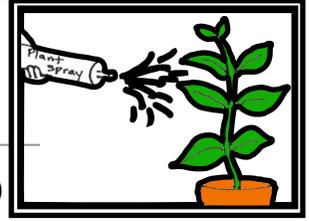


Repent



Forgive Us Our Debts (Trespases)

Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

(And forgive us our trespases as we forgive those that trespass against us)

Prayer Point Focus

Leader's Lesson Overview

- Continue with the Lord's Prayer focusing on **Forgive us our trespases.**
- Sin attacks God's plants.
- Like bugs and disease, temptations and sins slowly destroy the plant of God's spirit. Weeds choke the plant and steal the nutrients from the soil.
- Without repentance we have holes in our spiritual armor. Our spiritual plant is easily under attack if we allow sins to remain.
- God loves us sooo much, He wants to protect us from the enemy. He gives us a way to escape.
- Repentance is like pest control and the Robe of Righteousness is like a bullet proof vest. (We'll talk about the Armor of God later)



Preparation

Talking to the King - Repent



Come Into His Presence

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:12

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SONG SUGGESTIONS

- Psalm 100
- Lord's Prayer Song
- Create In Me a Pure Heart

SCRIPTURE STORY

- Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11-32

Kingdom Kid Pledge

I'm a Kingdom Kid
and I'm here to say,
I'm living my life
in a brand new way!

I repented of my sins
and asked Jesus in my heart.
He's living here inside
and his love is off the charts!



Enter the Gates (opening prayers)

Use the names of God to say a group prayer of praise together. "God you are _____."

"I love you because you _____."

Prayers for the Church

- Continue encouraging children to deepen their prayers. Praise God for the work He is doing in the church and in Kingdom Kids. Praise God for the members. Ask God to open their ears and hearts to know Him better.
- Encourage those that have been reluctant to pray out loud. Say, "I know you can be brave." If they are still too shy to say a prayer out loud, let them know it's okay. God hears all the prayers in their hearts and out loud.

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

Prayer requests - follow up with prayers from last time.



Prayer Point: Repent

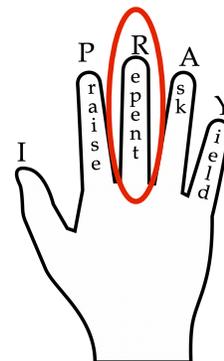
Review the Lord's Prayer and the hand of prayer for any new children.

Focus on **“Forgive us our trespasses.”**

Discuss trespassing.

What is trespassing? A wrongful action on someone else's property. How does that apply to our hearts?

Skit can interrupt right here:



Repent Skit

Characters 1. Child (seen) 2. GOD (unseen)

Stage Setting - No particular setting is necessary - you could have a plant with holes in the leaves and with weeds as an illustration.

Child: *Our Father, who art in heaven.*

GOD: Yes?

Child: Here we go again.

GOD: Keep going.

Child: *Okay, Hallowed be thy name.* Lord, your name is holy. You are so good to me. I loved the rainbow you put in the sky yesterday. Thank you for your love.

GOD: You're welcome. I'm glad you noticed.

Child: *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

GOD: Do you really mean that?

Child: Of course!

GOD: Good! We will talk about My will a little later. Keep going.

Child: *Give us this day our daily bread.* Wait. Why am I praying for bread?

GOD: Jesus is the bread of life. But, we'll talk about that later.

Child: (Disappointed) Oh, okay. Where was I? Oh yes. *Forgive us our trespasses...*

GOD: Ahh! Here we go! Which ones?

Child: Huh? Which ones what?

GOD: Trespasses. You said, Forgive us our trespasses.

Child: Yes, but it's just part of the prayer. (pause) What are trespasses?

GOD: Well, if you walked into someone's house and poured trash in their house, you would be trespassing.

Child: What? I would never do that! That's awful!

GOD: Remember when you cheated on your spelling test?

Child: Wait, you know about that?

GOD: Ye-e-es. Every time you break one of my commandments, you trespass. It's like having garbage in your heart. That garbage separates you from me.

Child: Do you mean trespasses are sins?

GOD: Yes, trespasses are sins. Everyone sins.

Child: Everyone? Even my parents?

GOD: Yes. Even your parents. Think about that plant we have talked about. Things happen in life. When you stop watering and feeding a plant, it starts to wither. It gets weak. Weeds grow in the soil. Bugs come chew on it. Diseases begin to take over. That is like what sin does to your heart.

Child: So, I have weeds and bugs in my heart?

GOD: Well, kind of. Weeds and bugs are like temptations to sin. Diseases are like selfishness and dishonesty.

Child: Like cheating on a test. But...but what can I do about it? How can I fix it?

GOD: You can't.

Child: I can't?

GOD: Nope.

Child: Wha-at?

GOD: No, you can't fix it — — But, I can.

Child: Ohhhh! You can?

GOD: Of course! My son Jesus already paid for your sin. All you have to do is ask!

Child: Yay! Wait! How do I ask?

GOD: Just say, Please forgive me for (pause) . Name the weeds, bugs and disease. And really mean it.

Child: Okay, here I go... Dear God, I want a clean heart with no weeds, bugs and disease. I'm really sorry for cheating. I know it was wrong. Please forgive me.

GOD: Done! You're forgiven.

Child: Really?

GOD: Really. The next step is to tell your teacher that you are sorry and make things right. Will you do that?

Child: Yes, if you help me.

GOD: Sure! All you have to do is ask! But, wait! There's more!

Child: More?

GOD: Yes. There's always more! When you repent, it's like a plant spray to kill the bugs and diseases from your plant. A healthy plant can resist disease and pests. A clean heart can resist temptations and sin.

