

What is Salvation?

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about how Jesus saves us. The word we use to talk about this is called salvation. It's just a fancy word that means we're made right with God. Hopefully, we've all heard of Jesus before. He's the coolest person we can ever know. He is all-powerful, he knows everything, he can heal anyone from any sickness and he can even bring people back to life! Do you know why Jesus can do all that cool stuff? Because he's God! And, that's why Jesus was able to do the coolest thing of all for us. He came to die on a cross to pay for our sins. See, only Jesus could pay the price for us because he's perfect because he's God. So, he came to save us from our sins to make us right with God. Because of that, we get to be in relationship with God where he helps us to live out the plan he has for our lives and we get to live in heaven with him some day. Isn't that awesome? Kids, if you haven't put your trust in Jesus yet, do it today! It's easy. Just tell Jesus you're sorry for being a sinner and tell him that you put all your trust in him and invite him to live in your hearts.

Big Idea

Salvation means we're made right with God.

Key Question

What did Jesus do to make us right with God?

Memory Verse

Romans 3:22 "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share the last time you had an argument with someone. What happened and how did you make it right?** (Tip: We get in fights with our friends or siblings sometimes and we need to learn how to make peace with them. Jesus came to make peace with us.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He died on the cross to pay for our sins.** (The Bible tells us that we all have a sin problem that has broken our relationship with God. Jesus came to pay for our sins by dying on the cross for us. Because of that, our sins are forgiven and our relationship with God can be fixed when we put our trust in Jesus.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What is the problem we all have? What did Jesus do to fix the problem? **4-5th** How can you show Jesus your appreciation for what he did for you on the cross?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read 1 John 1:9. To confess means to admit we're sinners. Who do we need to tell that we're sinners? What does God do with our sins?** (Answer: Sin is doing things our own way instead of God's way. When we sin, it's like we're telling God we don't care about him. But, when we tell Jesus we're sorry for being selfish and that we want to do things his way, he forgives us and helps us to live for him!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JESUS IS MY LIFESAVER NECKLACE

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Life Saver template (page 5). Give each kid a piece of yarn.
- Have kids cut out each life saver and have them color each one according to the breakdown below.
 - Blue-Our sin that has broken our relationship with God
 - Red-Jesus died to save us
 - Yellow- Because of Jesus, our sins are gone
 - Green- We get to live a new life in Jesus
- Once the kids have cut and colored their life savers, have them stack them together and have them punch a hole through the center of the circles so they can string them onto the yarn to make a necklace. Help the kids tie on their necklace when they're done.
- As they work, explain what each color signifies and remind the kids that Jesus came to save us. so we could be right with God. The fancy word for this is salvation.

Supplies needed: Life Saver template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Yarn (cut into 15 in pieces, 1 per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Hole punches

OPTION 2: JESUS SAVES TIC TAC TOE

Instructions:

- Before playing, draw a Tic Tac Toe board up on the whiteboard. Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer. Assign each team either the "X" or "O".
- Read a question from below. First to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets to put their symbol on the board. First to get 3 across wins.

Questions:

1. What do we all have that breaks our relationship with God? (sin)
2. Who died on the cross to save us? (Jesus)
3. From what book is our Memory verse found? (Romans)
4. T or F: Jesus saves us from sin. (T)
5. What is the fancy word that means we are made right with God? (Salvation)
6. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
7. T or F: Jesus is God. (T)
8. What is the name of the holiday when we celebrate how Jesus saved us. (Easter)
9. What's the Big Idea today? (See Board)
10. T or F: Jesus only forgives tall kids. (F)

Supplies needed: Bells/Ringers

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Salvation is a big word that we hear all the time in church, but what does it actually mean?

Key Points:

- Salvation is a fancy word for getting “_____” with God.
- We get saved when we believe in _____. Ephesians 2:8-9
- Jesus paid to save us when he _____ on the cross.
- _____ can make a personal decision to be saved. Romans 3:22

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Share the last time you had an argument with someone. What happened and how did you make it right?*
3. *What is the problem we all have? Who came to fix the problem?*
4. *What do we have to do to be saved from our sins?*
5. *Read 1 John 1:9. To confess means to admit we're sinners. Who do we need to tell that we're sinners? What does God do with our sins?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

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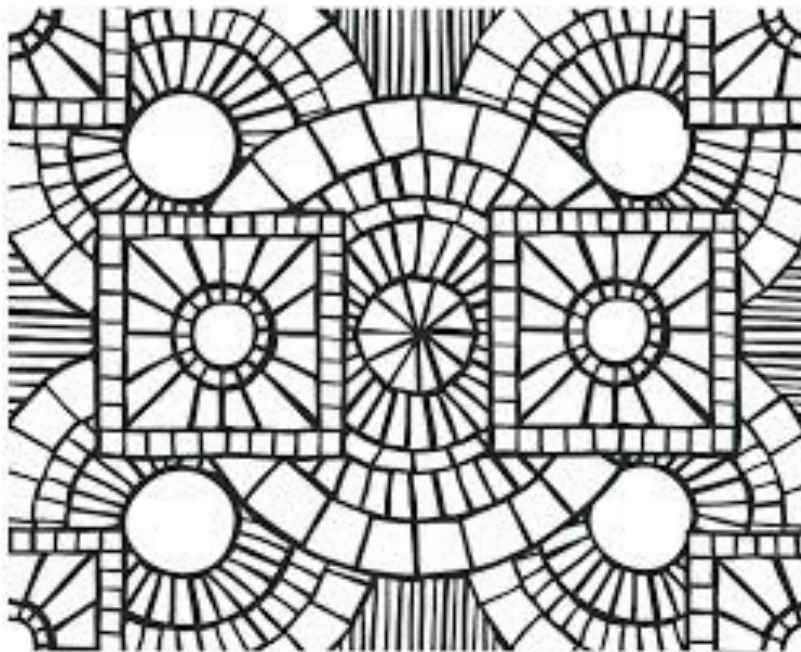
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Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

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