

GOD'S BIG STORY



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



WHO MADE THE PAYMENT FOR MY SIN?

Not long after God created Adam and Eve, they sinned. We all sin. Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. Even though we are made in God's image, sin separates us from Him. Before Adam and Eve sinned, no one had ever died! Sadly, sin changed everything; and we know that at some point, **all people die***. The payment for sinning is death.

But God is gracious. He loved the people He created, even though they sinned. Because God loves you and me so much, He made a way to redeem His people, a way to pay the price of our sin and end the separation between us and God.



Right after Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the serpent for convincing Adam and Eve to disobey God. While He was talking to the serpent, God gave a clue about how He would save people from their sin. **Let's read about it in Genesis. Can you help me find chapter 3, verses 14-15?**



THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE SERPENT, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE THIS, CURSED ARE YOU ABOVE ALL LIVESTOCK AND ABOVE ALL BEASTS OF THE FIELD; ON YOUR BELLY YOU SHALL GO, AND DUST YOU SHALL EAT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN YOU AND THE WOMAN, AND BETWEEN YOUR OFFSPRING AND HER OFFSPRING; HE SHALL BRUISE YOUR HEAD, AND YOU SHALL BRUISE HIS HEEL."

GENESIS 3:14-15

The serpent would bruise the heel of one of Eve's offspring, but Eve's offspring would bruise the serpent's head! A bruise on someone's heel isn't a bad injury, but a bruise to the serpent's head could hurt him forever. This was God's way of saying someone was coming who would be bigger than sin.



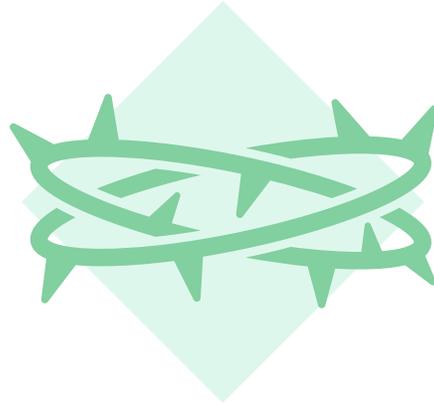
Throughout the Old Testament, God reminded His people a redeemer was coming. Sometimes He reminded people with words and promises. Other times He showed His people what a redeemer would do. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were ashamed. God made clothes from an animal skin. An animal died because of their sin. Later, when people worshiped at the **tabernacle and temple***, they saw redemption take place every time the priests **sacrificed*** an animal for their sins. [CONT.](#)

An animal died as a penalty for the peoples' sin. But the sacrifices had to be made day after day and year after year. God was still pointing His people toward the perfect Redeemer – someone qualified to make the complete payment for all sin for all time. Someone who would make one sacrifice and forever end the separation between us and God.

God sent Jesus to be our perfect Redeemer. While Jesus lived on Earth, He showed people what His Father in heaven was like. He loved people who were sick, dirty and poor. Jesus taught people God's Word and spent time with them. He was the **only person*** who obeyed God perfectly and never sinned. And then, Jesus made the complete payment for our sins when He died on the cross. Let's read about it in the book of Romans. **Can you help me find Romans chapter 5, verse 8? Romans is the sixth book in the New Testament and was written by the apostle Paul.**

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ROMANS 5:8



Wow! Even though we are sinners, Jesus Christ is our perfect Redeemer. Because of His deep love for us, **He gave His life*** and took the penalty for our sin. Obeying rules doesn't pay for our sin. Giving to the poor doesn't pay for our sin. Even going to church doesn't pay for our sin. Only Jesus, the perfect Redeemer, could pay for our sin.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered death and sin once and for all. Our sin is forgiven and paid for by Jesus; and when we accept this payment by faith, God forgives us, and the separation between us and God is removed.

Followers of Jesus know they are forgiven because Jesus paid the penalty for their sin. **Because Jesus is our Redeemer, God's Big Story doesn't end but goes on for all **eternity***!**

END OF TALK TOGETHER

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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SEARCH

Encourage your kids to search the Bible for examples of redemption. When it seemed hopeless, how did God perfectly provide? (Genesis 22, 45 and Exodus 12 are great places to start!)

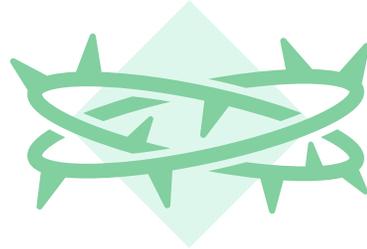
♥ MEMORIZE

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Q: WHO MADE THE PAYMENT FOR MY SIN?

A: CHRIST DIED FOR ME.



PRAY



DEAR FATHER.
THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS TO BE OUR REDEEMER. WE PRAISE YOU FOR FORGIVING US, EVEN WHEN WE ARE SINNERS. HELP US KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE YOU MORE EACH DAY. AMEN.

SHARE



When we are a follower of Jesus, we trust He took our sin and gave us His righteousness. Share with your family your favorite verse about Jesus' perfect redemption.

(ROMANS 3:23-24, 5:8, 5:15 AND 6:23 ARE SOME GREAT EXAMPLES!)

REDEEM

ONE

Help your kids understand the word "redeem" by giving them a coupon to purchase a treat. When you take the coupon and give them a free treat, explain that Jesus took our sin and gave us a relationship with God!

