

BANANA NEWS



GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

GOD IS

(POINT UP)

THE REDEEMER

(EXTEND ARMS OUT FROM SIDES)

MEMORY VERSE

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. *Romans 12:2 (NLT)*

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: SIN MAKES GOD SAD

READ - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:6

Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Obedience makes God happy and sin (disobedience) makes God sad. Use a paper plate or piece of paper and draw a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other. Hand the paper to your child and give them examples of good and bad choices or behaviors. Have your child use the happy/sad face to show how the example you shared would make God feel. **God is the Redeemer** and He loves you even when you make bad choices.

DAY 2: SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES

READ - Genesis 3:21-24

When we do wrong things there are consequences. What consequence did Adam and Eve have for disobeying God? What type of consequences do you have when you disobey? When we disobey God our sin separates us from Him by getting in the way of our relationship with Him, but **God is The Redeemer** and Jesus took the punishment for our sins so we can be with Him.

DAY 3: GOD, THE REDEEMER, ALWAYS LOVES US

READ - Romans 5:8

God showed us He loved us by sending Jesus for us. Jesus came and took the punishment for our sin so we could choose to have a relationship with God! Sing a song of praise to **God the Redeemer** who loves us. Here is a great song to praise our super wonderful God! https://tinyurl.com/SuperwonderfulGod

DAY 4: JESUS MADE A WAY

READ - John 3:16, Luke 24:6-7

When Jesus died on the cross for our sins He did not stay dead. Jesus is God and has power over sin and death. Jesus took our punishment by dying on the cross and then came back to life three days later! Let's shout, "Jesus is Alive!" Isn't it good news that **God the Redeemer** is all-powerful?!

DAY 5: GOD WANTS US TO SAY SORRY FOR OUR SINS

READ - 1 John 1:9

When we do something wrong God wants us to ask Him for forgiveness. If we ask Him for forgiveness and really mean it, He will forgive us. Go outside with your child and let them play in some dirt. The dirt on our hands is like sin - yucky! Go to a sink or use a hose. Talk about when we ask God for forgiveness, He will wash away the yucky because **God is the Redeemer** - He makes us new!



Materials: Paper Plate, Water, Ground Pepper, Toothpick, Dish Soap, Sugar

Follow the directions below for a fun visual of how God draws us to Him.

- 1. Use a plate or shallow dish with water in it and sprinkle some ground pepper in the center of the plate. The pepper represents the people.
- 2. Touch the surface of the water with the toothpick dipped in dish soap. What happened to the pepper? It spread out away from the center! Sin separates us from God.
- 3. Pour the sugar into the middle of the plate to represent God's redemption. It should draw the pepper back towards the middle!

Only God can draw people back to Him. Only God can be our Redeemer. When we choose to follow Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit and we are drawn back to God.



Materials: Soda, Clear Cup, Buttons, Spoon

After you have done something wrong, have you ever felt like you could just keep it a secret and no one would find out? Do you know that no matter how hard we try to keep our sins a secret they have a way of becoming known?

Pour the soda into the glass. This glass represents you, and this soda represents a place where you might try to hide your bad secrets. Now, these buttons represent sin.

Drop these "sins" into your glass of soda, and they will be hidden from our sight, just like hiding our sins. Can you see them? At first they are hidden. But you can only keep these sins a secret for a little while; eventually, sin has a way of coming to the surface.

Watch carefully and you will see them rise to the top. Sin cannot be hidden from God. He knows your heart. Instead of trying to hide sin, remember that we can ask God to forgive us, and He will.

The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. He will clean us of our sins. (*Remove buttons with a spoon*) Now your heart is clean again! Pray and thank God for sending Jesus as the Redeemer.



Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "God the Redeemer is super wonderful and He loves you." As you tuck them into bed, sing "Super Wonderful" (www.tinyurl.com/superwonderfulGod). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God, Thank you for your love. Only you have the power to forgive sins. Thank you for being the Redeemer and sending Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.