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Redemption Review



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Plans

What You'll Need: Computer with Internet

PREP: Search online for an image of a large Lego® set. Be prepared to show the image to your class.

STEP 1: Show the image of the Lego set to the class. Ask: "If you were to build this Lego set, what are the steps you would need to take in order to build it?"

STEP 2: Have kids brainstorm how they would build the set. Make sure one of the kids mentions that they would need to follow the instruction plans in the box.

STEP 3: Ask the following questions:

- Why are plans important?
- What would happen if you tried to build the set on your own without follow the plans?

Share these key concepts:

- God has a plan for each of us. He wants us to have a perfect relationship (friendship) with Him.
- Satan tried to destroy God's plan. But God is more powerful than Satan, and God's plan for our salvation is offered to every person.
- We can choose to follow God's plan to be saved from our sin. But the choice is up to each one of us. God doesn't force anyone to follow His plan.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of God's redemption on mankind.

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Option 2: Redemption Basics

What You'll Need: Computer, printer, copy of the Redemption Basics Skit, Bible, pack of gum

PREP: Ahead of time, ask two leaders to act out the Redemption Basics skit. Make two copies and give one to each leader.

(Note: The person who plays leader two needs his or her Bible and a pack of gum for the skit.)

STEP 1: Ask leaders to perform the Redemption Basics skit. Then ask the following questions:

- How do you think (leader's name) felt knowing someone else had something that really belonged to him?
- Do you think he had the right to get the ball back?
- Do you think it was fair that he paid the price to buy back the ball?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- This skit shows us what it means to redeem (buy back) something.
- The Bible says that God redeemed us from our wicked sin (Titus 2:14). This whole unit has shown us God's plan to redeem us and give us an opportunity to accept Jesus as Savior.

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of God's redemption on mankind.

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Redemption Basics Skit

LEADER ONE enters the room, carrying a Bible. **LEADER TWO** enters and notices the Bible.

LEADER TWO: Hey! You found my Bible! I lost it last week. Man, I looked EVERYWHERE for my Bible. It means so much to me! *(Tries to take the Bible from Leader One.)*

LEADER ONE: *(Refuses to let him take the Bible.)* Ummm. . . this is not your Bible. See, *(another adult leader's name)* found it and told me I could have it if I gave him a pack of gum.

LEADER TWO: That's not fair! That Bible belongs to ME! Look in the front cover. It has my name in it. Oh, and my notes from church are in there too!

LEADER ONE: *(Looks inside the front cover.)* Well, it does have your name on the front cover. But the Bible is mine now because I paid for it with a pack of gum.

LEADER TWO: I really, REALLY want my Bible back. It is mine.

LEADER ONE: Well, if you give me a pack of gum, I will let you buy this Bible back from me.

LEADER TWO: Wait a minute, you mean to tell me that you want me to pay a price to buy back something that I OWN?!?!?

LEADER ONE: Yep.

LEADER TWO: *(Searches his pockets and pulls out a pack of gum.)* Aha! I have a pack of gum! *(Hands the pack to Leader One.)*

LEADER ONE: *(Takes the gum and examines it.)* Okay, I guess this gum will pay the price. You have successfully bought back your Bible. *(Walks away, taking out a piece of gum.)*

LEADER TWO: Wow! I finally have my Bible back! *(Pauses for a moment, then returns to his seat.)*

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Main Lesson Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Redemption Plan

What You'll Need: Handbooks, paper, pens, a large white sheet or curtain and a way to hang it (or a way to shine a light in front of a group of kids, like a large flashlight)

ACTIVITY PREP: Prepare your space with a way to either hang a white sheet in front of the group or shine a light on them while the room lights are off.

STEP 1: Explain that this week's lesson will be a review of the different topics that the Redemption Unit has covered. Have kids work in pairs or groups, and assign the following topic to each pair or group.

Topics for the kids to do:

- MAN IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
- SATAN
- THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE
- SIN AND SUFFERING
- JESUS CHRIST
- THE LORD'S RETURN
- ETERNITY

STEP 2: Give kids five minutes to come up with a shadow statue pose to do that communicates their topic. Encourage them to use their handbooks as they prepare.

(Note: Ask leaders to help the pairs or groups as they work.)

STEP 3: After five minutes, ask each pair or group to present their shadow statue pose.

Share these key concepts as they do their pose.

