

## IPEAR for Christ Redeemed Us

**Introduction:** *(If possible, show a picture of a puppy.)* Zachary was so excited when he got a puppy for his birthday! He named his puppy Max and had fun playing with him every day. Zachary even taught Max how to roll over and shake hands! But one day, Max dug a hole under the fence and got out! Zachary searched and searched for Max, but someone else found him first and decided to keep him! When Zachary found out what happened, he took all of his money and went to buy Max back from the person who found him. Zachary was willing to buy Max back because he loved Max. Buying something back is called redemption. The Bible tells us that God wants to redeem us!

**Presentation:** *(Sing the song for the children while showing the visual. Tell them that there are echoes in the song and challenge them to echo the words each time you point to them.)*

**Explanation:** *God loves me and God loves you too! He is holy! Always good and true!*—God is perfectly good and perfectly right in everything he does! His love for you is perfect. He loves you more than you can even imagine!

*All have sinned and fall short of God's glory. The Bible is our redemption story*—Our sin causes us to be far away from God, who loves us. None of us are good enough or strong enough to get back to God on our own. But the Bible tells us about God's wonderful plan to buy us back from sin. This is called redemption. In the Old Testament part of the Bible, God gave clues about a Savior who would suffer and die for our sins. In the New Testament part of the Bible, God shows us that the Savior is His perfect Son, Jesus. God showed us His wonderful love by giving His own Son to pay the price to buy us back (redeem) us from our sin.

*God wants to be our Lord and friend so Jesus paid the price for our sin*—When Jesus died, he took the punishment you deserved for your sin so you can now be with God. When you believe in Jesus, God is your Lord (the person who deserves your complete obedience) and friend! He will always be there for you, loving and helping you.

*Thank you! Thank you, God most high! You gave your perfect Son to die! You showed us your grace and love when Christ redeemed us with His blood!*—Jesus is the perfect Son of God. When he died, he gave His life's blood so we could be redeemed from sin. We can thank God for his amazing love for us!

**Application:** *Unsaved:* If you have never believed in Jesus to save you from sin, this song tells you that Jesus has already paid the price for your sin. God loves you and has done everything needed to buy you back (redeem you) from sin. Will you believe in Jesus as your redeemer today?

*Saved:* If you have already believed in Jesus, then you have the most amazing reason ever to say “thank you!” to God! Thank Him every day for showing His love for you by giving His own Son to redeem you from sin. You could even write “Thank you” on a card and put it somewhere that you will see it every day as a reminder to thank God for redeeming you from sin.

**Repetition:** *(Have the children sing the song with you. If desired divide the children into two groups and have one group sing the first part and the second group echo. Have both groups sing the non-echo parts together.)*