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Title: Freedom Isn’t Free

Theme: Memorial Day reminds us of those who died for our freedoms; Jesus died for our freedom from sin.

Object: American flag. Pictures of Memorial day.

Text: John 8:36 Therefore if the Son [Jesus] makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

This weekend is a special weekend. Does anyone know why? What holiday do we celebrate?

Who knows what Memorial Day is all about? Why do we celebrate Memorial Day?

The word Memorial is very close to another word we use: memory. Memorial Day is a day to remember something.

Memorial Day is a day to remember all the soldiers that fought and died for our country.

Unfortunately, there are evil people in the world who try to take over other countries.

And when these evil people take over, they take away our freedoms and make us live according to their rules.

So we have to send our army to fight to keep our country free and independent.

Some of the soldiers that fight to keep our country free get killed by the enemy.

So on Memorial Day we remember all those soldiers that died to keep our country free.

On Memorial Day we have parades and speeches and patriotic music.

And people proudly wave what I brought in my bag today. Why would they wave this flag? What country does it stand for?

This flag is a symbol that reminds us of the great country in which we live.

This flag is a symbol that reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy: the freedom of worship, the freedom of speech, the freedom of assembly, the freedom to elect our own government.

And on Memorial Day this flag is a symbol that reminds us of those who died to protect these freedoms.

If you have a flag of the USA, I hope you’ll fly it Monday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Here are some other pictures that remind us of what Memorial Day means. [Show pictures. End with the one that says Freedom isn’t Free.]

Many people died so that we could live in a free country and be our own boss.

But the greatest freedom we can enjoy is the freedom that Jesus gives us.

Remember our Bible text? If Jesus makes us free, we shall be free indeed.

The freedom that Jesus gives us is the freedom from sin.

He frees us from the penalty of sin, from the power of sin, and, when He comes again, He will free us from the presence of sin.

But the freedom that Jesus gives us isn’t free either.

He had to die for our sins so that we could be forgiven.

The penalty for sin is death, and because we have all sinned we all deserve death.

But Jesus took the penalty for us: He died for our sins on the cross.

So if we love Jesus and trust in Him and tell Him we’re sorry for our sins and ask Him to forgive us…

He will forgive us and give us eternal life instead of eternal death.

Is that Good News?!! Jesus sets us free from sin.

Let’s ask for that freedom today, what do you say?