

THE GOD WHO FORGIVES

Psalm 51

Big Idea : After David was confronted about his sin he confessed what he had done and asked God to forgive him, cleanse and change his heart.

Aim : To understand that sin affects our relationship with God, but that he always forgives those who truly repent and trust in him.

INTRO

<https://youtu.be/wbH8pumyp8U>

SETTING THE SCENE

2 Samuel 11-12

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPC0q9x_BBQ

GAME

Big sin, little sin

Talk about why they thought some things would be easier or harder to forgive. Today's Bible lesson is a song about someone who had done something worse than any of these things, but they still asked God to forgive them

Think about a time when you needed to say sorry to someone and ask for forgiveness.

- Who did you have to ask to forgive you?
- What had you done?

LESSON

<https://youtu.be/49n4qE-3R9Y>

GAME

Clean run

After round one

Remind the children that in today's Bible lesson David had sinned against God. His heart was unclean and he couldn't change it. He needed God to forgive him, cleanse him and change his heart.

Refer back to the sins listed in our first game - talk about the fact that we all need to be forgiven no matter how big or small our sin may seem to us.

After round two

Talk about how, like David, there is nothing that we can do to make up for our sin. We need to say sorry when we sin against God and ask him to change us, but because Jesus died on the cross for our sin we can be certain that we will be forgiven.

DISCUSS

- Think about something that you have thought, felt, said or done in the past week that you know to be wrong.
- Moms and dads you might also like to share at an appropriate level something from your own life. It will be an encouragement for the children to know that sin is something with which we all struggle.
- How does it make them feel when they do wrong? How do you think it makes God feel? Is God right to be angry about our sin?
- Remind the children that David also felt very bad about his sin, but that feeling bad was not enough. He needed to confess (admit) his sin to God and ask God to forgive him. David could admit his sin because he knew that God loved him very much.

DISCUSS

- God loves us very much too. He loves us so much that he sent Jesus to take the punishment that our sin deserves by dying on the cross. When we ask God to forgive us he can do it because Jesus has already paid for all our sin. But it's right that we still pray and ask God to forgive us because of what Jesus has done. Refer back to game 1's list of sins - God can forgive all of these and more because of what Jesus has done. Jesus died for even the worst sins we can imagine. God will forgive everyone who admits their sin and trusts in Jesus' death in their place.
- You could also spend some time discussing the difference between true repentance and simply feeling sorry for or embarrassment at being found out. What does true repentance look like? How will this show in our lives? How should it affect our attitude towards committing the same sin?

Make your own actions to these 3 memory verses and post it to our lockdown page - prizes for all entries



Memory Verse

The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.
Psalm 23:1 [NIV]



Memory Verse

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
Psalm 19:1 [NIV]



Memory Verse

*Have mercy on me, O God, according
to your unfailing love; according to your
great compassion blot out my transgressions.*
Psalm 51:1 [NIV]

VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfDfMZ6MTJs>

PRAY *together*

Dear Heavenly Father

We thank you today for the reminder of your great love for us in sending Your Son Jesus, to die on a cross for us. We thank you that because of His death, in our place, you are able to forgive us when we do wrong and come to you in repentance. Thank you that if we are willing to admit our sins and ask for forgiveness, you are both willing and able to . We ask that you would cleanse our hearts and that Your Spirit would come into our hearts and help us to live lives that are pleasing to you. Please help us when we sin and we feel guilty to not hide our sin, but to always remember that you ready to forgive us and to cleanse our conscience.

Thank you for your Word that teaches us more about ourselves and about You. Please would you help us to be people that forgive others easily because we know how much you have forgiven us.

Amen

SING *together*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cy4ytwKfjBI>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoPcmZ7_KAg&list=RDqoPcmZ7_KAg&start_radio=1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEhg6vcbrt4&list=PLwuGFyVIRRXTZwyGcOY273qgffU5m56U8>