

April 12 2020

- 1) Worship | If you've got a smart tv, pick a few worship songs off Youtube to sing together. Maybe each person in your family can take a turn picking their favorite song
- 2) Examen: Click [here](#)
- 3) Lesson: **Easter**

Scripture:

Mark 14-16

John 13-21

Main Point: Jesus rescued us so that we can be close to him.

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Jesus' rescue, (2) recognize that Jesus' rescue overcame death (so that it no longer separates us from God), and (3) understand that when we believe in Jesus' rescue, we are a part of God's family.

Why? We want kids to understand the good news of Jesus' rescue.

WHAT IS A RESCUE?

Let's think about people who rescue others all the time. What if we accidentally jump into the deep end of a pool and we can't swim? Who might rescue us? (Let kids say: lifeguard.) Yes, a lifeguard. And what if we're stuck in a smoke-filled room and there's a fire outside the door? Who might rescue us? (Let kids say: firefighter.) That's right!

And if we need a rescuer in a pool, the lifeguard jumps into the water to save us. If we're stuck in a smoke-filled room, a firefighter will come into the burning building to save us. The rescuer often goes into a scary situation, just to save somebody.

In the movie Bolt, we see this happen. A cat named Mittens gets caught by Animal Control, who put her into a cage! Even though Bolt could get caught himself, he goes into Animal Control to rescue her. We're going to watch a clip of the rescue. As you watch, see if you can figure out WHY Bolt would go in to rescue Mittens:

[Video:](#) Bolt's Rescue

Woah, Bolt sure got lucky he didn't get caught! He was able to knock out the security guard and get away. But why do you think he risked his own safety to get Mittens? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he must have liked Mittens, if not loved her. And, if you watch the movie, you'll see, he wants her to come along on a journey with him. He wants to be with her.

WE LIVE IN A BROKEN WORLD (IMAGINE PART I)

So you know who else needs to be rescued? You and me. See, we live in a world that's pretty scary sometimes.

Give me a thumbs down if these things have happened to you:

- Thumbs down if you've been sick.
- Thumbs down if you've been injured.
- Thumbs down if you've been sad.
- Thumbs down if someone has been mean to you.
- And here's a hard one: Thumbs down if you've done something wrong, like lied or taken the best for yourself.

Yep, every single one of us knows the world is full of wrong things...and every single one of us has done wrong things. Including me.

WE NEED A RESCUE

The problem is, all those wrong things deserve punishment. And punishment separates us from God, because he's perfect. But God loves us WAY too much to leave us stuck in a broken world, separate from him. Just like Bolt loved Mittens too much to leave her stuck in Animal Control. Remember how much he loves us from our verse in Zephaniah 3:17.

Zephaniah 3:17 "The LORD your God is with you. He is mighty enough to save you. He will take great delight in you. The quietness of his love will calm you down. He will sing with joy because of you."

God is mighty enough to save us. So he sent his very own son, Jesus, to be our rescuer and our savior. Jesus left his perfect home in Heaven to come live in this awful, broken world. He took the punishment for all the brokenness and death and wrong choices in the world, even though he had never done anything wrong. And then he came back to life, which means he's stronger than death! He OVERCAME death, kind of like how Bolt knocked out the guard.

JESUS RESCUED US

Let's watch a video about Jesus' rescue. As you watch, try to figure out WHY Jesus would be willing to go through all that to rescue us.

[Video](#): God's Story / Easter (about 4 minutes)

Wow, Jesus was arrested, made fun of, and brutally killed...just to rescue us. To save us. WHY would he do that? (Let kids respond.) Yes, because he loves us! And wants to be close to us.

Re-summarize for kids: Because of the wrong things we've done, punishment (death) separates us from God. But when Jesus took our punishment (death) and then came BACK to life, he got rid of death! It's like he knocked it out, completely conquered it. Now we can say to Jesus, "I know I've done wrong things, but I believe you took MY punishment! I want

to be close to you.” When we choose to believe that, we instantly become a part of God’s family!

THE BEST PART (IMAGINE PART II)

And even though we live in a world where we suffer and die, the best part is, one day, God will restore this world to be a perfect world for his entire family to live in forever...like the video said, Jesus will come back to live with everyone who follows him—everyone in God’s family.

And in that world, there aren’t any wrong things. Close your eyes and imagine THAT for a second. And the MOST amazing part, which we can’t even fully understand yet, is that we’ll get to live with Jesus and God!

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1. What does it mean to be rescued?
2. Who needs to be rescued? Why?
3. How did Jesus rescue/save us? (got rid of death, which allows us to be part of God’s family and one day spend forever with him)
4. Why did Jesus rescue/save us? (show kids the verse card)

IMAGINE GOD’S PLAN

SAY: Even though we have to live in this imperfect world, one day, God will restore the world into a perfect place for his whole family. Jesus rescued us so we can be part of God’s family and share that perfect home.

Remind them NOTHING is too wrong. No matter what we’ve done or what others have done, Jesus’ can rescue us and God will forgive us.

**Then pray together and thank Jesus for his rescue.