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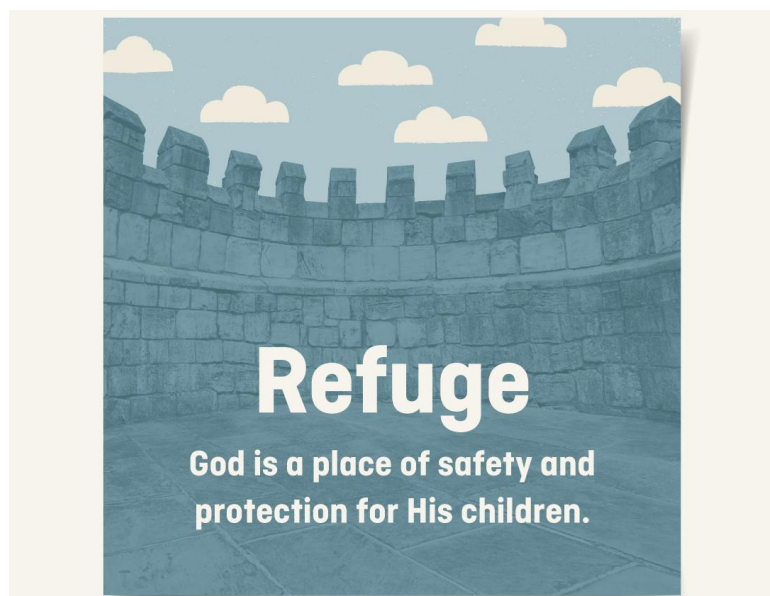
CAPTURE MOMENTS



AND CELEBRATE MILESTONES



TOGETHER



Refuge

God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

BIBLE STORY

Paul's Shipwreck
Acts 27

BIG TRUTH

God is Refuge.
He is a place of safety and protection for His children.

NOTE TO PARENTS

This week, spend some time considering the implications that God is a refuge to you as His child. He is a place of safety and protection in your life, both physically and spiritually.

Ask yourself where it is easy or hard to believe that God is a refuge. What or who do you look to other than God as a refuge? Ask God to help you and your children trust and believe that He is the only true and lasting refuge.

We are praying for you this week as you may be transitioning from school to summer. Take time this week to plan intentional family discipleship activities for the summer. We are here to help if you need anything!



TIME

Centering the home on God's Word

After this week's lesson, ask:

1. Today you learned that God is refuge. What is a refuge? *A refuge is a place of safety and protection.*
2. How was God a refuge in the story today?

He gave Paul peace during the storm and told Him what was to come. He also kept all the men on board alive.

3. If God was Paul's refuge, why was he shipwrecked?

The shipwreck was part of God's plan, probably to show the men on board and the people on the island who He is. God protected Paul and even those who didn't know Him who were on the ship.

Read Psalm 62:8 as a family. Talk about which testament, book, chapter, and verse this passage is found in.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

1. Is God a refuge for His children today? *Yes, He is always with them, He has the power and authority to protect them, and He cares for them.*
2. Does that mean God's children never have anything scary happen? *No, but it does mean that God is with them in the scary times—they are never alone. It also means that even when bad things happen, God will turn them for good.*
3. How does knowing that God is refuge help us to trust Him? *God's plan has always been for His children to be with Him, in the safety of His presence, away from sin's reach. He sent Jesus to make this happen. Remembering this can help us trust Him in every situation.*

Spend time reading the following verses:

2 Samuel 22:31
Psalm 46:1–3
Proverbs 18:10
Colossians 3:1–4
Psalm 91:4



MOMENTS

Proclaiming the truth as you go

- Make a tent outside for a family campout or a blanket tent inside. Talk about God's attribute as refuge and that He is a place of safety and protection—a covering like the tent that you are sleeping in.
- God provides refuge for His children in a physical way and a spiritual way. If there is a time that your child is scared this week (bad weather, sleeping in the dark, etc.) talk to them about the character of God as refuge. We can find refuge in God as we pray to Him.
- Paul could trust what the angel said to him because he knew the character of God to always do what He says He will do. Talk about the attributes of God that your child has learned. Here are a few that might be helpful:
 - Almighty – Nothing is too hard for Him
 - Deliverer – He rescues His children.
 - Wise – He knows what is best.
 - Loving – He does what is best.
 - Attentive – He hears and responds to the prayers of His children.

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY Praise God that He is refuge! Thank Him that He is a place of safety and protection for His children. Confess that it is hard to trust that He is there because we cannot see Him. Ask Him to give you the faith to trust Him.

MEMORY VERSE

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (ESV)