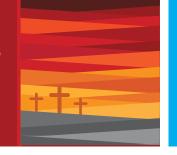


THE STORY: REDEMPTION

GOD THE SON PAID REDEMPTION'S PRICE



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Hebrews 9:11-12; Romans 3:24; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 1:14; Galatians 4:4-5; Titus 2:13-14

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

BIG IDEAS

- The Son died in our place.
- The Son offers us forgiveness.
- The Son covers us in grace.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 23:26-49; ROMANS 8:31-39

Jesus came to the earth, sent by God the Father, to live the perfect life that man could not and to die the death that man deserved. Jesus was crucified for man's sin, suffering and dying on the cross in our place. He paid the price that we all owe, and God accepted His death as fulfillment of our sin debt. Because of Him, we can have forgiveness and eternal life.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



Every child should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King



Every child should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



Every child should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin





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A GREAT REDEMPTION

Ask your child to name one thing that he or she dislikes doing, such as making their bed, cleaning their room, eating a certain meal, etc. Tell your child that for this week, you will take their place doing the one thing they dislike. You will do their chore, make their bed, replace the meal they do not like, etc. Remind your child that Jesus took our place and redeemed us.

DISCOVER IT: (Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)

Luke 23:36-49; Romans 8:31-39

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

Man's sinfulness was a rebellion and rejection of God. God is a just and holy God and He cannot ignore our sin against Him. Our sin requires a payment and that payment is death. In order for our sin to be atoned, or paid for, a perfect person must die. The reason that death is necessary is because death is the penalty, or cost of our sin. God said so in the very beginning in Genesis 2:16-17. Death would be the result if man sinned against God---physical death and spiritual death. No man or woman is perfect because we all are born with a nature, or will that is set on disobeying God. God knew this and He sent Jesus, His Son, to pay our sin debt. Jesus could pay our sin debt because He lived the sinless life that we could not. This made Him perfect. Luke tells us in his account of Jesus' crucifixion that Jesus willingly went to the cross and died in our place. Jesus was beaten and suffered greatly on our behalf. He hung on the cross for many hours and when it was time, He breathed His last breath. He did all of this for our sake and on our behalf. God looked at Jesus on the cross and counted His death as enough to atone for our sin. Now, because of Jesus' death, we have the offer of forgiveness for our sin. This means that when we repent of our sin and believe that Jesus died for us, we are forgiven for our sin. God no longer holds us accountable for it. We are set free and can live for God's glory!

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

- Why do we need a redeemer? (We are all sinful and unable to save ourselves.)
- How does Jesus offer us forgiveness? (He paid our sin debt on the cross and He offers us forgiveness if we repent and believe.)



As a family, memorize Ephesians 1:7 by writing the verse on index cards and placing them all over your house. Tell your child that every time each or she finds an index card and says the verse, they receive a point toward a prize at the end of the week.



Gather together as a family one evening this week. Ask your child to help you define redemption and forgiveness. Talk as a family about different times when you need to forgive one another. Next, talk about how we all need forgiveness from God because of our sin. Remind your child that God sent Jesus to offer us forgiveness.



As a family, create gift bags with toiletries and other supplies in them for the homeless in your city. With your child, take the bags to your local homeless shelter. Talk with your child about how the homeless are doing nothing to earn the bags you're giving them, but you are showing mercy to them. Remind them that we do not deserve God's grace and mercy, but He shows them to us through Jesus.



Spend time praying with your child this week. Pray that he or she would understand their own need for forgiveness and redemption. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your child to saving faith.