

NOTE TO PARENTS: The goal of this series is to teach kids how to live out their faith in the day-to-day, talking with God in the everyday moments without it feeling like faith is something to check off a to-do list.

Each week will follow a theme and have a list of suggestions that can be slotted into your daily routine. Please don't feel pressured to do everything! Pick a couple of things you think your kids will enjoy. This isn't meant to be a sit down lesson, but easy-to-put-together activities that can be done whenever you have a chance. A lot of the content is play based, using games as a tool to get kids thinking about God and creating intentional conversations.

WEEK FOUR: God is...our Saviour

Aim: For kids to understand believing in Jesus is the only rescue from sin. Salvation is a gift, not something we can earn.

Memory Verse

1 John 1:9 NLT "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness"

Suggestions:

- Offer your kids a gift or reward if they learn their verse. Link it to the lesson: "You earned this reward by learning your verse; salvation is given as a gift, we can't earn it!"
- Play verse catch. Throw a ball back and forth. Everyone who catches the ball says one word of the verse. If you miss a word you start again. See how fast you can go.
- Fill in the blank. Write the verse out, but leave some blanks; read through the verse and see if you can remember the missing words.

Things to do...

Suggestions:

- An experiment to help explain sin and salvation: a) You'll need a plate, water, pepper and soap
Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krNvuHgn-qM>
- Play 'Stuck in the Mud' (minimum 3 players). A variation on freeze tag, when 'it' tags you, you're stuck in the mud and cannot move. Another player must dig you out (tap your shoe) for you to continue play. LINK: We're stuck in our sin! We need a saviour.
- Play dress up. Dress up like a superhero!
- Make a superhero mask

LINK: Jesus is a real life superhero! He rescues us from our sin and gives us a way to friendship with God.

- Make a superhero comic book (about your favourite superhero or create a new superhero)
- Play 'The Floor is Lava'. Kids must move from one side of the space to another without touching the floor. They can use objects to create a bridge or pathway. Add a mission, such as save the teddy. LINK: Jesus created a way back to God; He rescues us from sin!
- Do something nice for a friend or a family member 'just because'. Make them a card, or help them with their chores. LINK: Salvation's a gift, not something we earn! How does it feel when someone is kind to you just because?
- Use painters tape to mark out a design and colour with sidewalk chalk. Or do the same on the windows with window markers or diluted washable paint to make this an indoor activity.



Things to watch...

Suggestions:

- Right Now Media has some great resources. If you don't have an account, please email the church and we'll set you up with a free login.
 1. What's in the Bible with Buck Denver, Vol.2: Let my people go, Session 2 'What is Salvation?'
 2. Little Bible Heroes, Episode 3, 'Easter' (1 minute video that tells the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Great for Preschool aged kids)
- Watch a superhero cartoon (for younger kids something like Paw Patrol would be a good option)
LINK: Talk with your kids about heroes, and how Jesus is a real life hero who rescues us from sin.

Things to read...

Suggestions:

- The story of Passover & Israel escaping Egypt. (Exodus 12) LINK: There are lots of parallels between God rescuing the Israelites from slavery and Jesus rescuing us from sin. (To help your kids engage with what's happening in the scripture you could ask them to rewrite the story as a comic strip).
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Read 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers (If you don't own the book, there are readings on YouTube)
LINK: We're stuck in our sin! We need a saviour.