- MAN IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD — Man was created in God's image (Genesis 1:26). He can think, have conversations, feel, make choices, and be creative.

- God does not force us to love Him. God gives us the choice to love Him and have a relationship with Him or to reject God and His offer of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- SATAN — God created Satan as the head angel, but he became God's enemy because he wanted to be like God. Even though he has tried to stop God's plan, God is in control and will one day punish Satan forever (Revelation 20:10).
 - Believers can rely on God's power to help us when Satan tempts us to sin. We can trust in the truth of God's Word (John 17:17) to help us overcome Satan's lies and temptations. We can also take comfort in knowing that God will one day defeat Satan (Revelation 20:10).
- THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE — Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They listened to his lie and broke God's one rule (Genesis 3:1-6). They became sinners and their relationship (friendship) with God was broken because of their sin (Genesis 3:8-13, 22-24).
 - Every person born after Adam and Eve are born sinners (Romans 5:12), and our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). There is nothing we can do on our own to save ourselves (Ephesians 2:8).
- SIN AND SUFFERING — Because Adam and Eve sinned, their punishment affects the rest of creation and every person who has ever lived. We now face sin, sickness, hunger, pain, sadness, and struggles (Genesis 3:16-19).
 - Even though life is hard, we know that God is always with us. We have hope because God loves us (John 3:16). We never have to face our struggles alone (Hebrews 13:5).
- JESUS CHRIST — Jesus Christ, God's Son, willingly came to earth (Philippians 2:5-8). He lived a perfect life, and allowed Himself to be put to death to pay the punishment for our sin (Isaiah 53:4-5). He didn't stay dead. He rose again three days later (1 Corinthians 15:4) and proved His victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).
 - We have the choice to accept or reject Jesus as Savior. If we choose to accept Jesus as

Savior, we can be right with God and have eternal life with Him in heaven (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10). If we reject Jesus as Savior, we face eternal punishment and separation from God (Revelation 20:12-15).

- **THE LORD'S RETURN** — Jesus will one day come back for those who have accepted Him as Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). This event is known as the rapture. At the rapture, those who have already died and have accepted Jesus as Savior will rise first. Then those who are alive will rise to meet Him in the clouds.
 - Even though we don't know when Jesus will come for us, we can trust His promise to return (John 14:1-2), and we can comfort others by telling them of the hope we have in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Until He comes for us, we have an important job to go and tell others about the good news of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20).
- **ETERNITY** — Even though our bodies will grow old and die, who we are on the inside (our souls) will live forever. We have a choice to make where we will spend eternity (forever). If we choose to accept Jesus as our Savior, we will spend eternity forever in heaven with Him (Revelation 21:1-5). If we choose to reject Jesus as Savior, we will spend eternity in hell as punishment for our sin (Matthew 25:46).
 - Those who trust in Jesus as Savior have eternal promises they can claim. Even though they may face struggles and trials on earth, they can know that NOTHING can take them out of God's hand (John 10:27-28). They will always have the promise and guarantee of eternal life. Also nothing will ever separate them from God's love (Romans 8:35a, 38-39). And one day, they will be in God's presence and live with Him in heaven forever (Revelation 21:4).

STEP 4: If time permits, share your testimony with the kids. Be sure to show how God redeemed you from sin, and how you made the choice to accept Jesus as Savior. As the Spirit leads, give kids the opportunity to make a decision.

STEP 5: Close in prayer, thanking God for His plan to offer every person an opportunity to accept Jesus as Savior.

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Main Lesson Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 2: Redemption Outcome

What You'll Need: Paper (two pieces), marker, masking tape

ACTIVITY PREP: Write the letter A on one piece of paper, and the letter B on another piece of paper. Tape them to opposite sides of the room.

STEP 1: Explain that today's lesson will be a review of what they have learned in the Redemption Unit. They are going to be playing a game of choosing between Option A or Option B. Have the group stand in the middle of the room, and then run towards the letter of the option they think is most true. You even will be giving them some big ideas about each lesson before you ask them to choose, so they need to listen carefully.

(Note: Some of these options will be funny and easy to choose between, but by getting the kids actively listening, you are still engaging them in an effective way. Feel free to make it extra silly if you want to.)

STEP 2: Go through the choices one by one, giving the kids time to decide and run from one wall to the next. Share the concepts and then give them the choice.

