

Freedom

Word Forms:

- freedom (n) Most people want to have some freedom in their lives.
- free (adj) After John was released from prison, he was a free man.
I went to a free concert last night.
- freely (adv) Parents freely give love to their children.
- to set free (v) Most slaves hope they will be set free some day.

Related Words:

- liberty (n) In many countries, people have the liberty to believe in any religion they want.
- independence (n) In 1776, the United States gained its independence from Great Britain.
- independent (adj) The United States has been an independent country since 1776.
- release (v) After serving three years in jail, John was released yesterday.
- save (v) "Help, save me!" cried Mary as she was drowning in the lake.
- savior (n) Christians believe that Jesus is our savior, because he saves us from sin and hell.
- salvation (n) Christians believe that Jesus gives us salvation.
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- slavery (n) Many people are still in slavery around the world today.

Exercises:

1. Teen-agers often ask their parents to give them more _____.
2. After catching the butterfly in her hands, Susan _____ it again into the air.
3. Many people believe that "there's no such thing as a _____ lunch."

Questions:

1. Name some things that you are free to do, and other things that your aren't free to do.
2. Would you like to have more freedom than you have now? Is it possible to have too much freedom?
3. What is the most important thing that you would like to be free from?

Bible Readings:

1. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32, NIV)
2. "So those who are believers in Christ Jesus can no longer be condemned. The standards of the Spirit, who gives life through Christ Jesus, have set you free from the standards of sin and death." (Romans 8:1-2, God's Word)
3. "Jesus died so that he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." (Hebrews 2:14-15, NIV)

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say will set us free? (reading 1) What do you think is the "truth" that Jesus talks about?
2. What are some of the things that the Bible says Jesus frees us from? (readings 2 & 3)
3. What did Jesus do so that we could be set free? (reading 3)
4. What else do you think is different for people who aren't afraid of death?