

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

"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.

FAMILY DEVOTION: THE ONLY REDEEMER

God is the giver of all life. He gives life to humans when they are born and He offers them eternal life through Jesus. God sent Jesus to be the Redeemer of the world.



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God is the known Redeemer.

"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.

"Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your Redeemer..."

- 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.

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

- 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.

BIBLE STORY: RUTH 1-4

Ruth and Naomi

Opening Illustration:

Divide the children into pairs or small groups. Give each pair or group a container of mixed items, such as marbles, buttons, pom-poms. Make sure there is a variety of colors of items. Ask the groups to separate their items according to color. When they all finish, talk with them about how our sin separates us like the items are separated. We are separated from God. Tell them that though we are separated, God redeems us because He sent Jesus to be our Redeemer.

BIG IDEA: SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.¹**Sin is rebellion against God.**

- God is the Creator of all things. He is the beginning of everything and He gives life to all things. He also sustains, or keeps, life going by His power and authority.
- God is holy and righteous and He deserves all of our praise and worship.
- In our natural state, we do not worship God. Instead, we worship other things and rebel against God.
- As we continue to rebel against Him, we move farther and farther away from Him.



Bring in two magnets. Show the children how magnets repel one another if the same sides are put together. Talk with them about how our sin keeps us away from God because it separates us from Him. Allow the children to try to put the two magnets together.

Sin leads us to reject God.

- Our sinful flesh leads us to reject God as the one true God. We choose instead to ignore Him or to believe that there are other gods.
- Our flesh worships the created things rather than the Creator.
- We seek our own desires and we want to fulfill our sinful desires.
- Because our flesh is at odds with God's commands, we cannot have a relationship with Him.
- Instead, we are separated from Him with no hope.

Sin leaves us alone in this world.

- Because of our sin, we are outside of the family of God.
- Our sin keeps us from having a true fellowship with God.
- Instead, we reject God, His commands, and choose to please our flesh instead.
- This leaves us alone in this world and orphaned.

What leaves us separated from God? (Our sin separates us from God because He is a holy and righteous God and our sin leads us to reject Him.)

1. Isaiah 59:2: Man's sin creates a divide between God and mankind.

BIG IDEA: SEPARATION FROM GOD LEAVES US HOPELESS AND IN NEED OF A REDEEMER.²**We all face future judgment because of our sinfulness.**

- Being separated from God means we have no hope now or in the future.
- God is the only way we can true joy and a fulfilling life here on earth and in the future.
- Our separation from God means we will face future judgment because God is a just God and cannot tolerate sin.
- Unless we repent and believe in Jesus, we will face this future judgment and we have no hope of saving ourselves.



Bring in brown, green, and yellow construction paper. Help the children cut out leaves and stalks from the construction paper to resemble barley sheaves. Talk with them about how Ruth and Naomi were redeemed by Boaz and we are redeemed by God.

This separation causes sorrow and makes us hopeless.

- Ruth and Naomi were without husbands or a family. They were hopeless and sorrowful because they faced an uncertain future.
- They were hopeless because they could not provide or protect themselves in the culture they lived in.
- They were alone and could not defend themselves against anyone who would try to hurt them.
- Our hopelessness produces sorrow because we have no way of saving ourselves.
- We cannot free ourselves from our sin debt, nor can we provide our own redemption.

We all need a Redeemer.

- Because every person is a sinner, there is no one on earth who can redeem themselves or overcome their separation from God.
- Because sin separates us, we cannot make ourselves sinless.
- We are all in need of someone to save us and to give us hope.

What makes us hopeless? (Our sin makes us hopeless because there is no one who can save themselves or others.)

2. Psalm 58:3: *We are all born sinful and hopeless because we cannot save ourselves.*

BIG IDEA: GOD PAID REDEMPTION'S PRICE TO SAVE US.³**God promised us a Redeemer.**

- God is faithful and true. He can always be trusted to do what He says He's going to do. He always keeps His promises.
- He promised to send a Savior to rescue the world.
- God kept His promise to rescue the world by sending His only Son to be the Savior of the world.
- God didn't leave man hopeless; instead, He sent hope in the form of Jesus.
- Naomi and Ruth didn't have hope but found it in Boaz.
- Man doesn't have hope but finds it in Jesus.



Gather the children together in a circle to play a game of musical beanbag. The child holding the beanbag when the music stops gets to name one thing that he or she would give up, or sacrifice for someone else, such as a favorite toy, favorite food, etc. Talk with them about how God gave up His only Son to redeem us from our sin.

God made a sacrifice to save mankind.

- Because no person is without sin, we needed a perfect person to take our place as the sacrifice for our sin.
- God made the sacrifice for our sin. He sent His Son to live the perfect life we could not live.
- Jesus came to the earth taking on flesh that He might be the spotless lamb of God.
- Jesus lived the life we could not and He died the death we deserved.

Jesus paid redemption's price.

- Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled the sin debt we owed. He took on our sin though He was without sin. He died in our place that we might be reconciled to God.
- Because Jesus died in our place, He redeemed us from the death we all deserve.
- We no longer have to face eternal death because of Jesus' death on the cross.
- He is our Redeemer and the only way for us to be with God forever.

How is Jesus our Redeemer? (He lived the life we could not and died the death we all deserve.)

3. 1 Corinthians 6:20: God paid the sacrifice for our sin when He sent Jesus to die for our sins.

HOOKS



KNOW

The Redeemer

Write the word “Redeemer” on the board. Ask the children to help you define what the word means. Use a dictionary app or actual dictionary to look up the definition of the word. Share it with the children. Discuss with the children the ways that we all show we are sinful, such as disobeying our parents, being mean to our siblings, being jealous of our friends, etc. Talk with them about how we cannot save ourselves, but God sent someone who could—Jesus. Remind them that Jesus is our Redeemer and offers us salvation from our sin.



DO

The Hopeless

Ask the children to all stand on one side of the room. Next, ask them to reach out and touch the opposite wall without moving from their spot. Allow them to try several times, making it a fun game. When everyone has tried as much as they want to try, talk with them about how it's hopeless to try to reach the opposite side of the room because we aren't able to. Remind them that the same is true about our sinful condition. We cannot save ourselves and we are hopeless. We all need a Redeemer and that Redeemer is Jesus.



FEEL



WANT

The Great Redeemer

Lead the children in a time of prayer. Model thanking and praising God for sending the Redeemer to save the world.