MAN IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

- Man was created in God's image (Genesis 1:26). He can think, have conversations, feel, make choices, and be creative.
- God does not force us to love Him. God gives us the choice to love Him and have a relationship with Him or to reject God and His offer of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Statement: Because I am made God's image, I can ...

- A) Think and make decisions.
- B) Shoot lightning bolts out of my fingers.

SATAN

- God created Satan as the head angel, but he became God's enemy because he wanted to be like God. Even though he has tried to stop God's plan, God is in control and will one day punish Satan forever (Revelation 20:10).
- Believers can rely on God's power to help us when Satan tempts us to sin. We can trust in the truth of God's Word (John 17:17) to help us overcome Satan's lies and temptations. We can also take comfort in knowing that God will one day defeat Satan (Revelation 20:10).

Statement: Because Satan is God's enemy and wants to destroy God's plan, I need to ...

- A) Trust in God's Word to help me overcome his lies and temptations.
- B) Turn into a gummy bear.

THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE:

- Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They listened to his lie and broke God's one rule (Genesis 3:1-6). They became sinners and their relationship (friendship) with God was broken because of their sin (Genesis 3:8-13, 22-24).
- Every person born after Adam and Eve are born sinners (Romans 5:12), and our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). There is nothing we can do on our own to save ourselves (Ephesians 2:8).

Statement: Because Adam and Eve sinned, I am ...

- A) A crocodile.
- B) A sinner.

SIN AND SUFFERING

- Because Adam and Eve sinned, their punishment affects the rest of creation and every person who has ever lived. We now face sin, sickness, hunger, pain, sadness, and struggles (Genesis 3:16-19).
- Even though life is hard, we know that God is always with us. We have hope because God loves us (John 3:16). We never have to face our struggles alone (Hebrews 13:5).

Statement: Because there is sin and suffering in this world, I need to remember that ...

- A) God loves me and that He is always with me.
- B) I should be really mean to people.

JESUS CHRIST

- Jesus Christ, God’s Son willingly came to earth (Philippians 2:5-8). He lived a perfect life and allowed Himself to be put to death to pay the punishment for our sin (Isaiah 53:4-5). He didn’t stay dead. He rose again three days later (1 Corinthians 15:4) and proved His victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).
- We have the choice to accept or reject Jesus as Savior. If we choose to accept Jesus as Savior, we can be right with God and have eternal life with Him in heaven (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10). If we reject Jesus as Savior, we face eternal punishment and separation from God (Revelation 20:12-15).

Statement: Because Jesus Christ is the only person who can completely pay the price for my sin, I can ...

- A) Choose to accept Him as my Savior.
- B) Eat pickles.

THE LORD’S RETURN

- Jesus will one day come back for those who have accepted Him as Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). This event is known as the rapture. At the rapture, those who have already died and have accepted Jesus as Savior will rise first. Then those who are alive will rise to meet Him in the clouds.
- Even though we don’t know when Jesus will come for us, we can trust His promise to return (John 14:1-2), and we can comfort others by telling them of the hope we have in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Until He comes for us, we have an important job to go and tell others about the good news of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20).

Statement: Because Jesus promised to return and take those of us who choose to accept Him as Savior to live with Him, I can ...

- A) Have comfort in hard times and comfort others who are hurting.
- B) Hide in an underground fortress and never come out.

ETERNITY

- Even though our bodies will grow old and die, who we are on the inside (our souls) will live forever. We have a choice to make where we will spend eternity (forever). If we choose to accept Jesus as our Savior, we will spend eternity forever in heaven with Him (Revelation 21:1-5). If we choose to reject Jesus as Savior, we will spend eternity in hell as punishment for our sin (Matthew 25:46).
- Those who trust in Jesus as Savior have eternal promises they can claim. Even though they may face struggles and trials on earth, they can know that NOTHING can take them out of God’s hand (John 10:27-28). They will always have the promise and guarantee of eternal life. Also, nothing will ever separate them from God’s love (Romans 8:35a, 38-39). And one day, they will be in God’s presence and live with Him in heaven forever (Revelation 21:4).

Statement: Because we have a choice to make as to where we will spend eternity, I can ...

- A) Choose to either accept Jesus as my Savior or reject Jesus as my Savior.
- B) Just eat gummy bears forever.

STEP 3: Follow up with the Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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