



BIG IDEA

God wants to rescue everyone through Jesus.

GOD STORY

Rescue (Ephesians 1:7-12)

KEY VERSE

We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7a, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- To lead into today's teaching, discuss:
 - What does it mean to be rescued?
 - Have you ever been rescued? For example, were you rescued after getting lost in a store, from being hurt, or when stuck in a tree?
- Point out that when someone is rescued, they're released from something dangerous to something that's good or safe.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **God wants to rescue everyone through Jesus.**
- Discuss: What do you think God wants to rescue us from?
- Highlight that God wants to rescue us from our sins to his kingdom way of living! Explain that sin is anything that stands between us and God.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Discuss & Pray

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review and discuss the video teaching:
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
 - What's this week's Big Idea? (**God wants to rescue everyone through Jesus.**)
 - What are we rescued to?
 - Who needs Jesus' rescue?
- Pray, "Dear God, thank you so much for sending your Son, Jesus, to earth to show us your love, show us how to live, and rescue us from sin by dying on the cross. Thank you he didn't stay dead; instead, he rose to life! Help us remember to thank you each day for the ways you love us and help us. Thank you, God, for... [encourage your kids to fill in the blank]. In Jesus' name, amen."



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Comic activity pages
- Drawing and writing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each of your kids an activity page.
- b. Place some drawing and writing supplies where they can be shared.
- c. Review the page together.
- d. Encourage the kids to try being comic illustrators and draw pictures for the text in each square.
- e. Direct them to write their own statement by filling in the blank in the last square. Guide them to consider what Jesus loving them so much that he was willing to die for them means. Share your own "Because of this, I..." response, too!

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Work together to brainstorm ways to memorize Ephesians 1:7a. Invite the kids to share their favourite memorization methods. Share your own, too!
- b. Encourage everyone to choose one idea and try to memorize the Key Verse this week.