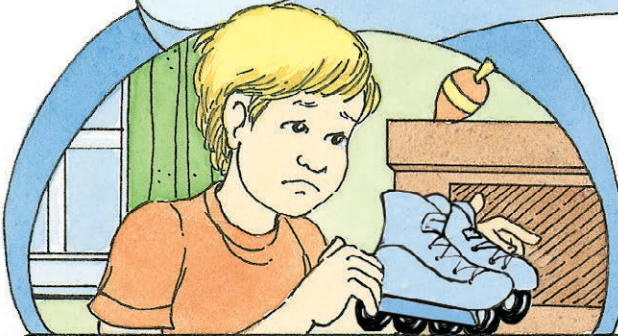


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Lesson 8

I'm sorry, God



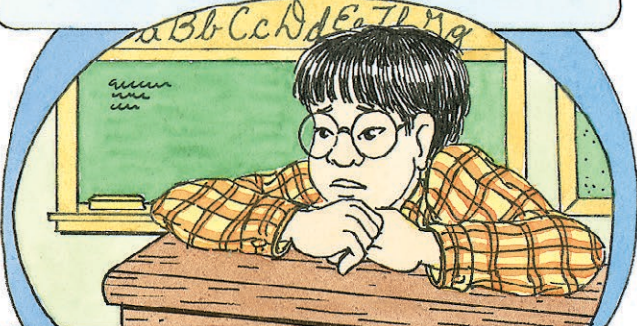
I'm very sorry, God,
that I didn't obey my mother.
I didn't put away my skates,
and my little brother tripped on
them. Please forgive me.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



Dear God,
I hit a friend at the playground today.
Help me to tell my friend I'm sorry.
Help me to be kind to my friend.
Thank You for forgiving me.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



I don't feel very happy, God.
I made my sister cry.
And I feel like crying too.
I asked my sister to forgive me.
I'm glad You have already promised
to forgive me.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



I went to the park
without asking Mom, dear God.
I told her I was sorry.
I want to tell You I'm sorry too.
Please help me to obey
and do the things I should.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



A Sorry Son Goes Home

Bible story from Luke 15:11-24

Jesus told this story to show that God loves even people who do wrong.

Once there was a father with two sons. The younger son wanted to leave home. He asked his father for his share of the money, packed his clothes, and left.

The father was sad to see his son go. He was afraid his son would get into trouble.

The young man walked and walked. He came to a place where no one knew him. He spent his money on bad things. Soon his money was all gone. The young man went to work for a farmer. He fed the farmer's pigs.

Sometimes the young man was so hungry, he wanted to eat the pigs' food. The young man was sorry he had left his father. He was sorry he had done bad things.



The young man remembered how good his father was. *My father's servants eat good food, he thought. They have more than I do now. I will go to my father's house. I will tell him I am sorry for doing wrong. Maybe he will let me be a servant there.*

So the young man left the pigs. He walked and walked and walked. When he was still far away, his father saw him coming. The father was so happy, he ran to meet his son. Then the father hugged and kissed him.

The son said, "Father, I have done wrong. I am not good enough to be your son."

But the father was ready to forgive his son. The father said to the servants, "Bring some good clothes and shoes. Prepare lots of food. Let's have a party. For my son is sorry and has come home!"

This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.
1 John 1:9

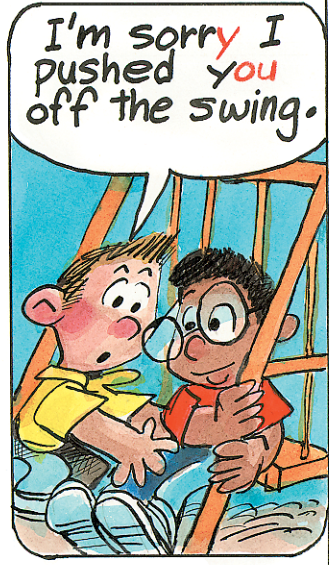


What would God say? What would you say?

In these pictures, some children are saying "I'm sorry."

What would God say to them? What should you say to them?

Print the red letters in order in the spaces below to find out.



Family Faith Fun

Lesson Focus:

Because God loves us, He forgives us.

God's Forgiveness

■ Sometimes children need help with not feeling guilty even after they have been forgiven. So help your child grasp God's forgiveness through your own experience. Tell about a time when you needed God's forgiveness, how you knew He had forgiven you, and how you felt.

VerseLink

■ To practice the verse, go outside with your child and toss a water balloon back and forth. With each toss, call out one phrase of the verse. After completing the verse, take two steps back and start over.

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