

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 31



Easter is a time that we remember our rescuer - Jesus - who came to save us. What do we need saving from? Because of sin we are separated from God and can't be a part of his family. We can't save ourselves.

Jesus came to take our punishment for sin when he died on the cross. But he didn't stay dead - he came back to life! And now he is there for anyone who calls to him to be rescued.

This episode's Bible story is from Luke Luke 24:1-34. The Big Idea is: **Jesus rescued us!** As we have all of our fun and treats this Easter, we want to remember this as well.

Activity 1: Follow the Leader

Supplies: (from home) Hula hoops or paper cut into a large ring (see instructions*), stuffed animals (and/or toy figures)

Talk about it:

- Which jobs involve people rescuing others (e.g., firefighter, paramedic, doctor, lifeguard, ski patrol, forest ranger)?
- What do these different kinds of rescuers rescue people from?

Instructions:

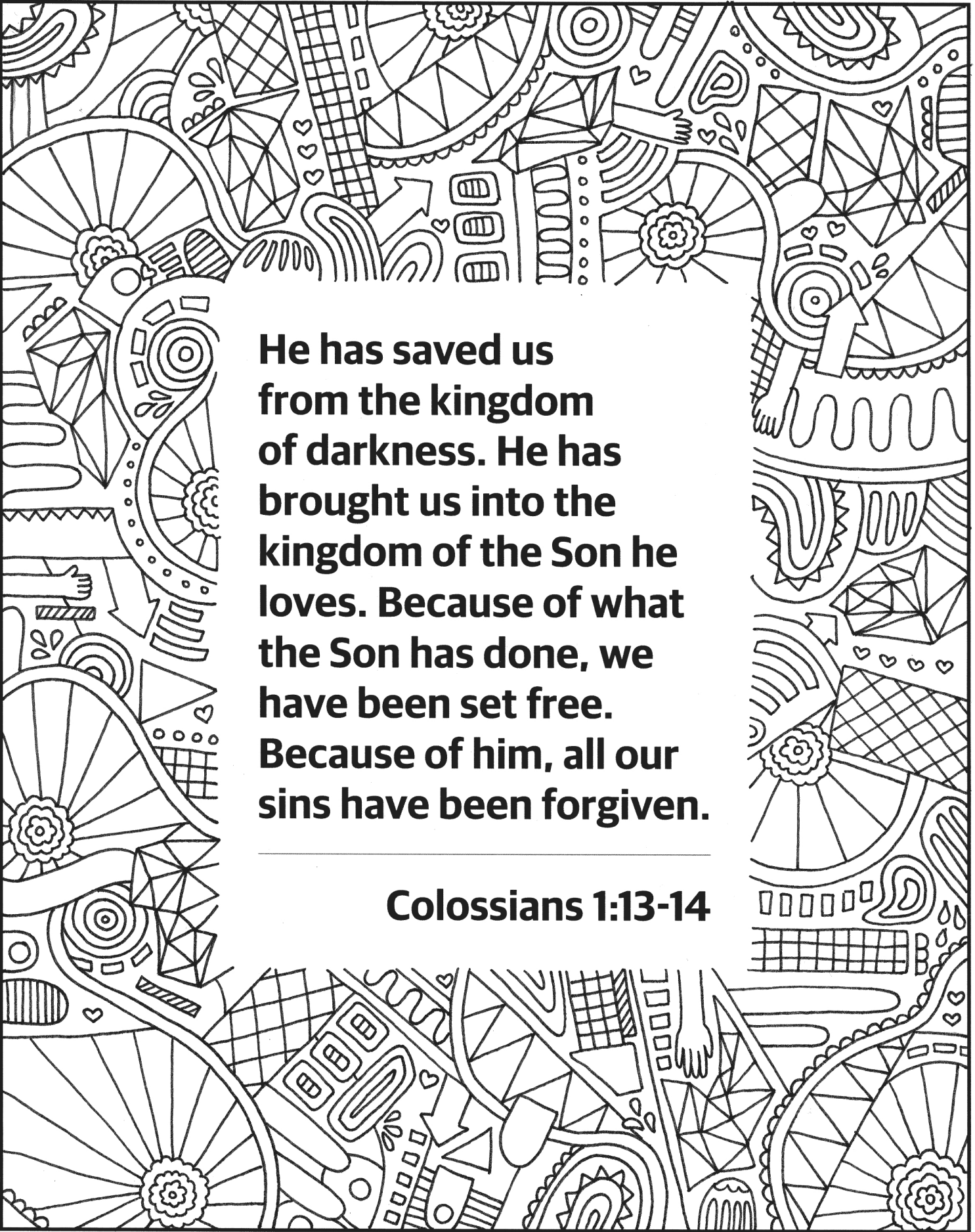
Before the Activity: Scatter the stuffed animals around a room before starting the game. Place the hula hoops/paper rings on the floor at the opposite end of your space.

