



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 24

Letters About Forgiveness of Sin

Lesson Aim: To know we are all sinners who receive complete forgiveness through Jesus.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best rescue you have seen/heard about?

GAME: Rescue the Rock

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GUIDES US

Read Worship Scripture: 1 John 1:9.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform the Mail Call script or read storybook.

THE WORD LETTERS ABOUT FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God led Paul to write about unity.

Today, we will read letters from Paul and James about forgiveness of sin. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he shows that our sin, which separates us from God, can be forgiven through Jesus. Point to Rome, Italy. **This mailbag reminds us that in Bible times believers traveled long distances to share letters written by Paul, James, and other disciples.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Romans 3:23; 5:1, 8; 6:23; James 4:17; Galatians 5:22-23. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Romans 3:23. Pray. In this order, read Romans 3:23; James 4:17; Romans 6:23, 5:8, 5:1; Galatians 5:22-23.

THE WAY COMPLETE FORGIVENESS THROUGH CHRIST

Sin is not only doing wrong in God's eyes; it is living life separated from Him. Why do you think it is important to be forgiven by God? What do you think Paul means by "the wages of sin is death"? (No one who sins has eternal life, which is life forever close with God.) **Why do you think God sent His Son to take our punishment?** (God loves us and doesn't want us to be separated from Him.)

Jesus died for us while we were sinners. How does that show you that no one earns or deserves God's forgiveness? (He gave His life,

because we couldn't earn forgiveness by ourselves.) **God's forgiveness is free to all who believe in Jesus as the Savior who died to pay for our sins. That's called faith in Jesus, and that faith is a gift from God.**

When we believe in Jesus, His Holy Spirit then lives in our hearts. He can help us in our struggle with sin. Display the paper fruit. **These fruit remind us of the perfect things of God that we want others to see through us. They also remind us of the wrong things we sometimes choose instead. As I name each fruit of the Spirit, let's think of a right choice that is an example of that fruit as well as a wrong choice that does not show that fruit to others. As we share our right and wrong choices, be careful to not judge one another, because in God's eyes, each one of us has sinned.**

In his letter, James explains sin is not just doing wrong, but also knowing what is right and not doing it. Have you ever known the right thing to do but did not do it? Sin is not only the wrong things we have done, but it is also the right things we have left undone. The good news is that if we confess our sins, God will be faithful to forgive us, because Jesus already paid for our sins.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

One thousand years before Paul and James, King David wrote a psalm about God's forgiveness. David calls sins "transgressions" or "iniquities." Reveal Psalm 103:10-12. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Have you ever felt like you have done something that even God cannot forgive? How does David's psalm encourage you? Why is it important to understand that God has completely removed our sins from us? If time allows, play the GOT TIME game: Throw My Sin Away.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- **TREASURE TREAT:** New Testament Postcard about forgiveness of sin, stamp or sticker of fruit
- **W³ BETWEEN THE LINES** Journal Entry #24
- **OFFERING OF ART:** Your favorite thing about today and something special about the letters from the New Testament you just learned
- **PRAYER REQUESTS**
- **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG**

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Sweet Underneath

GAMES: Throw My Sin Away, New Testament Line

CRAFT: Care Package—Sweet Rescue Snack

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Ask, Seek, Knock!; Race to Repeat

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW