

Daily Discovery 01

Today we are exploring Luke 19:10 and discover that Jesus came to RESCUE us.

What You Need

Pictures or toys which represent rescuers
Paper, card and pens
Bible
Worship songs

Intro Activity

1. Look for things amongst your toys of people who rescue us. Eg a Police Car, Fireman Sam book, Nurse/ Dr dress up. Or use pictures of rescuers. Discuss – How do these people rescue us and look after us?
2. Pray together thanking God for these rescuers in our Community. You could make Thank you cards for them. If you know someone who does one of these roles pass on the Thank you card to them.

Bible Story

Find in the Bible and read together Luke 19:10, write it out on paper together. Explain: The whole book of Luke was written by a friend of Jesus, Dr Luke, he wrote it as a god news story to show us who the rescuer is and why we need rescuing. Jesus told us himself when he said this “I came to look for and save the lost.”

Save is another word for rescue. He came to rescue those who were lost from God. Discuss: Why did Jesus need to rescue us? What did he need to rescue us from? How did he rescue us?

Recognise we can't fully understand his greatness but that God loves to give us pictures to help us understand things. Ask God to show each of you in a picture what His greatness looks like. Share the pictures God gives you with each other.

Worship

Sing a worship song together which thank Jesus for rescuing us. Whilst worship music is playing make a thank you card to Jesus, thanking him for his rescue.

Facebook Challenge

Take a photograph of your cards and post them on Facebook for everyone to see. Post your favourite worship songs of the moment.

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Daily Discovery 02

Today we are exploring Luke 19:28-49 and discovering that our response to Jesus the rescuer is praise.

What You Need

Paper and pens
Bible, worship songs
Garden canes or ribbon, pegs and string
Stones and paint or paper stone shapes

Intro Activity

1. Challenge each other to think of as many different forms of transport as you can. You could make a wordsearch for each other to discover. Be as creative as you can and include wheelies, hoover board and pogo sticks!
2. Discuss which are your favourite forms of transport and why.
3. Remember family journeys you've taken and recall funny stories.

Bible Story

In today's true Bible story Jesus chose a donkey as his form of transport! 500 years earlier, an old testament prophet called Zechariah had said that God's chosen king, who had come to rescue his people would ride into Jerusalem on a young donkey called a colt.

Find in the Bible and read together Luke 19:28-49, you could act it out as a family.

Discuss: What did the people do when they saw Jesus coming down the road? Who did they say Jesus was? Who did they say had sent Jesus as King?

Worship

The crowds praised God for sending Jesus. Why would you like to praise Jesus? Spend time as a family praising Jesus.

Make simple praise flags.

- Idea 1 - write and draw on paper your reasons for praising Jesus and then stapling to a garden cane.
- Idea 2 - write or draw on a length of ribbon or crepe paper your reasons for praising Jesus, attach a peg on the end of the ribbon, tie string through the spring of the peg.

Jump and dance around the room praising Jesus with your praise flag.

Activation

Look at Luke 19:40, what did Jesus say would happen if the people stopped praising God? Imagine that the stones really did start to shout, what do you think they would say?

Paint stones with encouraging words and hide them around your local park for people to find.

If this isn't possible, make paper stones and hide them around your house for people to discover and be encouraged.

Facebook Challenge

Take a photograph of your flags or rocks and post them on Facebook for everyone to see. Ask God what he is releasing from heaven for us today and post this on Facebook too.

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Daily Discovery 03

Today we are exploring Luke 19:45-48 and discovering that, like Jesus, we are powerful to change atmospheres, to bring freedom and to worship.

What You Need

Bible, worship music
Paper and pens

Worship

Play a reflective worship song and lie or sit together enjoying time with Jesus. Invite heaven to come and ask Jesus for pictures of what he is releasing from heaven for you today. You could draw these pictures and put them up around the house to remind you all day of what resources from heaven you have.

Bible Story

Read Luke 19:45 -48 together to find out what happened next after Jesus had arrived in Jerusalem on a Donkey.