- Explain that you're going to work together to "rescue" the stuffed animals and bring them back to safety (in the circle).
- Explain the rules before starting to play:
 - Someone can only step out of the hoop if they're hanging onto someone who's still inside it.
 - They can create a human chain if at least one person stays inside the hoop.
 - The hoop cannot be moved!
- If time allows, scatter the stuffed animals and play again.
- After every turn say the Big Idea together: **Jesus rescued us!**

*Fold a piece of paper in half like a book. Put the paper on the table with the folded side closest to you.


1. Cut into the folded side, about 1 cm from the left hand edge, and start cutting straight towards the far side of the paper. Stop cutting about 1 cm before the opposite edge, so you don't cut all the way across the paper.





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Colossians 1:13-14

2. Turn the paper around so the fold is away from you. Cut in around 1 cm from the last cut, and stop about 1 cm before you get to the folded side.
 3. Alternate between cutting from the folded side, and the side opposite. Keep your cuts 1 cm apart, and always stop cutting 1 cm before you get to the far side of the paper. When you have finished, you should have a zig-zag of paper.
 4. Look along the folded side of the paper. You should have a series of loops of paper. Cut along the fold of each of the loops EXCEPT the first loop and the last loop. Leave these intact (don't cut the first or last
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5. Carefully pull the paper apart, being careful not to tear it. You should have a large loop. Now try to fit yourself through the loop!

Activity 2: Memory Verse Activity “He has saved us from the kingdom of darkness. He has brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all our sins have been forgiven.” Colossians 1:13-14 (NIRV)

Supplies: (provided) Key verse colouring sheet, (from home) markers/pencil crayons

- Read the memory verse together.
- Ask: What part of this prayer seems most important to you today?
- How does the story of Jesus tell us about his way of rescuing us?
- Ask your child to colour the memory verse sheet, practicing saying it as they do.
- Hang it up where you will see it regularly to practice together.

Activity 3: Remember the Story of Easter

Supplies: (provided) sheet of plain Easter eggs, sheet of decorated Easter eggs; (from home) Bible, pencils/pens, markers/pencil crayons

Instructions:

- Help your child look up the following Bible passage: Luke 24:1-34
- ASK: What are some things that happened during the Easter story?
- Encourage your child to draw or write them in the plain Easter eggs sheet (one part of the story in each egg, as many as they are willing to do).
- Cut out the eggs for a game.
- If they want to, they can colour the printed egg sheet and cut those out as well.

- Take turns hiding the eggs and finding them. Put the eggs in order of the story and retell it, using the pictures or words.

Activity 4: Pray together

Parent Tip: With children, it may help them pray using their imagination. You can ask them to picture the person they are praying for and then picture Jesus touching their head as they pray for them

- Pray and thank God for sending Jesus to rescue us.
- *Sample prayer:* Dear God, thank you for loving us and sending Jesus to rescue us. Help me to remember that I can call on you. In Jesus name, Amen.