thanking God for Redeeming His people.