

THE BIG TRUE STORY

Redemption

LESSON THREE

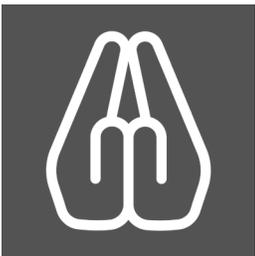
READ BEFORE CLASS



TEACHER TIPS

We want your class to walk away understanding even though the world was broken by Adam and Eve's, and our, sin, God sent Jesus to redeem the world. We want them to understand the punishment for sin is death, but because Jesus died for us, we can be forgiven for our sin and live. They should know Jesus came to fix everything: our relationship with God, our relationship with others, our relationship with ourselves, and our relationship with the world. Let them know that even though the world is not perfect, God made a way for everything to be better. This lesson touches less on Heaven, but please discuss Heaven with your class, let them know when we trust Jesus, and ask for his forgiveness, He promises us we can live with Him forever.

We want your class to know these fundamental truths even if they cannot articulate them, or why they are important, quite yet.



PRAY

Pray each child would know and believe in Jesus. Pray they would be convicted of their sin and ask for forgiveness. Pray they would want to obey God and follow Jesus.

... let's begin!



VIDEO

*Let me tell you a story.
It's God's story
and it's a BIG story.*

*It's about God
and it's about You
It's about the world
and Jesus too
It starts in the beginning
and has little stories all the way through.
We can see it everywhere we look
and it's in the Bible too!
Did I tell you the best part?
The whole thing is TRUE!*

*Lots and lots and lots of years went by,
and lots and lots and lots of people lived in the broken world.
and lots and lots and lots of people disobeyed God.
Actually, EVERYBODY disobeyed God.*

*But God still loved the world, and all the people and things He had made.
So one day, lots and lots and lots of years later,
God sent His son, Jesus down to earth.
He sent Jesus as a baby, and let him grow up on earth.*

*Do you want to know a secret? Jesus was actually God and He came to
earth to help fix it!*

*Jesus never ever ever ever disobeyed. While he was growing, He learned
all about how God made the world, and about making good choices! and
He tried to tell other people how to make good choices. He wanted every-
body to love God and to love each other.*

VIDEO

But the people still wanted to make their own choices, and they didn't like that God was telling them what to do.

They didn't like that Jesus said He was God either!

So they took Jesus and they killed him on a cross. It was a very sad day.

But this didn't surprise God, Jesus died on purpose, because He loves us!

He knew that if He died, he could fix the world.

When He died, God punished Jesus for our sin instead of punishing us!

But, the story isn't over. Jesus came back to life, three days later!

Because Jesus is alive, we can ask God to forgive us when we disobey and make bad choices! And He will! And we can ask God to help us obey and make good choices! And He will!

After people sinned, God had to punish everything, but He sent Jesus to fix the world and pay for our sin.

Between people and God, everything is fixed.

Between Adam and Eve, everything is fixed.

Between people and themselves, everything is fixed.

Between people and the earth, everything is fixed.

God made the whole world, and tells us all about how it should work. We broke the world with sin, but Jesus came to fix the world, and forgive us. It's all in the Bible: the big, true story God gave us about the world.

SCRIPT PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE

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<https://vimeo.com/331619010>



REVIEW

Remind your class what you've learned so far: Back in the beginning, God made GOOD things, and his favorite good things, were people: Adam and Eve. But Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and the whole world changed, the whole world broke! Because Adam and Eve sin, they had to die. But God loved Adam and Eve, and promised them, and He promised you and me, He would come back to fix the world.



PLAY THE VIDEO



ASK YOUR CLASS

- 1. Who disobeys God?*
- 2. What is the punishment for disobeying God?*
- 3. Does God love people? How do you know?*
- 4. Did God do something about the broken world? What did He do?*
- 5. Did Jesus disobey?*
- 6. What happened to Jesus?*
- 7. Is Jesus still dead?*
- 8. Why is it good Jesus died and came back to life?*
- 9. Jesus can forgive us for our sin, how does He do that? (We just have to ask and He will forgive us!)*



GROUP PRAYER

You can recite this for your class or have them repeat each line after you. Remind them to close their eyes and bow their heads. Tell them this helps us to think about God and not be distracted by our friends.

“Dear God, thank you for loving us even when we make bad choices. Thank you loving us so much that you sent Jesus to die and be punished instead of us. We are sorry for disobeying, but we are also so glad Jesus came back to life so you can forgive us! Please forgive us. Amen”



GAME

Play a game of freeze tag. Fun hats might help make this game easier for the kids to understand: give differentiating hats to the two players (or leaders) you choose to be “it”. Of the two players who are “it”; one player will represent sin, or disobedience, whenever this player tags you, you have to sit down and freeze. The other player will represent Jesus, and if they come tag you and say “you’re forgiven” the frozen player can get up and run around again. This game might be better played outside or in a larger inside area if possible.



CRAFT

Have your kids “make themselves” by coloring a paper doll and decorating it. Then have them, or help them, to puncture holes in it with hole punches. Let them know sin is like the holes, it makes us imperfect, not the way God made us. Then show/help them, with a glue stick, to glue a Jesus paper doll to one side of their doll (use a different color paper for this) and show them Jesus’s forgiveness fixes our sin, so we are whole again in God.

