



Kindergarten-2nd

April 4-5, 2015

DATE

Easter

LESSON TITLE

Mark 14-16, Isaiah 41:10
Adv. Bible for Early Readers (pp. 845, 1185-1190)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus Recued Us!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Today is all about the most amazing rescue ever: **Jesus' rescue of us!** Using the term "rescue" is a good way to help new kids learn what the gospel means for them, in language they can understand.

****This week is 75 minutes long!** We've included an extra activity in small group to help keep kids engaged for that extra 10 minutes.

check-in/out

Make sure to introduce yourself to new kids, as there will be a lot of them here on Easter weekend!

large group heads up

We don't want to put a lot of pressure on kids to make a decision about accepting Jesus' rescue today, but we do want to help them understand what it means for them personally.

To help you prepare for how to talk to kids about the story of Easter, look up the videos we'll be watching on crossroadskidsclub.net/weekend.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

SUPERHERO CHARADES

**Break into small groups for this activity.*

- In your small group, ask kids to think about the coolest superpower they can imagine. Give them a minute to think about it.
- Tell kids that we're going to act out these superpowers! Tell everyone to find a partner. One kid will act out his superpower without saying any words. The other kid has to guess what it is.
- Let kids take turns acting out different superpowers.
- Regroup everyone and go around the circle to ask these two questions:
 - *What would you use your superpower for?*
 - *What was the best or worst part of your week?*

Before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will understand that (1) Jesus rescued them by dying for them, (2) Jesus is more powerful than any enemy who tries to defeat us and (3) Jesus' rescue means we don't have to be afraid.

Why: This is the most important message we can give to kids: that Jesus loves us so much, he died to rescue us and be close to us.

Tip: Describing the gospel in terms of Jesus' rescue will help kids understand what the resurrection means for them; that he is so strong and loving, he rescued us from death.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

***Pass around a beanbag to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the bean bag and answer questions.**

1. Why is there distance between us and God?
2. Who did God send to be our rescuer?
3. What did Jesus have to do to rescue us?
4. What happened after Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb?
5. Why did Jesus go through all that to rescue us?

A SYMBOL OF JESUS' RESCUE

- Tell kids that Jesus' followers used to show their faith with a picture of a fish. They would draw it in the sand or on walls to tell other people that they believed that Jesus is our rescuer.
- Tell kids that we're going to make our own symbol and put it on a bracelet. That way we can show others how Jesus is our rescuer!
- Hand out **1 pipe cleaner, 10 colored beads, markers** and **1 tag** to each kid.
- Tell kids to draw a small picture on their tag to remind them that Jesus is their rescuer. It could be a cross, a heart, his face, anything they want. They can also write "Jesus" on the other side of the tag (they may need help spelling).
- Along with the tag, tell them to string on the colored beads onto their pipe cleaner. After that, they can twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together and put it on their wrist.
- After kids are done, ask them about the symbol they drew, and help them recall how it's a symbol of following Jesus and letting him rescue us.
- If kids have questions about accepting Jesus, don't worry if you don't know how to share the gospel "correctly"; just talk about what Jesus has done for you personally.

Prayer

Thank God for sending his son to die for us and rescue us. Thank him for taking on all of our sin because of how much he loves us.

Extra Time?

*Toss a **beanbag** around the group, and whoever has the beanbag has to yell out their favorite superpower. That kid can then toss the bean bag to someone else, and so on and so forth.*

*Play superhero Simon says! Choose a superhero that everyone would know (Spiderman, Superman, etc.) and say 'Superman says...' before the action you want them to take. If you don't say 'Superman Says' before the action, they have to sit down. **HOWEVER**, choose a leader or a kid to be a rescuer. The rescuer can come tag kids and let them back into the game to keep playing.*

special notes

Prepare for today by reflecting on how Jesus has personally rescued you. When was a time that you felt alone, scared or ashamed, and how did Jesus rescue you from it? Share this with kids during the lesson.

*Set **2 chairs** out in the presentation area, you'll need them for part of large group.

presenter tips

Here's a link to the music videos we'll be watching:

Bravery <https://vimeo.com/49923937>

Come With Me

<https://vimeo.com/49923933>

We'll also be watching this God's Story video about Easter:

<http://vimeo.com/39716113>

script

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Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here. It's Easter weekend, and around here that means it's time to celebrate! Today we're talking about how God created the most amazing rescue plan of all time, and it's for us! Before we get to that, let's talk about superheroes! **(Click to show slide of superhero.)**

SUPERHEROES TO THE RESCUE

Raise your hand if you would like to have a superpower! *(let kids respond)*. Me too. If I could have a superpower, I would...*(insert your own answer and act it out for kids)*. You all acted out some pretty cool superpowers in your small groups, let's all stand up and do it together!

