

Growing Together

Bible Story

God forgives.
(Acts 8:4-25)

The First Christians 8:
We can ask God to forgive us when we do wrong.

Bible Verse

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

In Touch

Today children learned that God will forgive their sins when they say they're sorry and repent. The children learned that true repentance means they'll do everything they can to not make the same mistake again. The children also learned that God sweeps our sins away like morning mists or clouds in the sky and throws them into the deepest part of the ocean. Use these ideas to teach your child that God takes away our sins.

Sin Stains

Use food coloring or grape juice to stain a rag or an old washcloth. Let it dry. Then work with your child to clean the cloth. No matter what you try, some of the stain will remain. Talk about how, no matter how hard we try, we can't clean ourselves from our sins—we need Jesus' sacrifice and God's forgiveness.

Cloud Watching



One afternoon, find a comfortable spot outside, and watch the clouds drift by. Have fun finding shapes in them. Read Isaiah 44:22, and talk about God removing your sins as you watch each cloud float by.

Gone Forever



Make bread crumbs from stale pieces of bread, and take them and a Bible to a nearby body of water. It could be a stream, a river, a pond, or even an ocean. Then participate in this

Orthodox Jewish custom. Read Micah 7:18-19. Then repeat verse 19 three times as you toss the bread crumbs into the water. Imagine that God is throwing all of your sins into the deepest part of the sea.

Forgiveness Covers

Have your child crumple pieces of aluminum foil and talk about how sin can “crumple” our lives. Talk about the damage that sin does to people. Then read Proverbs 10:12b. Smooth out the foil, and wrap it around a small piece of cardboard. Cut flower shapes from construction paper, and tape them to the foil. Cover the foil with colored plastic wrap. Talk about how God's love and forgiveness take away our wrongs and make us beautiful.