CREATE



Help your children create a cross out of popsicle or paint sticks. (You can also draw one on paper!) After your kids have decorated the cross, hang it up with a piece of yarn. Remind your kids that Jesus is our perfect Redeemer, who died on the cross to make the payment for our sins.

DEFEND!

Read Titus 3:4-6 with your children. Ask your child how they would respond to someone who believes God will save them if they are "good enough" or do enough good things.



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout this series to sing about God's Big Story.


Talk About



MORE TO EXPLORE

1. HOW HARD WAS IT FOR JESUS TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT OF ALL OF OUR SINS?

The Bible says Jesus was fully God and fully man, so it would have been painful. As a man, He felt everything just like we would have felt it. But Jesus knew this pain and suffering were necessary to fix our separation from Him, so He lovingly went to the cross for us. Jesus was our perfect Redeemer!

2. IF JESUS REDEEMED US AND PAID THE PENALTY FOR DEATH, WHY DO PEOPLE I LOVE STILL DIE?

Death entered the world when Adam and Eve sinned (Genesis 3:19). Death is a consequence of sin (Romans 8:12). Death is the saddest thing ever, and we live in a world that still has sin and death. But if we read to the end of the Bible, we learn that death is not the end. Jesus promises to come back and make everything right again. He promises death won't be the end for those who have a relationship with Him. Next week, we'll learn how God plans to restore things to the perfect state, the way it was before sin entered the world!

3. DO ALL RELIGIONS OFFER SALVATION AND A FUTURE IN HEAVEN?

In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This verse makes it clear that belief in Jesus Christ is the only path to

salvation. You can't work hard enough, be good enough or go to church often enough to be forgiven of your sins (Ephesians 2:8-9). Jesus Christ made the complete payment for sin when He died on the cross. We simply need to trust in Him for salvation.

You may have heard it said that all religions offer salvation. But the Bible says in Acts 4:12, *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.* Placing your trust in Jesus Christ is the only path to salvation and a future in heaven.

4. THE PEOPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT DIDN'T MEET JESUS. HOW WERE THEY REDEEMED?

Faithful followers of God from the Old Testament, such as Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David and others, never met Jesus in person. But they did have faith in God's perfect plan of redemption. These faithful followers trusted God when He told them someone was coming who would deliver and redeem them from their sin. Throughout the Old Testament, we see these people recognizing their sinfulness. They **sacrificed animals** to cover or pay the penalty of their sin. Typically, these sacrifices took place at the tabernacle or temple. **The tabernacle and temple were places where people worshiped God and offered sacrifices.** Because these men trusted God to send the Redeemer, Jesus, who they couldn't yet see, God declared them righteous. They believed God even when they couldn't see what He was doing. Read more about their encouraging acts of faith in Hebrews 11.



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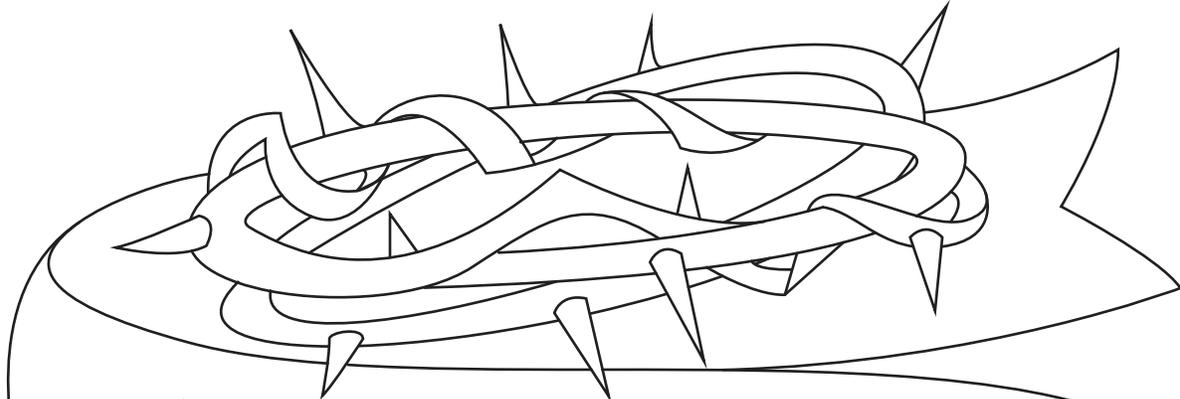


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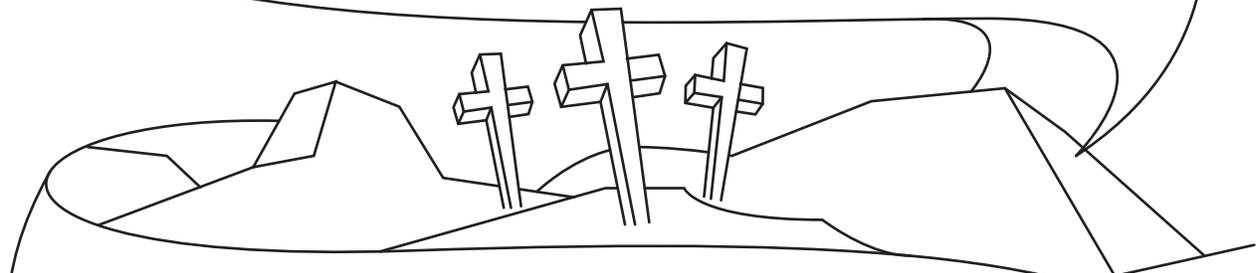


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