

June 4
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
We Should Be Sorry For Sin
Romans 8

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Because Jesus died and came back to life, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him. God gives us His Spirit so we can become more like Jesus.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.

KEY PASSAGE:

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

LEARN

1. GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON

Introduce the Bible Story

Place envelopes around the classroom, one per child. Encourage preschoolers to find an envelope and bring it to group time. Assist boys and girls as needed so that everyone is able to bring an envelope to the group.

SAY When we write letters, we often put them in envelopes. The last few weeks our Bible stories have been in the Old Testament. Today, our Bible story is in the New Testament in the Book of Romans. Listen to hear about a letter Paul wrote to the people of Rome. He had a very important message to tell the people.

Open your Bible to Romans 8. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the script at the end of this guide

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date

(If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. Did God's people always obey God? *(No! Sometimes they turned away from God. This was sin.)*
2. Who wrote a letter to the people in Rome? *(Paul wrote a letter to the people in Rome.)*
3. Who did Paul say was the Savior that the people had been waiting for? *(Paul said that Jesus was the Savior the people had been waiting for.)*
4. Who loves us most of all? *(We belong to Jesus, and He loves us most of all.)*
5. ***How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.***

SAY *God's people did not always obey Him. This was sin. The people's sin made God sad. They needed a Savior to help them. God kept His promise to send a Savior. A man named Paul wrote a letter to people in Rome. Paul said that Jesus was the Savior the people had been waiting for. Paul reminded the people that we should be sorry for sin. Jesus helps us to be like Him and to want what God wants. We belong to Jesus, and He loves us most of all. Because Jesus died and came back to life, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him. God gives us His Spirit so we can become more like Jesus.*

4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION

SAY *Everyone sins. To sin is to go against God and His commands. We sin when we have actions, words, attitudes, and thoughts that disobey God. **How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.** Paul said if we trust in Jesus, we should not keep doing wrong things. We should be sorry for sin. Jesus helps us to be like Him and to want what God wants.*

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Three Year Olds:

Place the key passage phrase marker at 2 Corinthians 7:10. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to clap out the syllables of the key passage phrase as they say it with you several times.

SAY *God had done so many things for His people, but they had turned from Him and disobeyed Him. The people felt sorry for disobeying God. They wanted to obey Him. We should feel sorry when we disobey God too and want to obey Him.*

Four Year Olds:

Place the key passage marker at 2 Corinthians 7:10. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Give two rhythm sticks to each child. If rhythm sticks are not available, suggest preschoolers clap a beat. Tap the sticks or clap three times when saying each of the words, *godly grief, repentance, and salvation*. Practice a few times. Read aloud the verse and do three taps for the phrase or words listed.

SAY When people feel grief, they might feel very sad. God wants us to feel grief when we sin or disobey Him. We can repent by telling God that we are sorry for our sins and choosing to obey Him. God wants us to trust in His Son, Jesus, and experience salvation.

5. PRAY

SAY *Because Jesus died and came back to life, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him. God gives us His Spirit so we can become more like Jesus.*

PRAY *God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. Help us to feel sorry when we sin and choose to obey You. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

ROLL PLAY DOUGH LETTERS

Write *SIN* on a sheet of paper for a reference for preschoolers. Give each child a ball of play dough. Demonstrate how to break it apart into three pieces and roll a piece into a long thin rope by rolling it back and forth between the palms of your hands. Guide preschoolers to make these three letters S, I, N with their play dough.

SAY *We made play dough letters that make the word sin. We sin when we make wrong choices. **How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.** Paul said if we trust in Jesus, we should not keep doing wrong things. We should be sorry for sin. Jesus helps us to be like Him and to want what God wants. We belong to Jesus, and He loves us most of all.*

MAKE A WALL MURAL

Give each child several large sticky notes and a pencil or marker. Guide each child to draw a picture of someone he knows on each note. Select an area on the wall where the preschoolers can post their drawings next to each other.

SAY *We have drawings of many different people on the sticky notes. Tell me about the people you drew on the notes. God sent Jesus to be the Savior for all people. Jesus loves us most of all. Because Jesus died and came back to life, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him. God gives us His Spirit so we can become more like Jesus.*

ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Because Jesus died and rose again, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Romans 8 Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

WE SHOULD BE SORRY FOR SIN

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use hand signals: Tell children to point to themselves whenever they hear the Bible story talk about sin and self, and point toward heaven when they hear about God's wonderful forgiveness.

In the Old Testament, **God's people promised to obey God.** God gave His law but the people did not obey. **Sometimes they turned away from God. This was sin. To sin is to go against God and His commands. The people's sin made God sad. They needed help.** They needed a Savior.

At just the right time, God kept His promise to send a Savior. **Jesus came to rescue sinners. Jesus is more powerful than sin. A man named Paul wrote a letter to people in Rome. Paul said that Jesus was the Savior the people had been waiting for.**

This is what **Paul said:** "Now there is no judgment or punishment for those who trust in Jesus. The old law was written down and it showed that we sin. **God has given us** a new law in our hearts. It gives us **life and peace.**"

Paul talked about two ways of living: living by doing what we—our sinful self—wants or living by doing what God wants. Jesus set us free from the power of sin, so we can say no to sin. God's Spirit helps us live for Him.

Paul was clear: **If we trust in Jesus, we shouldn't keep doing wrong things. We should be sorry for sin. Jesus makes us new. He helps us to be like Him and to want what God wants.**

God changes us. This is a miracle! We still sin, but now we are not just sinners. We belong to Jesus, and He loves us most of all.

Christ Connection: Because Jesus died and came back to life, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him. God gives us His Spirit so we can become more like Jesus

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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Two Year Olds
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BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *We should feel sorry when we disobey God. 2 Corinthians 7:10*

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Show preschoolers an envelope and ask if they know what it is. Ask if they know what goes in the envelope.

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ACTIVITIES

PLAY "SIMON SAYS"

Invite toddlers to stand and face you. Instruct toddlers to listen carefully and only do the actions that you tell them to do. If they make a mistake say, "I forgive you," and they can continue to play. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY *Even though God's people promised to obey God and do what is right, they still did not obey. We make wrong choices too. Because Jesus died and rose again, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Because Jesus died and rose again, we have forgiveness of sins and life with God forever when we trust in Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

Even though God's people promised to obey God and do what is right, they still did not obey. They could not be good enough; they needed a Savior. Many years later, God kept His promise to send Jesus to rescue sinners. A man named Paul wrote a letter to people in Rome. Paul said: "Now there is no punishment for those who trust in Jesus. We sin, but God has given us a new law that gives us life and peace." Paul said we should be sorry for our sin. Jesus helps us want to obey God. God changes the way we think and feel. This is a miracle! We still sin, but now we are not just sinners. We belong to Jesus, and He loves us most of all.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.