

# Redeemer

Objective: The students will understand the name "Redeemer"

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Do you like stories? (give time for response)  
Today our Bible time is going to be a little different.  
Today I am going to tell you a story.

Introduction:

The story is not in the Bible. It is about a little boy and his toy boat. I will tell you the story because I want you to understand the word "Redeemer." (write on board, and discourage them from looking it up in the dictionary! If they want to look it up, assure them that the word 'redeemer' is not in the story.)

God is our Redeemer. "Redeemer" is a very well-known and important name for God. It is the name we will study today.

Questions:

- Why was the boat special? (because the little boy made it with love)
- What happened to the boat? (it was lost, then the little boy saw it in a store window, but the shopkeeper would not give it to him. So he saved his money and bought the boat from the shopkeeper.)

Tell (read) the story – 'The boy and the boat.'

Answer the questions.

Go on.

This story is going to help us understand "Redeemer." In the story, the little boy was a "Redeemer." He 'redeemed' his toy boat. Can you guess what 'redeem' means? (If they struggle to answer, ask "When did the little boy redeem his boat?" If they still struggle, repeat "When did the little boy redeem his boat – when he made it? Or when he bought it from the shopkeeper?" Help them to enjoy guessing, it's an important language learning strategy! And now, if they must, they may look it up.)

One important meaning of "redeem" is to buy something that already belongs to you. The boat already belonged to the little boy because he made it. But after he lost it, and the shopkeeper had it, the little boy had to buy the boat. When the little boy bought the boat from the shopkeeper, he was 'redeeming' it.

The Bible teaches that God made each and every one of us. He made us to live in His kingdom of light. But the Bible also teaches that we are lost to God, just like the little boat in the story. This world is not a kingdom of light, it is a kingdom of darkness. In the darkness we cannot see God, and many people do not believe in Him. The Bible also teaches that the Prince of Darkness is the devil, or Satan, God's enemy.

But God wants His people. He paid a very high price to buy His people from the kingdom of darkness. What was the price? Let's read the Bible and see what God paid to redeem His people. We will read 2 verses in a letter that was written to believers.

Here's the question: What did God use to buy His people?

Read I Peter 1: 18,19

Answer the question: God used the precious blood of Christ.

This is the meaning of the cross. This is why the cross is so important to Christian people. God used the blood of Christ on the cross to buy His people out of the kingdom of darkness. Now His people are together with God again. We worship God and pray to Him. We believe in Him.

The God of the Bible is a great and loving Redeemer. He will be your Redeemer, if you will believe in Him. I hope that hearing about Him will touch your heart.

That's all for today. (and hopefully not over 30 minutes.)