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BE MY ESCAPE

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Theme

God's Protection/Provision

Objective

By the end of this session students will understand that God protects them from the "blessings" of the world to provide far greater heavenly blessings.

Warm Up

Play "*Capture The Flag*," but with a slight twist. Set up the game in the traditional manner, but each side has 2 or 3 safe-squares ("sanctuaries"). When students are in a sanctuary, the other team cannot tag or capture them. Also have a "jail" that they can be tagged out of by their own teammates. Have 4 or 5 flags per team instead of 1 per team; this makes the game a little bit longer and requires a different strategy. The team that captures all the opponents' flags wins.

Transition

Say, "Whether we understand it or not, our life with God is a lot like that game. We experience many challenges, much like the flags we are trying to capture. There is an enemy who wants to make us his prisoner – that would be Satan. We have a friend who has come to free us from the enemy's bondage – that would be Jesus."

The Video

Say, "As we watch this video from **Relient K**, try to pick up on the struggle that the band is wrestling through. Note how they keep coming back to Christ as their escape from life's struggles." Play the video.

Transition

Hand out the Student Guides and ask your students about what they had observed in the video. Using presentation software or printed pictures, show shots of a ghetto-looking house and a wealthy mansion. Ask your students to brainstorm what type of furnishings would be in one house compared to the other. Afterwards, ask which house they would rather live in and explain why. Also, ask your students to share which house they would feel safer in and why.

Bible Study

Divide your students into four groups. Assign each group to look up one of the following sets of verses and have them report back to the entire group what the main idea of their verses are.

- **Romans 7:23** and **Galatians 3:22**
(*Sin holds us prisoner in our lives*)
- **Psalm 34:17** and **Psalm 40:17**
(*God is our great deliverer*)
- **Psalm 62:5** and **Isaiah 40:31**
(*Our hope comes from Him*)
- **Psalm 18:2** and **Psalm 71:3**
(*The Lord is our fortress*)

Wrap Up

Say, "Living life outside of Jesus is a lot like living in that ghetto house. We think our needs are met, but we are settling for something far less than God intended. When our lives are committed to Christ, He not only takes us out of the spiritual ghetto, but He also brings us to His paradise mansion. This is not to say we end up going through life with blinders on, oblivious to all that is bad and wrong in the world; but our joy is complete and correct, and we are protected from having the bad stuff rob us from the way God intended us to live."

Closing

Have two students read the following verses: **Psalm 127:1**; **John 14:1-2**. Say, "We get two choices on how we will live our lives: in a ghetto house that we help build, or in a mansion that God has built. Which do you choose?" Close in prayer.

Student Guide

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Ghetto House vs. Mansion

List what you would expect to find.

	Furniture	Food	Electronics	Amenities
Ghetto House				
Mansion				

Look It Up

Romans 7:23 and Galatians 3:22
Psalm 34:17 and Psalm 40:17
Psalm 62:5 and Isaiah 40:31
Psalm 18:2 and Psalm 71:3

What is life like living outside of Jesus Christ?
What do these verses say about how we live our lives?

Psalm 127:1
John 14:1-2