

God Spares the Israelites at Passover

(Exodus 11–12:42)

**“If God is for us,
who can ever
be against us?”**
(Romans 8:31)



God takes care of us... when we need rescuing.

The next time you stand on a high mountain to look at the view, here’s some advice: Stay back from the edge.

If you get dizzy as you look and someone takes your elbow to keep you from stumbling toward the edge, that person is helping you.

But if you accidentally fall and find yourself halfway down the cliff, hanging on a branch sticking out from the rock, you need more than advice. Or help. You need to be *rescued*.

You need someone who’ll scramble down the cliff, grab hold of your hand, and haul you to safety.

That’s what rescuers do: They show up in dangerous situations to help in big ways. They dive in even if it’s risky. They do what it takes to save you.

Jesus left heaven and came to our world to rescue us from sin—choosing our way instead of God’s way—and he had to die on a cross to complete his rescue mission.

That’s how much God loves you. That’s how far he’ll go to rescue you. He gave his only Son, Jesus, to pull you back to safety and into a friendship with him.

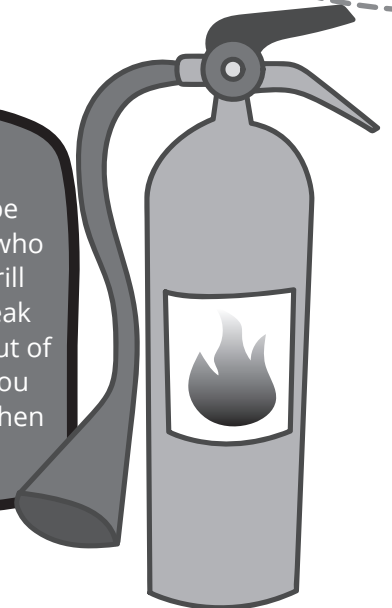
You are loved! Accept that gift from God, and you are rescued!

Talk-Starters

Tell about a time you needed someone to rescue you. What happened?

Try This @ Home

It’s always good to do what you can to avoid *needing* to be rescued. Gather the people who live with you, and do a fire drill together. If a fire were to break out, how would you all get out of the building? Where would you meet outside? Decide...and then walk through it.



Explore More @ Home

Never fear! Jesus is with us. So take a deep breath, and read these verses about rescue: Hebrews 13:6 and Psalm 37:39.



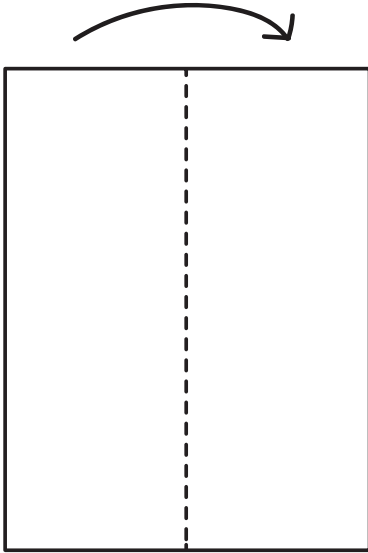
Make this page fly home!

Fold a paper football! When you get home

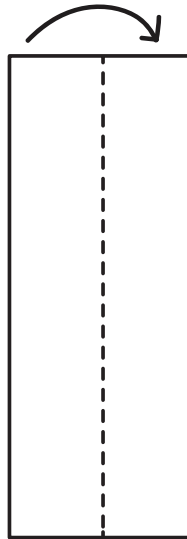
...have a family member make a goal post with his or her hands. See how many field goals you can get in a row. Rescue the football when it misses the goal.

Here's how:

- 1 Fold the paper in half lengthwise as shown.



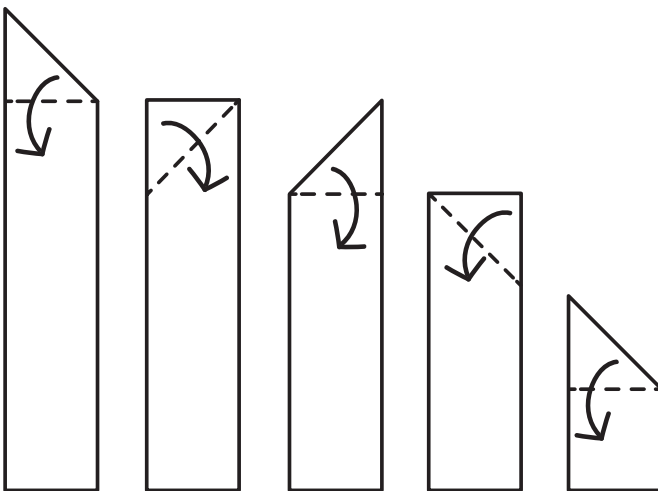
- 2 Fold the still-folded paper in half again as shown.



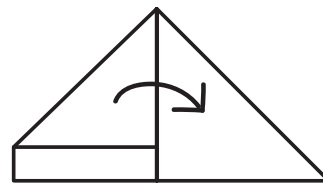
- 3 Start at the top corner and fold into the center to make a triangle.



- 4 Keep folding the triangle down the length of the paper.



- 5 Tuck the last bit of paper into the folds of the triangle.



- 6 Hold the "football" on a corner, and give it a flick!

