



Forgiveness God Does Not Lack, To Him You Can Always Go Back!

From Upsidedown Town Lesson 2

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - FORGIVENESS

Great leaders accept the forgiveness of God and put their mistakes behind them.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will review the Leadership Story and learn that even if we stray from God, He will still forgive us.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Lost Son. (Luke 15:11-24)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: BACK TRACK

Get a toy or game with multiple pieces that can come apart. For younger children it could be a simple ten or twelve piece puzzle. For older children, or the whole family, use a set of interlocking blocks or a set of construction toys. Take a walk with your family through the house and drop pieces of the toy as you go. After dropping some pieces, talk about times that you have disobeyed God. Have each family member think back and tell about a time that they broke a rule or disobeyed. As you tell about each time keep walking and dropping pieces. When you have run out of pieces, have the family follow the trail of dropped pieces, picking them up, as you go back to where you started. Work as a family to put the toy back together. As you work, remind them of the Leadership Story about the son who returned to his father. Tell your family that when we come back to God, He forgives us and will start to put our life back together, just like we put this toy back together. When we turn back to God, it doesn't matter how many sins we have done along the way; God will forgive them all when we come back to Him.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away."

Acts 3:19 (NLT)



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Read the Leadership Story about the Lost Son in Luke 15:3-32. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. The world will tell you that once you have messed up and hurt someone you can _____ really go back and make things right again.
2. In the video, what was Pastor Mike's friend told not to do?
3. What ended up happening to Pastor Mike's friend?
4. The Leadership Story was about a man and his two sons. The youngest son came to his father and asked for _____, which is something you get when a relative or someone close to you dies.
5. After the son got his inheritance from his father, what two things did he do?
6. What happened about the time the son ran out of money?
7. What was the only work the son could find?
8. When the son decided to go home, what was he going to ask his father to do?
9. What did the father do when he saw his son in the distance?



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10. Was the father mad at the son for disobeying?
11. True or false? As a Christian, you will still sin.
12. If we sin, but then ask God to forgive us, will He?
13. To “repent” means to turn around and go the opposite direction. When we turn our back on our sin and return to God, our heavenly Father, we repent of our sin. In the space below, rewrite this prayer, and make it your prayer to God.

Dear God, I know that I mess up and sin against You every day. I don't want to get lost in that sin. I repent and turn my back on my sin and return to You. Forgive me of my mistakes. Thank You for loving me even though I mess up. I love You, and I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

No matter what you've done, when you come to God and ask Him to forgive you, He will gladly forgive you because He loves you.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Never.
2. To not go very far in the woods.
3. He ran in to the woods and got lost.
4. Inheritance.
5. Went to a distant land. Spent all his money.
6. A famine swept over the land.
7. Feeding pigs.
8. Make him a hired servant.
9. Ran to him. Gave him a hug and kiss. Got him the finest robe, a ring, and sandals.
10. No.
11. True.
12. Yes.