Child: Wow! It can?

GOD: Yes, it can! My son, Jesus, covers you with His robe of righteousness, and He lives inside you and your sins are no more.

Child: Wow! That's awesome! It's like a bullet proof vest, inside and out! (pause for a bit)
Hey, God?

GOD: Yes?

Child: Could you help me to know when I need to repent?

GOD: Absolutely! All you have to do is ask!



Put It Into Practice

How do you know when to repent? Have you ever felt a bad feeling deep down in your heart when you have done something wrong? Discuss the points in the skit for a few minutes.

- Think about the last time you were mad. Think about the last time you called someone a mean name. Those are like those weeds on the plant of your spirit or trash in your heart.
- Right now, bow your head and let's pull some weeds. You could lead them in prayer like this: "Father, I love you and want to have your spirit with me. Please forgive me for _____..." (pause and then tell them to reach out and pull those imaginary weeds when they have prayed in their hearts.) If you (and they) are very brave, they can pray out loud.
- The Robe of Righteousness is our bullet proof vest or as it says in Romans, or our Breastplate of Righteousness. When we repent, Jesus' blood covers our sin and we are redeemed. Sin opens us up to more darts of the enemy. But repentance protects us against the darts.

Grow Deeper

Remember the plant of God's Spirit growing in you? Are you cultivating that plant?

What does it need?

- God's Word (Spend time in God's Word)
- Praise (Sing praises to Him. Praise Him for everything, good and not so good, because He is good. Focus on Him and not the situation.)
- Time spent talking to God (Pray. Talk to Him about anything.)



Suggested Activities

Use a raincoat and squirters or a shield and Nerf darts to illustrate being covered and uncovered by the Robe of Righteousness.

If you have planted a garden or plants together, this would be a good time to weed the garden and relate sins to bugs, weeds and diseases.



Challenge: Pay attention this week to the movies that play in your head. It may be an uncomfortable feeling in the pit of your stomach that is a signal of something that isn't right. Ask God to show you things so He can create a clean heart in you; free of weeds, bugs and disease of sin. After asking forgiveness, visualize Him putting His robe on you!! Now you are sparkling clean!!

Story from the Scriptures

Read through the story of the Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-24

Have the kids act the story out after they have read and discussed it. Props would make it even more memorable!

Another option is showing a video like this one

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM&t=2s>



Or this one: <https://vimeo.com/157202156>

Points to bring out.

- When the Prodigal Son's father saw him coming, he began running toward him.
- The Prodigal Son came back, admitted he was wrong and asked forgiveness. He knew he wasn't worthy to be called a son any longer. He hoped to just be a servant.
- The father took him back into his arms with love and great joy.
- When we repent and come back to God, He accepts us and forgives us. Our relationship is restored with Him.
- He never stops loving us. His love isn't dependent on whether we are good or not. We can't ever be good enough to be worthy of His love. But, He is good and that's what counts.
- But, if we don't repent, we can't be in His fellowship. It's like we are accepting that eating pig food is better than coming back to God.



Repentance Songs and Scriptures

Matthew 6:12

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Create in me a Pure Heart

Create in me a pure heart, O God.
 Create in me a pure heart, Lord.
 And renew a steadfast spirit so everyone can see
 You have created a pure heart in me.

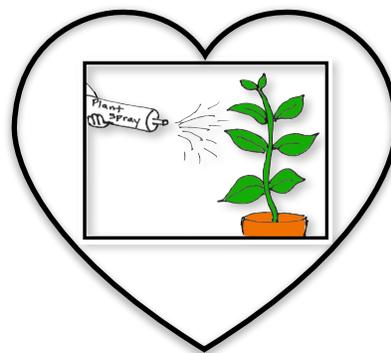
Love and joy, create in me.
 Kindness every day.
 Love and joy create in me.
 Father hear me say —

Create in me a pure heart, O God.
 Create in me a pure heart, Lord.
 And renew a steadfast spirit so everyone can see
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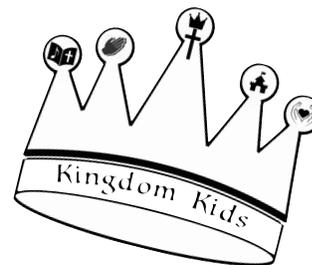
Faith and hope, create in me.
 Friendship every day.
 Faith and hope, create in me
 Father, hear me say —

Create in me a pure heart, O God.
 Create in me a pure heart, Lord.
 And renew a steadfast spirit so everyone can see
 You have created a pure heart in me.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrP8mtkBJoM>



Prayer Points for Parents



Hello Parents!

Today at Kingdom Kids we talked about Repentance.

It is the next part of the Hand of Prayer that follows the pattern of the Lord's prayer: *Forgive us our trespasses...*

- If our hearts are like a garden, sin is like bugs, weeds and disease attacking the plant of God's spirit.
- Weeds choke the plant and steal the nutrients from the soil.
- Without repentance we have holes in our spiritual armor. Our spiritual plant is easily under attack if we allow sins to remain.
- Repentance has great benefits!
- Repentance is like pest control or repellent from enemy attacks.
- The Robe of Righteousness is like a bullet proof vest.

See the Parents' Page at kingdomkidsontheirknees.com

Scripture Memory

Matthew 6:12

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K Kid Challenge:

Use the scripture above to help you pray this week. Ask God to show you if you have any bugs or disease on your spiritual plant. Asking God to forgive you can allow His spirit to grow and your prayers to grow, also!

Thank the Lord for His righteousness that covers you when you repent!