

GOD THE SON PAID REDEMPTION'S PRICE

THE STORY: REDEMPTION

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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



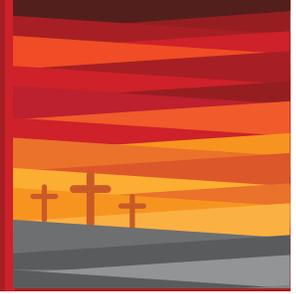
Every child should want:

- 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

FAMILY DEVOTION: THE GREAT FORGIVER

We could not pay the sin debt we owed to God, but God made a way for us to be reconciled to Him. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt and offer us forgiveness.

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Redemption is found in Jesus Christ.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood..."

- When Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, he reminds them of the source of redemption offered to the world. We are redeemed, or set free from our sin debt through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Prior to Jesus' life and death on earth, we had no hope. There was no way for man to set himself free from the sin debt he owed because we are all dead in our sin.
- Jesus came to the earth and lived the perfect life that we could not live. He died on the cross and because of His death as our perfect sacrifice, we can be redeemed and reconciled to God.

Redemption involves the complete forgiveness of our sin.

"...through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses..."

- Redemption means to be set free from a debt owed, or to no longer be held accountable for a wrongdoing. Redemption means to be completely forgiven for our sin debt. This means that because of Jesus' work on the cross we no longer and will never owe our sin debt again once we have saving faith.
- When Jesus died in our place, His death fully satisfied the sin debt we all owe to God. This means that our forgiveness is eternal, everlasting. He was the perfect sacrifice on our behalf and through His blood, we are offered forgiveness.

Redemption is possible because of God's grace.

"...according to the riches of His grace."

- Forgiveness of our sins is only available to us because God was gracious to us. If God were not a gracious God, we would not have forgiveness for our sins and we would not have redemption available to us. It is through God's grace that we can be reconciled to Him though we are sinners.
- It is the grace of God that sees fit to call us clean because of the life and death of Jesus instead of requiring us to live separated from Him forever. He came to earth to take our place and make a way for us to be set free from our sinful selves through His Son, Jesus.

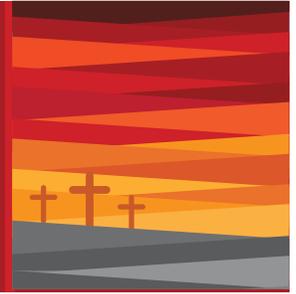
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The Crucifixion of Jesus

Opening Illustration:

Give the preschoolers a blank piece of paper and two craft sticks. Help them glue the craft sticks in the shape of a cross on their paper. Give them markers and crayons to decorate their cross papers. Discuss with them how Jesus paid our sin debt and redeemed us through His death on the cross.

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BIG IDEA: THE SON DIED IN OUR PLACE.¹

The wages of our sin is death.

- Romans 3:23 tells us that all people have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. This means that every person sins against God. All people sin against God because we are all born with a sin nature, meaning that our natural inclinations and tendencies are not to obey God, but to disobey Him.
- The penalty for our sin is death. God determined this penalty in the very beginning. Because He is the one true God and everything He does is perfect, His judgment of sin and consequence for sin is perfectly just. We all deserve to die and pay our sin debt. We deserve the separation from God that our sin brings.



Count the number of preschoolers in your group. Number enough pieces of paper so that each preschooler has one. Next, tape them to the floor. Write the numbers on small pieces of paper and place them in a bowl. Have the preschoolers draw a number and then stand on the corresponding number on the floor. Next, have the preschoolers switch spots when you call out two numbers. The two numbers you call out should switch places. Continue doing this until all the preschoolers have switched places. Talk to the preschoolers about how Jesus took our place on the cross and died the death we deserve.

A just God demands payment for our sin.

- In Genesis 3:19, God passes the death sentence onto Adam and Eve for their sin against Him. Adam and Eve also experience spiritual death because they are sent out of the Garden of Eden and separated from God.
- In Genesis 3:15 there is a reference to Jesus' coming and His death on our behalf. In Romans 6:23, we see that the wage, or payment for our sin is death. God requires a payment for our sin and that payment is death. We all deserve death.

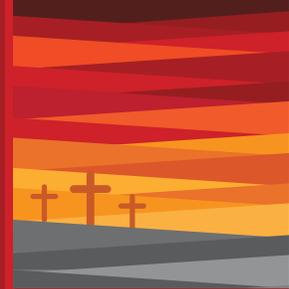
Jesus paid our sin debt by taking our place in death.

- Luke describes the death of Jesus on the cross in his account of Jesus' life and death. The crowds demanded that Jesus be crucified and even asked that a known criminal be released instead of Jesus. We are like those crowds, demanding our own rights and our right to our sin instead of following Jesus. It is our sin that made Jesus' death necessary.
- Jesus willingly took our place on the cross. He died the death we all deserve and paid our sin debt for us.

Why did Jesus die in our place? (He died for us because we are all sinful and we could not pay our sin debt.)

1. Romans 8:32: Jesus took our place and died on the cross for our sin.

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BIG IDEA: THE SON OFFERS US FORGIVENESS.²

Jesus' sinlessness made Him a perfect, satisfactory sacrifice on our behalf.

- God's requirement of a sacrifice involved a sinless person to pay the sin debt. When God instituted the sacrificial system for Israel, He required they make atonement for their sins by sacrificing a lamb that had no blemishes or marks on it, symbolizing it was pure. Like Israel, we needed a perfect sacrifice to pay for our sins.
- Our sinfulness meant that we could not save ourselves. God sent Jesus to the earth to become like us that He might become our lamb without blemish. He lived a sinless life while on earth and when He died, His death fulfilled the debt we all owed. Jesus' death was the satisfactory sacrifice needed to reconcile man to God.



