

Family Worship Guide

November 23rd

Memory Verse

Psalm 67:1-2

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.



The Great and Awesome Day of the Lord Malachi 3-4

In the book of Malachi, God addresses His people and their leaders with harsh but truthful words: though they had returned from exile, they were still living as though nothing had changed. They brought flawed sacrifices, dishonored one another in marriage, ignored the needy, and withheld what belonged to God. Malachi warns that the “day of the Lord” is coming—a day of judgment for the wicked, who will be like burned stubble, and a day of blessing for the faithful, whose “sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.”

This story points forward to our Lord Jesus Christ—the promised Savior. Malachi announces: “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.” (Mal.3:1) Through John the Baptist that prophecy begins to be fulfilled. Jesus is the Snake-Crusher, who comes to save His people and will return to judge the world. Because of Him, those who turn to God have a great future.

Gospel Connection — The passage shows both the justice and the mercy of God. It reminds us that sin deserves judgment, yet God provides a Savior. Jesus took the judgment we deserve, so that by trusting in Him we can be part of the people who will be saved on the great and awesome day of the Lord.

TROY KIDS RECAP

In Troy Kids this week, students learned about the vision that Isaiah saw – The Big Truth from this week is this – **“Because of our Savior, all who turn to God have a great future!”**

Ask these questions below to help your students remember and reflect on the lesson:

1. **Question:** Have you ever been punished for doing something wrong—and then done it again? Why do you think we do that? **Takeaway:** **Even after the judgment of exile, God’s people did not obey God’s word.**

2. **Question:** Since God’s people continued to disobey God, what did Malachi say would happen? What would happen if they turned back to God? **Takeaway:** **Malachi warned that the day of the Lord will mean judgment for those who don’t return to God—and salvation for those who do.**

3. **Question:** What were some things we’ve seen in the Biggest Story so far that pointed to Jesus as the coming Savior? **Takeaway:** **The whole Old Testament gives us pictures to point us to Jesus, the promised Savior.**

BIG TRUTH

Because of our
Savior, all who turn
to **God** have a great
future!

LISTEN/WATCH THE STORY

You can find a podcast of this story on Apple Podcast, Spotify, or Youtube.

Title: The Great and Awesome Day of the Lord – Story 52



SPOTIFY



APPLE

- There are also animated videos of the story available on youtube.

READ THE STORY

Scripture: Malachi 3-4

Story Bible: Story 52

The Biggest Story Bible Storybook is available on Amazon. This storybook will match the curriculum. Other storybook/beginner Bible's will likely be compatible as well.

PRAY IT

Thank God that he sent Jesus to rescue us from out sin.

Ask God to help us trust in Jesus' work in his life and death for us.

AT HOME

- Family Worship
 - This week, aim to Read, Pray, and Sing at least twice.
 - Pick two days.
 - Read from a story book Bible or use this plan to recap this story.
 - Pray through what you have read.
 - Sing – try simple hymns like “There is a Fountain Filled With Blood” or “Holy, Holy, Holy”. For younger kids start with “Jesus Loves Me” or “Doxology”

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