

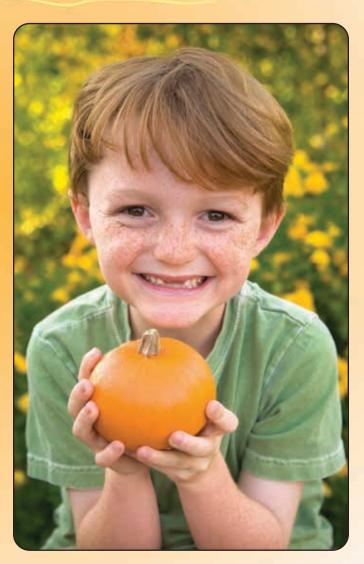
For God's Little Children

Martin was playing in his yard. He saw a little plant. It was growing in the rocks!

"Rocks are not a good home," he said.

Martin carefully dug out the plant. "Let's give you a good home." He looked around. He saw some soil in the corner. He dug a hole. He put the plant in it. He watered it. He watched it. The plant got bigger. One day it grew a flower. Then the flower became a pumpkin!

"Hooray!" said Martin. "I'm glad I rescued you!"

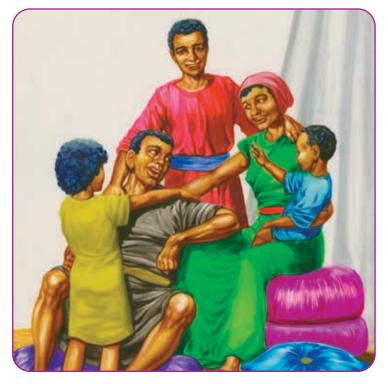




BIBLE STORY

"Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed" (Isaiah 49:23, NIV).

Better Days Ahead



God's people were sad. Isaiah was God's special messenger. Isaiah spoke to them. He gave them good news.

"God is going to rescue you. Those who hurt you will go away. Mean kings and queens will go away. New rulers will be kind. They will love God. They will care for you. More and more people will love God.

Your friends and family will grow. There will be so many of them! You won't be lonely or sad. Life will be like a wedding. You will be like a happy bride. You will overflow with God's blessings."

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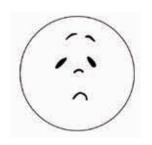
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Story Opposites

Our story is full of opposites. Can you match them?

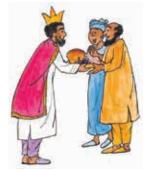
















Memory Verse:

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples'" (from Isaiah 49:22, NIV).



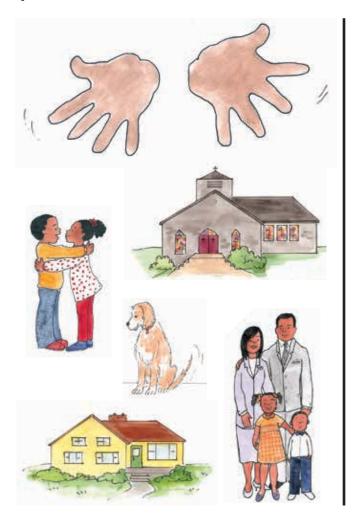
DEAR PARENTS

Your child is learning that God rescued His people from Babylon, and He rescues us every day from this sinful world. Remember times when God has helped you. Thank Him together.

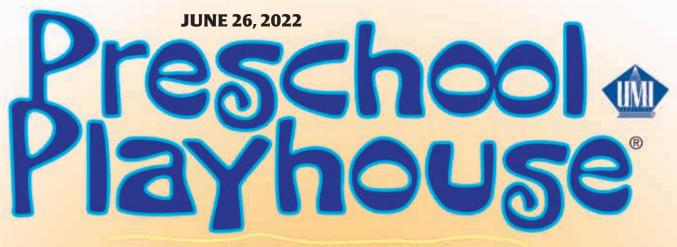


God Rescues Us, Too!

God still rescues His people today. Has God sent a friend? Has God given you a kind grownup? How has He helped you? Draw a picture. Color it. Share!



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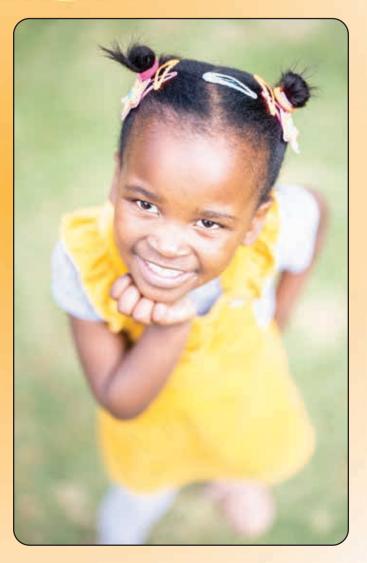
For God's Little Children

Carmen was on her way to church. She saw her friend Lea. "Good morning, Lea. We're going to church. Would you like to come?"

Lea made a silly face. "No way! That's silly! I'm going to the park. You can't come!"

Carmen felt sad. She didn't know what to say. She gave her friend a thumbs up. She tried to smile. She thought about church. She thought about the songs. She thought about the crafts. She thought about the games and stories. She liked church. She liked learning about Jesus.

She prayed, "Someday, help me bring Lea to church, God."





BIBLE STORY

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn" (Isaiah 51:1, NIV).

Freedom



Isaiah is God's special messenger. He speaks God's words. He says, "Do you love God? Are you doing what's right? Good! Then listen to me! Remember Abraham and Sarah from long ago? God grew them into a huge family. He blessed them. He will bless you, too. You see destruction around you. Jerusalem is dirt. But God will make it a garden! You

will sing with joy.

"One day God's laws will be everywhere. People everywhere will act like Jesus. They will be the light. They will spread goodness. Yes, plants will still die. Clothes will still wear out. Some people will still be mean. But, God's goodness is forever."

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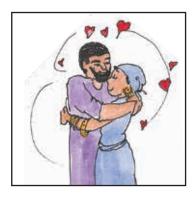
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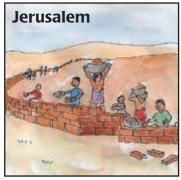


First and Next

Look at the pictures from the Bible Story. What happens first? What happens next? Can you match each set of pictures?

FIRST

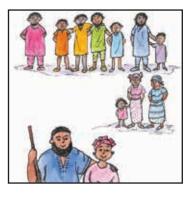


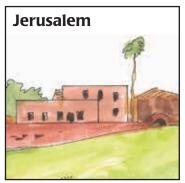












Memory Verse: "[God's] salvation will last forever, [His] righteousness will never fail" (from Isaiah 51:6, NIV).



DEAR PARENTS

Your child is learning that we can have the hope that God's goodness will prevail. This week when your child is troubled, pray together, thanking God for the good He can bring.



Looking Up

God is growing His church. More and more people are loving Jesus. Goodness is spreading. But sometimes, people are still mean. What can we do? We can look up. We know God is still good. Choose some good thoughts. Color them.

