**BIG TRUTH: GOD THE FATHER IS THE REDEEMER**

Psalm 130:7; Isaiah 41:14, 47:4; Romans 3:24; Colossians 1:12; Titus 2:11; 1 Peter 1:21

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

BIG IDEAS

- The Father loves His enemies.
- The Father provides sacrifice for our sin.
- The Father gives eternal life to those who deserve eternal death.

BIBLE STORY: NUMBERS 21:1-9

The Israelites grumbled against God and complained about His provision for them, even after He gave them victory over their enemies. God loved them even though they were His enemies. He loves us even though we are all born enemies of God because He our Redeemer.

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 student 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 student should feel:**

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

**Every student should strive to:**

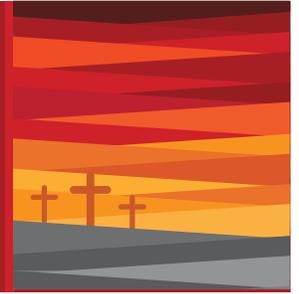
- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week

**Every student 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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the mercy that God shows in offering redemption. We will pray to understand that we have been given eternal life, but deserve eternal death. We will practice loving our enemies as God loves us, His enemies.

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THE REDEEMER**Read and meditate on Numbers 21:1-9 this week.**

- Think about the ways that God showed mercy to the Israelites and how this mirrors the way He shows mercy to us. How was God loving toward His enemies when He saved the Israelites from the fiery serpents? How is God loving towards us as His enemies by offering salvation through Jesus? How have you experienced God as Redeemer?

Consider what it looks like to love the way God loves.

- How does loving others become easier when you understand that God loves you unconditionally and offers you redemption?

**Set aside time to pray with your parent or small group leader this week.**

- Pray for understanding of the redemption that God offers. Pray to love others like God loves us.
- Each morning this week, pray for God to remind you of the redemption He offers through Jesus and the way He has shown mercy by giving eternal life when we deserve eternal death.

**Make a list of attitudes and behaviors that are contrary to God's Word.**

- Make note of the ones that are most difficult for you to overcome. Confess these to God and ask for help in overcoming them and living and acting more like Him.
- Set up a time to meet with your parent or small group leader this week. Brainstorm together ways to show love and mercy to the difficult people in your life. Make a plan to meet again at the end of the week to discuss how you loved like God loves.