

GOD IS SAVIOR

FOUNDATION: GOD IS

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SAVIOR

Isaiah 45:21-22; Psalm 3:8; 35:9-10; Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:13; 1 John 4:14; Jude 1:25

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 43:11

"I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no Savior."

BIG IDEAS

- God fights for His people.
- God rescues His people.
- Jesus is the Savior of the world.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 17

The Israelites faced the Philistines and couldn't defeat them. God used a shepherd boy named David to defeat the giant Goliath and to save the Israelites from the Philistines. God is the Savior of the world.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS

"God is" means that there is only one god in the universe. He alone is Lord over everything that exists, and He alone is worthy of our worship. This also means that every good thing that exists comes from God. All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of who He is as the one true God. It is a part of His nature and character to be good, and everything that comes from God is good. Thankfully God has not chosen to withhold His goodness from His creation, but instead gives it freely to us.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- There is only one true God, and He is good.
- We can know God because He has made Himself known.
- God alone is our source of life and joy.



Every child should be able to:

- Memorize the Bible verse each week about who God is.
- Pray that God would open their hearts and minds to know Him more.
- Tell someone else a truth about God each week.



Every child should feel:

- Loved by God, and thankful for His love for us.
- Broken over the depth of our sin against God.
- Joy in Jesus, the only Son of God who came to save us.



Every child should want:

- Learn more about the God who has made Himself known.
- Repent of their sin and of the lies they believe about God.
- Cling to God as the source of truth.

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD FIGHTS FOR US

God is our defender and help. He fights for us and rescues us. He is our Savior.

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God alone is the one true God.

- God is the true Ruler and Sovereign over all the earth. He is the Creator and everything originates with Him. He alone has authority over all things.
- God calls Himself Jehovah, or Lord, which means that He is the one and only true God. This establishes Him as the only one who reigns in authority over the heavens and earth. Though other false gods may exist, they have no true rule or authority over the world. They cannot do anything to help the world.

God in His wisdom has always had a redemption plan.

- God as the sovereign Ruler of all things has always had a plan to redeem His people. He is all-knowing; therefore, He is not surprised by man's sinfulness.
- He has always had a plan to redeem His people from their sin. He alone is the Savior of the world because there can be no other Savior. He alone is able; there can be no one who is worthy or capable of saving man from his sin. Only God can because only God is perfect and righteous.

All other saviors are false and fail to save.

- Many people trust in false saviors, things they create or false gods, but these things cannot save. They will leave them empty and never redeem them from their sin.
- Only God is the true Savior and only He can save people from their sin. He is the only One who is truly able and powerful enough to save people from the sin debt they owe. He alone is righteous and holy. He alone holds power over death and sin. He is the only Savior.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 17*David and Goliath*

Supporting Scripture: Exodus 14:14; Psalm 82:3; John 3:16

Teacher Introduction:

The Israelites, under the leadership of King Saul, faced a mighty opponent, the Philistines. They had battled against the Philistines, but had not succeeded in overcoming them. The Philistines sent out their mightiest warrior, a giant named Goliath to fight for them, but the Israelites had no one who was willing to fight the giant. If someone from the Israelites was willing to go out for them and that person defeated Goliath, the Israelites would win. God knew His people's plight. He was not unaware of their troubles. David, a young shepherd boy, came to see his older brothers who were in the Israelite army. Though he was young and not trained as a soldier, he volunteered to fight Goliath. David did this, not because he trusted in his own strength or might, but because He trusted God. He believed that the battle belonged to God and he knew that God would defeat Goliath. God did use David, a young shepherd boy, to defeat the mighty giant. He showed His people that He is their warrior and Savior. He fought for them and defended them. God does fight for His people. He overcomes our enemies and wins our battles. We can always trust Him and turn to Him whenever we need Him. He is our Savior and Protector always.

Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the story: David and Goliath. The three points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from 1 Samuel 17 and teach the truth that God is Savior. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson questions are placed to help you guide the children to think about and process the truth that God is Savior.

Opening Illustration:

Give each child a shield cut out from cardstock and crayons. Ask the children to color their shields. As they color, tell them that God is our Rescuer. Tell them that He fights for us and defends us. Remind them that He is our Savior.

BIG IDEA: GOD FIGHTS FOR HIS PEOPLE. ¹**We all face many battles in life.**

- Everyone faces hard times and battles in life.
- The Israelites faced the mighty Philistines and their giant, Goliath.
- They couldn't defeat Goliath. None of their soldiers wanted to face Goliath.
- We all have our own battles that we find hard to face.
- We have things that make us afraid or cause us sorrow.
- By sending Jesus, God fought our biggest battle - death - and won the victory over death for us.



