



Family Devotional #7 – The One Who Took Our Place

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Big Truth:

Q: Who is the Redeemer?

A: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

Bible Focus:

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." — 1 Timothy 2:5

Let's Think About It:

In the last devotional, we saw that none of us can keep God's law—we all break it in what we think, say, and do. That means we need someone to rescue us. The Bible calls that person a **Redeemer**.

But there's only one Redeemer who can do the job. His name is **Jesus**.

Jesus isn't just a good teacher or a great example. He's the **eternal Son of God** who became a human—just like us—so He could obey God perfectly and take our punishment for sin.

All through the New Testament, we see Jesus doing what Adam didn't do, and what we couldn't do—He listened to the Father, obeyed completely, and never sinned once. He was the only one who could redeem us, and the only one who *did*.

Here's a way to picture it:

Imagine your room is a total disaster. Mom told you to clean it, but you ignored her. Then she comes in to hand out consequences—and instead of punishing you, your big brother steps in. He says, "I'll take the punishment. I'll clean it up. Blame me instead."

Instead of just a messy room, it's your **sin** that needs to be dealt with. And the consequence isn't losing screen time—it's death and separation from God forever. That's what makes Jesus' sacrifice so amazing. He didn't just help you out—**He stood in your place**, took your punishment, and made you clean.

There is only **one** Redeemer—**Jesus Christ**. He didn't come to scold you or shame you. No, he came to redeem you.



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Family Discussion:

Take turns answering these questions together:

- What does it mean to “redeem” someone?
- Why do you think Jesus had to become human to be our Redeemer?
- What’s the difference between Jesus being a good example and being your Savior?
- How should we respond to what Jesus has done for us?

Try This Together!

Object Lesson – “The Switch”

Discuss each person’s least favorite family chore (like setting the table or cleaning up a mess). In order of oldest to youngest each person is going to say “I’ll do it for you” and then do it that week.

Explain: “That’s what Jesus did—He stepped in and took the work and the punishment we deserved. Not because we earned it, but because He loves us.”

Say together: “There is only one Redeemer—Jesus Christ!”

Closing Prayer:

One person can pray, or take turns saying parts aloud: *“Jesus, thank You for being our Redeemer. Thank You for taking our place, for bearing our punishment, and for making a way for us to be forgiven and free. Help us trust in You and follow You with grateful hearts. Amen.”*