



Rescuer – Lesson 4

Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hey everybody! My name is _____ and I am so glad all of you are here today. We have been having such a great time learning about God sending his son Jesus to be our **RESCUER!** Do you remember the memory verse we've been learning these past few weeks?

Let's all stand up and say it together.

"God (point up)

loved (sign for love)

the world (arms form a circle above your head)

so much (arms way out wide)

that he gave (hands palms up out in front of you like offering a gift)

his one (hold up one finger)

and only Son. (use arms like cradling a baby)

Anyone (arm sweeps in front of you and out as if presenting everyone)

who believes (point to head)

in him (point up)

will not die (squatting down while moving hands palms down back and forth over the tops of each other like in the hand jive)

but will have eternal life." (jump up with hands above your head)

John 3:16

Let's try that one more time. (Repeat.)

That was great guys! I am so impressed. You are some really good rememberers! Well, I think I have a friend here today to help us celebrate Christmas, so let's all listen up.

3) Skit

Roles:

Zip

Willow

Props:

Wii Controller (or other popular game)

Zip: (Comes up with a new toy that is breakable.) **Look what I got for Christmas! Have you ever seen anything so wonderful? Nothing in the world compares with this fabulous game.**

Willow: **Well, it is a nice game, but I wouldn't say it is the greatest thing ever.**

Zip: **What in the world are you talking about? Are you crazy or something? These are amazing. Everyone wanted one of these for Christmas this year, and I got one!**

Willow: **There are other things that are far greater than your new game, Zip.**

Zip: **EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! Somebody call a wise man! This girl must have bumped her head—she's seeing stars or something.**

Willow: **Oh Zip, I do not need a wise man. I am just fine. I just happen to know that there are things that are far greater than a new game. ANY new game. Even the wise men knew that. They traveled a long way just to see Jesus because they knew he was the King of the whole world.**

They knew there was nothing better out there than him.

Zip: You're crazy. There is nothing greater than my new game.

Willow: Zip, have you ever heard the story about a baby who was born in a manger nearly 2000 years ago?

Zip: (Sounding excited and happy now.) Oh yeah, I know that story. It is the story about Jesus, God's Son, and how he came to earth as a baby. I love that story.

Willow: That's right, Zip, but it is more than a story—it really happened. God sent his only Son to earth to rescue us. He lived a sinless life and then died for our sins so we could have a way to be forgiven and turn back to him. When Jesus was born, the shepherds couldn't wait to meet him. They praised God and told everyone the Savior of the world had been born. When the wise men saw a star in the east, they went looking for Jesus to worship him. When the wise men found Jesus with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshiped him. Then, the wise men gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Zip: The wise men were so wise. I guess your point here is that this fabulous game I got for Christmas doesn't even compare to the gift of Jesus, right?

Willow: You catch on pretty quick, Zip. The greatest gift ever given was the gift of God's Son, Jesus. Christmas is a time to remember and celebrate the birth of Savior. Toys and games don't last. They break and become old and boring even a few days after Christmas. But the gift God gave was one that would last forever. He gave his one and only Son, Jesus, to rescue us so we could live life with him.

Zip: That is a pretty incredible gift. Without it, we would not be able to have a relationship with Jesus and live forever with him on earth and in heaven. This toy seems pretty lame.

Willow: Well, the great news is we can give our lives to Jesus.

Zip: I want to worship Jesus just like the wise men did. Let's sing songs and thank God for being our Rescuer.

Willow: Great idea! You are getting pretty wise yourself.

4) Songs

5) Prayer & Closing

You guys were great! Thanks for helping me celebrate. Before you go back to your classes, let's all sit back down and pray.

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to rescue us. Help us to remember that Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday and that he is the greatest present ever given. Amen.

Thanks so much for coming today! We'll see you next time!