Read Exodus 15:3 to the children. Tell them that God is our Warrior. Remind them that He is always fighting for us. Tell them that there is never a time when He is not fighting for us

God fights for us in our battles.

- When the Israelites faced Goliath, God fought for them. He used David as His warrior and defeated the giant.
- God fights for us in our battles. When we face struggles and opposition, He is there to fight for us and defeat our enemies.
- When we are beaten down and oppressed, He is there to defend us and make a way for us to serve Him and obey Him.

God is always fighting for us in this life.

- We may be tempted to believe that God only fights for us in our big battles, but God is always fighting for us.
- God fought for the Israelites all the time, not just when they faced mighty nations or giant warriors.
- He fights for us always. Even when we don't think He is working on our behalf, He is doing something for His glory.
- God is always aware of us and what is happening in our lives. He is always there as our Defender and warrior King.

When is God fighting for us? (He is always fighting for His people.)

1. Exodus 14:14: God fights for His people and wins their battles.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE.²**God is a just God.**

- When the Israelites faced the Philistines, they were taunted by Goliath and ridiculed by him. The Philistines ridiculed the Israelites because there was no one who wanted to face the giant. God knew His people and knew their plight.
- God is a just God who hears the cries of the oppressed. He brings justice to the weak and those who cry out to Him.
- He used David to defeat the Philistines and to bring them down from their place of pride.
- God always does what is right and good because He is a just God.



Show the children pictures of different community helpers. Ask them to identify them and name some helpers they know, such as doctors, their moms and dads, etc. Remind them that people help us and fight for us when we are in need. Remind them that God rescues us and saves us from our enemies and rescues us from our sin.

God rescues His people from their struggle.

- God does not leave His people in their struggles. Though some people may face really difficult times in this life, they will see justice one day.
- God's people saw justice against the Philistines because God rescued His people through David.
- It was His good will to save His people. He did not leave them stranded facing the Philistines. He had given them the Promised Land and He made a way for them to have it.
- God rescues us in our times of need. He makes a way for us always.

God rescues us from our sin.

- God rescues us from our sin. We cannot save ourselves.
- Just like the Israelites couldn't save themselves, we can't save ourselves.
- God saves us. He sent Jesus to rescue us. Jesus died on the cross in our place and made a way for us to be saved.

How does God rescue us? (He saves us from our sin and struggle?)

2. Psalm 82:3: God brings justice to those who are oppressed. He rescues those in need.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.³**Everyone is in need of a Savior.**

- The Israelites needed someone to save them.
- They could not save themselves. There was no one who could defeat the giant. They needed someone to rescue them and save them from the wicked Philistines.
- God made a way for them to be saved. He used David to save them from the giant.



Gather the children in a circle and play a game of musical bean bag. The child holding the bean bag when the music stops gets to shout one praise to Jesus for being the Savior of the world. Help them think of praises to shout if they can't think of any. Remind them that Jesus is our Savior.

We all need someone to pay the sin debt we owe.

- We cannot pay the sin debt we owe. We all deserve to die because of our sin debt.
- We cannot live a sinless life and die the death that would satisfy our sin debt.
- God sent Jesus who became like us and He died the death that we all deserve.
- Because of Him, we can be free from our sin debt now.

Jesus came to save any who believe.

- Jesus didn't come just to save one person. He came to save anyone who believes in Him.
- He came to save even the most unlikely person.
- Jesus came to die for the one who forgets everything and follows Him.
- Jesus is the One who pays the ultimate price for our sin.

Who rescues us from the world? (Jesus is the Savior of the world.)

3. John 3:16: God sent Jesus to save the world from its sin.

HOOKS

**A Mighty Warrior**

Write the word “Warrior” on a large piece of paper. Ask the children to name some warriors they know. Help them think of different people who have fought great battles. Help them think of people in their life who fight battles for them, such as their parents. Write their names on the paper with the word “Warrior” on it. Next, remind them that God is our mighty Warrior. He fights for us and defends us.

**A Great Rescue**

Line the children up and ask them to turn as fast as they can in a circle. Next, ask them to try to walk across the room. As they stumble across the room, help them by holding their hands. Tell them that you are rescuing them from falling down. After they play this game several times, tell them that God is our Rescuer. He rescues us from our sin and saves us from the sin debt we owe.

**A Savior Like No Other**

Lead the children in a time of prayer thanking God for being the Savior of the world. Model thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our sin.

