

GOD IS REDEEMER

SUMMER: FOUNDATIONS

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

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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 PASSAGE: RUTH 1-4

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.

SERIES AIMS



Every student 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 student 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 student 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 student should ask God to...

- 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.

GUIDES AND WORKOUTS

The Guide provides a commentary page on each week’s Bible verse and on each Big Idea that unpacks the Big Truth. Each week also includes a Student Workout as a resource to help the student pursue spiritual disciplines on their own. Additionally, each week has a Family Workout that helps equip parents and guardians to have spiritual conversations with their student.



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“Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior...”

- God is a God who is known by His people.
- He reveals Himself to the world through His creation.
- He allows His people to know Him through His Word and His mighty actions.
- God reveals Himself as the Redeemer through His Son, Jesus.
- God sent Jesus to redeem the world. Jesus is God and the Son of God. When Jesus came, He was God coming to redeem the world.

God is the redeeming Savior.

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- No person can save himself. All are in need of salvation from their sin nature.
- God revealed Himself as the Redeemer of His people when He provided this salvation.
- He sent Jesus to pay the sin debt of every person and offer salvation to those who repent and believe.
- God is our Savior. He redeems us from our sin and makes us part of His family.

God is the mighty Redeemer.

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- There is no enemy, trouble, or sin that is too great for God
- God is mightier than everything. He is mightier than our sin.
- He overcame our sin on the cross when His Son, Jesus paid our sin debt through His death.
- God is our mighty and powerful Redeemer.
- He overcomes all sin and washes it away through the blood of Jesus.

BIG IDEA #1: SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.¹**[THIS]**

God is a holy God. He is pure and without spot or blemish. He has no sin and does no wrong and cannot tolerate sin. This means that our sinfulness creates a barrier between us and God. God's holiness sets Him apart from everyone else. He is unique, and one of a kind because He alone is the one true God who is holy. No one is holy like He is holy. No one always does what is right like He does. No one loves purely and perfectly like He does. There is no one who is faithful like God is faithful. He is the only perfect being in existence and this makes Him special and different from anything and anyone else.

[THEREFORE]**What does it mean for God to be holy?**

To be holy is to be exalted and worthy of complete devotion because you are perfect in goodness and righteousness. God is the only being who is perfect in goodness and righteousness. He is holy and above all other things. 1 Samuel 2:2 and Psalm 96:9 remind us that God is holy and worthy to be exalted in all of the earth. God's holiness shines a light on our unholiness and our need for Him.

Why is it important for us to view God as holy?

It is important for us to know that God is holy because it helps us understand our sinful condition. 1 Samuel 2:2 teaches us that God is a holy being. He is perfect in every way and we are not. When we understand that God is holy, it helps us see our need for salvation because compared to God, we fail miserably. Also, because God is holy, we are commanded to be so, too, as 1 Peter 1:16 tells us.

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Because man is sinful, we are separated from God. The barrier that our sin creates between us and God is there because our hearts are naturally rebellious and sinful. Because our hearts are darkened to the things of God, we reject Him and His commands. We choose instead to follow the darkness of this world, leading ourselves farther and farther away from a holy God. It's impossible for us to choose to follow God in the power of our flesh nature. Our very natures reject God as the Ruler and Power over our lives. This rejection of God, who is our Creator and the Author of our stories, makes us outsiders to Him. We are like orphans without a heavenly Father and family. We do not have a relationship with God because of the disobedience that stands between us. Without this relationship, we cannot fully understand our world or even ourselves. We are lost and alone.

[THEREFORE]**How have you noticed the separation that sin creates between man and God in the world around you?**

Romans 3:10-17 shows us the condition of sinful man's heart. It is our natural inclination to rebel against God. Without the influence of God in our lives, we lean towards rebellion, unkindness, selfishness, and the other works of the flesh as outlined in Galatians 5:19-21.

How does God's holiness help you understand your sinfulness?

God's holiness shows us our separation from Him as Psalm 22:3, Isaiah 6:3, and Habakkuk 1:13 teach us. God is holy and is too pure to look on our sinfulness. This shows us that we are separated from Him and the law of God, that He kept perfectly because He is holy, shows us our unholiness and our sinfulness as Romans 7:7-13 shows us.

