

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS REDEEMER**

Exodus 6:6; 2 Samuel 7:23; Psalm 130:7; Romans 3:24; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 9:12; Revelation 5:9

**BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 49:26b**

*"Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Might One of Jacob."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Sin separates us from God.
- Separation from God leaves us hopeless and in need of a redeemer.
- God paid redemption's price to save us.

**BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4**

When Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, they were two women without husbands or family. They were in need of protection and help. Boaz, one of Naomi's relatives, chose to bring them into his family. When he brought them into his family, he provided protection and help. God is our Redeemer. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt so that we might become part of His family.

**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 through creation and Word.
- God alone is our source of life and joy.

**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 strive 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 about the God who is.

**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.

**THE REDEEMER**

Take a walk outside with your preschooler. As you walk, gather twigs and sticks. Talk with your preschooler about how Ruth gathered barley in Boaz's fields and He redeemed her. Remind your preschooler that Jesus is our Redeemer and He saves us from our sin.

**DISCOVER IT:**

Read Ruth 1-4.

**THINK ABOUT IT:**

When Naomi lost her husband and sons, her daughters-in-law lost their husbands, too. Naomi decided to return to her homeland of Bethlehem. Only her daughter-in-law, Ruth decided to go with her. Ruth chose to follow Naomi and to worship the one true God. When Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, they were hopeless. They had no way of really providing for themselves or protecting themselves. They needed someone to help them. Naomi sent Ruth to gather barley, a type of wheat that they could use to make food, in nearby fields. Ruth began gathering the leftover barley on the sides of the fields. As she gathered the owner of the fields, Boaz, noticed her and asked who she was. When his workers to leave extra barley for her. When Naomi learned that Boaz was showing Ruth favor and she realized that he was her distant relative, she sent Ruth to see Boaz. Ruth's visit to Boaz was to see if he would take her as his wife and redeem Naomi and her. Boaz didn't have to redeem them, but he chose to be their kinsman redeemer. He married Ruth and took in them both in. He protected them and provided for them when they could not protect or provide for themselves. We are all like Ruth and Naomi. We cannot save ourselves. We cannot overcome our sin debt. God willingly made the sacrifice for us and sent Jesus to die in our place. Jesus died in our place and paid our sin debt. He is our Redeemer.

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

- Why did Naomi and Ruth need to be helped? (They were widows and had no way to protect or provide for themselves.)
- How is Jesus our Redeemer? (He paid our sin debt for us.)

**KNOW**

Spend time memorizing Isaiah 49:26b by creating a game with the verse. As a family race against one another to see who can memorize it first.

**DO**

Create a redemption chart for your child. List activities that can be redeemed for special treats, such as a later bedtime, an extra treat at dinner, etc. Allow your child to help you choose activities for him or her to do during the week and then allow them to redeem at the end of the week. Talk with them about how we all need a Redeemer and Jesus is that Redeemer.

**FEEL**

As a family spend time in prayer this week. Model praying a prayer of thanksgiving to God for sacrificing for us and sending Jesus as the Redeemer.

**WANT**