Give the preschoolers a blank piece of paper and some markers. Ask them to draw a picture of something that makes them feel sad or hurt. As they draw, talk about how our sin hurts God and God sent Jesus to offer us forgiveness for it.

Jesus' death makes forgiveness possible for us.

- Because Jesus' death fully satisfies our sin debt, we can have forgiveness of our sins. This means that we are no longer held accountable for our sin natures. Jesus offers complete forgiveness for our sinfulness. His forgiveness means that we are no longer held captive by our sin natures, instead, we are set free to live for God's glory.
- Jesus offers forgiveness to all those who recognize they are sinners and repent of them. Repentance is turning away from our sin and believing that Jesus is the way to reconciliation with God. When we turn from our sin and look to God for salvation, we receive total forgiveness for our sin.

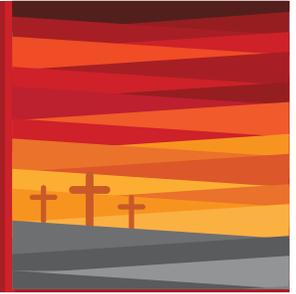
Jesus' offer of redemption gives us eternal forgiveness of our sin debt.

- Saving faith leads to eternal life which is possible because we are forgiven for our sin debt. The forgiveness we receive through Jesus Christ is complete and forever. Once we experience the forgiveness of Jesus, we are always forgiven.
- Once we are redeemed, we are always redeemed. The redemption made possible through Jesus gives us eternal freedom from our sin and gives us access to God forever. This redemption removes the barrier of sin between God and man.

How does Jesus' death give us eternal forgiveness? (His death satisfied the sin debt we owed and for those with saving faith, they never owe it again.)

2. Luke 23:23: Jesus's death makes forgiveness for our sins possible.

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BIG IDEA: THE SON COVERS US IN GRACE.³

The gracious God offers forgiveness.

- Forgiveness is possible because God chose to offer it to us. An example of God's grace is the thief on the cross next to Jesus. As Jesus hung on the cross, the thief next to him confessed his belief that Jesus is the Son of God. He recognized the sinlessness of Jesus and asked for His mercy. Jesus showed grace by forgiving the man's sins and giving him eternal life.
- We have forgiveness because God showed us grace by not giving us what we justly deserve, eternal death. Instead, God showed us mercy and sent Jesus to die in our place. God is a gracious and merciful God. He offers us forgiveness even while we are living in our rejection of Him.



Bring in a dry erase board and dry erase markers. Allow the preschoolers to mark on the dry erase board. Talk with them about how we all sin, and help them name some of their sins, such as not listening to parents, being mean to siblings, etc. Once they all have a chance to mark on the board, use the eraser to wipe it clean. Tell them that God's grace wipes our sinfulness clean.

We are washed clean because of God's grace.

- None of our works can wash us clean of our sin and makes us right before God. Salvation is completely the work of God. It is His grace that makes us clean because He chooses to see us as righteous because Jesus took on flesh, lived the perfect life, and died in our place.
- Because of the forgiveness offered to us, we are no longer seen as sinners, but instead, God sees us as the new creations that the Holy Spirit makes us to be. We are seen as righteous and not as the rebellious, sinful people we are born as. We do nothing to earn this cleansing because there is nothing we could ever do to make ourselves clean.

God's grace is lavish and complete.

- Our sin is great. We are born naturally rejecting God. Even as young children we set out to please ourselves and follow the prince of this world, Satan. Our natural selves do not seek God or His glory. We rebel against God and reject Him and His love.
- Though our sin is great, God's grace is more lavish and greater. His grace covers our sin completely and it washes us utterly clean. Our hearts are made brand new and we are set free from the slavery of our sin.

How is God's grace lavish? (We are rebellious people who reject God and His law, yet, He chooses to offer us forgiveness through the death of His Son.)

3. Luke 23:39-43: Jesus showed grace to the thief on the cross next to Him, just like He shows grace to all sinners.

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HOOKS



KNOW

Only God The Son

Help the preschoolers understand that only God the Son can pay our redemption price because only He is sinless by reading the following verses to them: Romans 8:31-39 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. After reading the verses, talk with them about Jesus' sinlessness and His redemption of the world. Are people good and sinless? (No, everyone sins, or disobeys God.)



DO

- Jesus was the only person to live on the earth without sinning. This means He is sinless.
- When He died on the cross, He died without having ever sinned. Instead, He took our place and when God looked at Him on the cross, He saw our sin and punished Jesus for it.
- Jesus took care of our sin and now we do not owe a sin debt as long as we have saving faith in Jesus.



FEEL

A Perfect Lamb

Give each preschooler a piece of paper with the outline of a lamb on it, cotton balls, and glue. Help them glue the cotton balls onto their lamb. As you do, talk with them about how God required a perfect lamb, or sacrifice for our sins and that was Jesus.



WANT

- Before Jesus, God's people had to sacrifice a perfect lamb for their sins. Once Jesus came, God saw Jesus as our perfect lamb and accepted Him as the sacrifice for our sin.
- Jesus never disobeyed God or broke God's law. He did everything right and perfect because He is perfect and doesn't sin.

Holy Is The Lamb

Lead the preschoolers in a prayer to God the Son. When you pray with them, thank God for sending His Son to take our place on the cross. Thank God for paying our redemption price and setting us free from our sin.