

Rescuer - Family Lesson 4

Divine Attribute: God is Rescuer

Heart Response: Worship him

Memory Verse: John 3:16 NIRV “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. We need to be rescued from our sin.
2. God loves us.
3. God sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue us.
4. We should worship Jesus.

Family Worship

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify Playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to John 3:16. Show your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible

Lesson picture - wise men (found on [GCK resource page](#))

Our lesson today comes from the book of Matthew in the Bible. Remember, last week our lesson was about the shepherds hearing from the angel that Jesus had been born. The shepherds went to see Jesus and worshiped him. This week, we are going to hear about some other people who knew that Jesus was going to be born. These men followed a star to find Jesus!

The Bible calls these men wise men. (Show the lesson picture.) Their job is to watch the stars, and they have seen a special star in the sky. This star signals to them that the King of the Jews has been born. They decide to go find this king and worship him. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Herod was the king. Can you say “Herod”? (Repeat “Herod” with your child.) When the wise men arrive in Jerusalem, they ask King Herod where the King of the Jews is, whose star they have seen.

Herod is very upset by this because he does not want anyone else to be king. Herod finds out that Christ has been born in Bethlehem. He sends the wise men to Bethlehem to find Jesus, but he tells them to come back and tell him where Jesus is, so he can go and worship Jesus, too. Herod does not really want to worship Jesus—he just tells the wise men that so he can find out where Jesus is.

When the wise men leave Herod, they again see the star that they had seen in the East, and they are very happy! The star leads them straight to the house where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are living. They go into the house, find Jesus, and worship him.

What is the best gift you have ever received? (Allow your child to answer.) Those are all great gifts, but the gifts the wise men bring to Jesus are the kind you would give a king. The wise men give him some very special gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All of these gifts are very special and cost a lot.

When the wise men leave the house where Jesus lives, they go somewhere nearby to spend the night. That night, God warns the wise men in a dream not to go back and tell King Herod where Jesus lives. So they go back another way and return to their own country.

Jesus is God's Son, and he was sent into the world to rescue us. He lived a perfect life and died to pay for our sins. Jesus was not going to be the king of a country on this earth like Herod thought. Jesus was going to be the King of the whole world. He came to be King of our lives. He can be King of our hearts while we are here on earth, and he can be our King forever in Heaven.

We give gifts to each other at Christmas to show our love. God gave us a special gift of Jesus that is better than any other gift. We can worship our Lord Jesus by singing a song about him. We can also worship by praying together.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for sending Jesus into this world. We want to worship you every day. As we start the new year, help us remember that Jesus was the best gift. Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies

[Coloring sheet](#) (found on Kids Resource Page)

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

1. What did the wise men see in the sky that let them know the "King of the Jews" had been born? (A star.)
2. What did the wise men want to do when they found Jesus? (Worship him.)
3. Who was the king in Jerusalem at the time when Jesus was born? (Herod.)
4. What did the wise men bring to Jesus? (Gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.)

Optional Additional Activities

The Wise Men Traveled from Afar (Finger Play)

The wise men traveled from afar, (walk fingers using index and middle fingers)

Following the Christmas star. (put together two index fingers and two thumbs to make diamond and move it in arch across body)

When it stopped, they jumped for joy! (move fingers in diamond shape in front of face and stop; then jump)

And worshiped baby Jesus boy. (cradle arms like rocking a baby)