Discuss: That a temple is another name for a church – a place where people come to meet with God and worship him. What was happening in the temple? How did Jesus feel about it? What should have been happening? Jesus said the temple should be called a house of prayer -what atmosphere should have been in God's house?

What did Jesus do about it?

Explain: The temple was full of lying and cheating people who were trying to sell things. The people who came to pray and be with God were being cheated out of their money. This made Jesus sad and angry, so he got rid of the lying and cheating and all of the things which were not from heaven and stopped people from being close to God.

Activation

Jesus says because we are friends of God, we are temples of the Holy Spirit, so what should we be full of? Ask Jesus to give you a picture of yourself full of Holy Spirit and then draw it with him. Then ask him what atmospheres from heaven you can give away to the people around you. (You might need to say sorry to the others in your family if there have been sometimes recently when you haven't been releasing heaven. Say sorry and let each other off.)

Worship

Play some worship songs and during the worship time ask Holy Spirit to fill you with Holy Spirit. Pray for each other Then walk around every room in your house and garden filling them with Heaven's atmosphere and clearing out anything which isn't from heaven.

Facebook Challenge

If you go for a walk today, ask God to show you what atmosphere he is releasing to the homes and families who live in them. You could write a few sentences telling us what you did with Jesus on your walk and post this on Facebook to encourage us all.

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Daily Discovery 04

Today we are exploring Luke 22:1-6 and discovering that God is always in control even when it doesn't look like it or feel like it.

What You Need

Paper and pens
Bible, worship songs
YouTube clip

Intro Activity

Make a plan! Make a plan for the best movie night in ever! What will you need? When will it be? Who would be there?

You could do this and watch Moses Prince of Egypt together.

Bible Story

Explain: In today's true Bible story we discover that God had a plan from the beginning of time to rescue us by sending his Son Jesus to the world and to die for us. Before we read our Bible story for today we need some background information. Watch this cartoon version of Moses and the Exodus from YouTube or summarise the story in your own words: God's Story: Passover - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lwMt-KLkSE>

In the Passover story we remember that God had rescued his people. Read Luke 22:1-6 together. It wasn't an accident that the first Easter happened at Passover time, it was all part of God's rescue plan.

There are two plans happening at the same time in this story:

1. A murder plan – who wanted to get rid of Jesus? Why don't they like Jesus? Who said he would help them?
2. God's rescue plan – It was always God's plan that Jesus would die so that Jesus could rescue his people.

Worship

Play a worship song and thank Jesus for rescuing you and dying for you.

Activation

Remember that God is always in control. Draw prayer pictures for each other and specific family and friends praying for them to know God is looking after them. Draw prayer pictures for our nation. As a family ask God what he is declaring over you and write this down and speak it out over yourselves.

Facebook Challenge

Post your declarations on Facebook so that we can join you in your declarations.

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Daily Discovery 05

Today we are exploring Luke 22:7-13 and discovering that Jesus knows what he is doing.

What You Need

Paper and pens
Bible

Intro Activity

Set a paper trail around the house or garden for others to follow. This could just be a trail of arrows directing each other or a treasure hunt with clues!

Bible Story

In today's true story from the Bible Jesus sent Peter and John on a trail with clues to get a room ready for the Passover meal. Read Luke 22:7-13. What clues did Jesus give to his friends?

This reminds us that Jesus knows what he is doing. He has got a plan. It also reminds us that he knows everything and he knows us.

Worship

Prophecy over each other. Ask God what he knows about each person and wants to say to each person. You could write or draw this for each other.

Activation

If God knows us and wants to encourage us. He knows the people around us and wants to encourage them. Ask Jesus for clues to 1 or 2 cars on your street – what colour, what make etc. Then ask Jesus for a picture or encouraging message for the people who own those cars. Draw or write these messages in a way which shows people you love and care for them. When you go out for a walk, take your pictures with you and look for the cars using the clues God gave you. Carefully put these encouragements onto the cars.

Facebook Challenge

Take a photo of your prophetic words and post onto Facebook so that we can prophecy over you too.

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