1. Isaiah 59:2: *Man's sin separates him from the holy and righteous God.*

BIG IDEA #2: SEPARATION FROM GOD LEAVES US HOPELESS AND IN NEED OF A REDEEMER.²**[THIS]**

Our sin and separation from God means we will face future judgment. We owe a sin debt that we cannot pay because we sin against a holy God who is pure and righteous. We rebel against Him and break His commands. We will all face judgment if we do not repent and believe in the salvation offered to us through Jesus. Our separation from God leads to sorrow for us because we move away from the Father who gives life. In our Bible passage this week we see that Naomi and Ruth faced sorrow and uncertainty. We face the same things because of our sinful actions. Just like Naomi and Ruth couldn't provide for themselves, we cannot either. We are left hopeless and headed toward eternal separation from a holy God.

[THEREFORE]**Why does separation from God leave us hopeless?**

1 Corinthians 2:14 and Romans 8:7 show us that man's heart is wicked and we do not naturally seek God. Because this is our natural state, we have no way of gaining salvation for ourselves. This leaves us hopeless because we don't even realize we need salvation until God shows us. We live a life of darkness headed toward eternal death and separation from God. John 3:3 and 2 Thessalonians 1:9 teach us that sin separates us from God and produces a hopelessness inside of us.

Have you ever experienced this hopelessness?

Our sin separates us from God. We experience this separation from birth because we are all born with a sin nature that leads us away from God. We will have a sense of hopelessness because we don't know God and we aren't reconciled to Him.

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Because we are all hopeless, we need a redeemer. We need someone to pay our sin debt for us because we can't do it ourselves. Ruth and Naomi needed someone to rescue them. They needed a kinsman redeemer, or a distant relative to redeem them out of their helpless situation, and this is why Boaz could save them from their destitute state. He could bring them into his family and provide for them. Because we are all sinful, we cannot save or redeem ourselves. We are all in need of a savior and redeemer.

[THEREFORE]**How does the story of Naomi and Ruth help us see our hopelessness without a redeemer?**

The longer Ruth and Naomi remained widows on their own, the more danger they faced. They needed a kinsman to redeem them and to bring them into his family. We are like them because we can't save ourselves. It's impossible for us to save ourselves because we are all sinful.

What hope does knowing that God is the Redeemer give you?

The Redeemer brings us hope of salvation and eternal life. Jeremiah 17:14 reminds us that the Redeemer heals us and makes us new. 1 Peter 5:10 and Isaiah 40:31 also teach us about the hope and strength we receive from the Redeemer.

2. Psalm 58:3: From our birth, we stray from God because of our sinfulness.

BIG IDEA #3: GOD PAID REDEMPTION'S PRICE TO SAVE US.³**[THIS]**

When Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi it cost him something. In order to be their kinsman redeemer, he married Ruth. This meant his life changed. He gained a wife and mother-in-law that he had not previously had. He gained a responsibility to care for them. He paid that price willingly for them. In order for mankind to be redeemed, a price had to be paid. A sacrifice had to be made. It cost God the life of His Son to save mankind. God was the only one who could make that sacrifice and He did so willingly. He paid our redemption price in order to offer salvation to the world and to reconcile mankind to Himself. He willingly gave of Himself in order to redeem us from our hopeless state.

[THEREFORE]**Why does redemption require a sacrifice?**

Redemption requires a sacrifice because God is the Creator of all things, including redemption. He determined that in order for man to be redeemed, a blood sacrifice must be made. Psalm 37:39, Psalm 62:7, and Jonah 2:9 show us that salvation belongs to God. In the beginning, God established that death was the wage of our sin. This means a sacrifice of a perfect human being must be made in order to cover our sin debt.

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When God sent Jesus to the world, He sent Him as our Redeemer. Jesus came to the earth, lived the life we could not, and died on the cross in our place. Jesus is our Redeemer because He is the perfect man. He obeyed perfectly and had no sin. He was the perfect sacrifice for us because He took on flesh and became like man that He might die in our place. Jesus rescued the world by dying on the cross for the sin of the world. He was our substitute and took our place that we might have eternal life. Because of this great sacrifice, we no longer have to be hopeless. We have hope when we repent and believe in Jesus as our Savior. All because of God's great sacrifice on our behalf, we can live forever with Him.

[THEREFORE]**What does God's sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf show us about God?**

God is a gracious and merciful God. We learn this by His willingly sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. John 3:16-17 and 1 John 2:2 help us understand that God is a loving and giving God. His willingness to give up His only Son for us shows us the dept of love He has for us.

How can you share this truth with someone else this week?

As you seek to share of God's love and sacrifice for mankind, you can point people to their own hopelessness without the Redeemer. You can help them see that God gave up His Son for us by pointing them to Philippians 2:6-8 and John 15:13. As you share these verses with others, you can help them see that God is a gracious God who paid our redemption price that we might be reconciled to Him forever.

3. 1 Corinthians 6:20: *God paid a price to give us salvation. He paid the redemption price.*