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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 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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THE FATHER REDEEMER

Help your preschooler create a picture of God as the Father Redeemer using construction paper and craft supplies. Ask your preschooler to think of some of the things that he or she imagines a father would do or look like. Talk with him or her about how God redeems His people through Jesus, the Savior.

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

Numbers 21:1-9

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

The Israelites were God's chosen people. He had called them out of Egypt, the place of their slavery, and was leading them to the Promised Land. As they got closer to the Promised Land, they were attacked by the Canaanites, their enemies. They cried out to God for help and God rescued them, giving them victory over the Canaanites. Shortly after their victory, as they continued their journey to the Promised Land, they began to grumble and complain against God. They forgot His constant provision for them and the way He had rescued them from the Egyptians. They spoke against Him and God punished them by calling up fiery serpents to attack them. These fiery serpents bit the Israelites, killing all who were bitten. The Israelite recognized their sinfulness and the way they had wronged God. They cried out for His help and forgiveness. Though the Israelites had made themselves God's enemies, He rescued them. He commanded Moses, their leader, to create a bronze serpent on a staff. Moses was to raise the staff into the air, lifting the bronze serpent high in the air. Anyone who looked to the bronze serpent would be saved from the fiery serpents. Anyone who didn't look would die. This bronze serpent was a picture of the redemption God was going to offer to the whole world through Jesus one day. We, too, are God's enemies. We have sinned against Him and disobeyed His Word. Though we are sinners and His enemies, He still sent Jesus and made a way for us to have eternal life when we all deserve eternal death.

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

- How does God love His enemies? (He loves us by providing the sacrifice needed for our sin debt.)
- How did God provide the sacrifice for our redemption? (He sent His only Son, Jesus to die in our place.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize John 3:16 by writing it on a blank piece of paper and decorating it. Place the verse somewhere in your house where it can be easily seen. Every day, say the verse out loud together until you memorize it.



DO

Take a family trip to your local zoo. While at the zoo, point out the different animals that would be dangerous to humans, such as venomous snakes, bears, etc. Talk with your preschooler about how some animals would be our enemies and we would be enemies to that animal. Remind them that we are all enemies of God in our sin.



FEEL

As a family, create a bronze snake from craft materials. Use different colored paper and markers to create the snake. Remind your child that the snake is a picture of Jesus on the cross and the redemption He brought to the world.



WANT

Create a list of coupons that your child can redeem throughout the week, such as an extra story at night, more playtime, extra dessert, etc. Remind your child that God is our Redeemer.

Each morning this week pray with your child to understand his or her need for God's redemption through Jesus.