

**IN THE KNOW**  
**Wk 2 of 4: What's a Redeemer?**  
**Oct 12 & 13, 2019**

**LEADER PREP**

**GOAL OF SMALL GROUP**

For students to open their hearts to God's amazing, rescuing, and redeeming love for them.

**SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 3:4-10 & Psalm 19:14

**THINK ABOUT THIS**

We ALL need a Rescuer. What good news that God is our Rescuer; and God isn't just our RESCUER - He is our REDEEMER. A rescuer saves us from a dangerous situation. When you redeem something, you gain or regain a possession in exchange for payment. For example, at Adventure Landing you redeem a bunch of tickets you win for your choice of prizes behind the counter. So God is not only our Rescuer, saving us from the dangerous consequences of sin, He is also our Redeemer - giving us a new life full of major blessings when we believe! Our response to this AMAZING GRACE and REDEMPTION God offers us should be heartfelt gratitude. **We can't "teach" our students to have heartfelt reactions**, those must come from within, **but we can MODEL** heartfelt gratitude to God for His love for us. **We can encourage** them to open their hearts to God **and we can remind them** just how passionate He is in His love for them.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do or ask everything. Let your students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*



**CONVERSATION GUIDE**

**MAIN POINT**

**God is the Rescuer and Redeemer of His creation.**

**GET THEM TALKING**

What are different examples of rescuers? (ex: firefighters, superheroes, doctors, etc.)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**READ EXODUS 3:4-10 and answer the following questions:**

1. How did the people need rescuing?
2. What was God's plan to rescue them?
3. How do we need rescuing?
4. What's God's plan to rescue us?
5. Why does God want to rescue us?
6. Why can't we rescue ourselves?

**READ PSALM 19:14 and answer the following questions:**

7. In your own words, what does it mean that God is our rock?
8. In your own words, what does it mean that God redeems you?
9. In your own words, what does the author mean by saying, "May the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, oh Lord?"
10. How can we open our hearts to God and His love for us?

**NEXT STEP**

This week take time on your own to meditate (or think about) just how MUCH GOD LOVES YOU and write Him a "thank you note" for His great love for you! Maybe even write yourself a reminder somewhere you'll see it every day that GOD LOVES, RESCUES, and REDEEMS YOU.

**PRAYER GUIDE**

God, we all need a Rescuer and a Redeemer. We aren't strong enough to be perfect or save ourselves, but thankfully we don't have to be. THANK YOU a thousand times over for loving us so much that you Rescue and Redeem us when we ask. We can never thank you enough, but open our hearts to live out of gratitude for your love everyday.

## SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

### EXODUS 3: 4-10 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

“Here I am!” Moses replied.

<sup>5</sup>“Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. <sup>6</sup>I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. <sup>9</sup>Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. <sup>10</sup>Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”

### PSALM 19:14 (NLT)

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”