Everybody show me how you would:

- Fly
- Be super strong
- Run in place like you're super fast
- Act like you have lasers coming out of your hands

Good job! You all would make amazing superheroes! You know what the coolest thing would be if we had powers? We could rescue people. Raise your hand if you would like to be able to do that? Me too.

We're going to watch a video about a rescue. As you watch, pay attention to what reason these superheroes are using their powers.

VIDEO: THE INCREDIBLES

Wow! Were the heroes in that video just using their powers for fun? *(let kids answer 'no')*. Then why did they use their powers? *(Call on a kid to answer.)* That's right, they used their powers to



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defeat the big robot and rescue the city! Not only that, but they had to rescue each other throughout the whole scene. Even though they all had some pretty amazing abilities, they needed to be rescued too.

WHY WE NEED A RESCUER

Those super heroes, even though they were really strong, they still needed to be rescued. *(Think of a time you needed rescuing and share it with the kids.)* In fact, every one of us needs to be rescued.

Let me show it to you this way. ***(Place two chairs next to each other in your presentation area.)*** This first chair right here, let's say this is where God is *(point to one chair)*. And this chair next to it, this is where we are *(point to the other chair)*. You see this space between us? That's where our sin gets in between God and us. And guess what? When we do wrong things, we feel sad or angry or ashamed, and that space gets bigger and bigger. *(Push the two chairs further apart.)* Give me thumbs down if you don't like that distance between you and God *(let kids respond)*.

Well, luckily, God came up with a rescue plan to get rid of all that space! Give me thumbs up if that makes you feel good! *(Let kids respond.)* God's rescue plan involved sending someone down to earth to rescue us. His name is Jesus, and he's way more powerful than any superhero we could imagine! Heroes like Superman or Batman, may be able to do really cool things, but they could never be as powerful as Jesus.

Let's watch a video to learn just what God's rescue plan is. As you watch, pay special attention to why Jesus went through all these things to rescue us:

VIDEO: GOD'S STORY/EASTER

That's an incredible story. Jesus went through unimaginable pain to rescue us. He got rid of death, which is what keeps us from getting close to God *(scoot the chairs closer together)*. But why did he do it? *(Let a kid answer.)* That's right, it's because he loved us. Loved us enough to die for us!

JESUS IS OUR RESCUER

Remember all those superpowers we talked about earlier? If you think Jesus is more powerful than any superhero we could imagine, give a big high five to the person next to you *(Let kids respond.)* Did Jesus use his power to just do cool things? No way! He used his power to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world, and to bring us close to God again. Jesus is the ultimate rescue plan that God made to save us. Let's all read this verse together as loud as we can:

SLIDE: Isaiah 41:10: "So do not be afraid. I am with you. Do not be terrified. I am your God. I will make you strong and help you. I will hold you safe in my hands. I always do what is right."

You know what this means for us? It means we don't have to be afraid. We can live every day



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knowing that Jesus is alive and real. He is living today, and he wants to be close to you! Jesus took the punishment that should have been yours and rescued you by bringing you close to God!

ACCEPTING JESUS' RESCUE

Remember how we used these chairs to show how God wants to rescue us? There's a big distance between us and God when we do wrong things, but he loves us so much, that's he's sent his son Jesus to be like a bridge between us and God!

The thing is, we need to accept that rescue. And it's really easy to do. Let's all close our eyes. I want you to think about how it feels when you're far away from God. (*Wait a few seconds before continuing.*) Now think about how it feels to be close to God because Jesus has rescued you. If you want to accept that rescue, you can decide that right now. (*Give kids a few more seconds of silence.*) Alright, everybody open your eyes.

Knowing that Jesus can rescue us from anything means we don't have to be afraid! Let's watch a music video about how Jesus gives us bravery:

VIDEO: Bravery

Now let's sing about how Jesus wants us to follow him. We can go with him anywhere and he will always be with us!

VIDEO: Come With Me

PRAYER

Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for everyone, no matter how bad we think they are. Thank him for rescuing us.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Superhero Charades – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: 1 pipe cleaner (OT: IN-57/4000), 10 colorful pony beads (OT: IN-57/3), and 1 round tag (ex: <http://www.aliexpress.com/item/5-5-5-5CM-High-quality-retro-round-kraft-blank-gift-tag-kraft-round-hang-tag/32217689676.html>)

Per group: beanbag, Adv. Bible for Early Readers (pp. 845, 1185-1190), markers

large group supplies

2 chairs in the presentation area
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a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Slide: Superhero
3. Video: The Incredibles (start at 0:00, stop at 2:49) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-m033SE0w>
4. Video: God's Story/Easter <http://vimeo.com/39716113>
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7. Come With Me <https://vimeo.com/49923933>
8. Video: Love Beats Fear <https://vimeo.com/113716523>

connect questions

Why did God send us a rescuer?
How did Jesus rescue us?

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