



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 24

Letters About Forgiveness of Sin

Lesson Aim: To know we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness.

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 John about forgiveness of sin. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he shows us that we need a rescue from our struggle with sin. Jesus is the only one who can rescue us from sin. Point to Rome, Italy. This mailbag reminds us that in Bible times believers traveled long distances to share letters written by Paul, John, and other disciples. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Romans 3:23; 7:19; 1 John 1:9; Galatians 5:22-23. Pray. Read.

THE WAY OUR SIN AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Have you ever wondered why you can't be perfect no matter how hard you try? It is because of sin. What does the word "sin" mean to you? The Bible shows us that sin is doing wrong in God's eyes—living life separated from Him. Does everyone sin? (Yes.) Have you ever felt like Paul did, knowing the good choice you want to make but making the choice to do wrong instead? Paul loved God and wanted to please Him, yet even when Paul knew what was right, he sometimes made the choice to do wrong instead.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul explains that everyone sins. Since we are not perfect, we can't earn our way to life forever with God.

Jesus gave His life so all who believe in Him could be forgiven and live forever close with God.

In John's first letter, he tells us that for those who believe in Jesus, our sins are forgiven when we admit those sins to Him. If time allows, play GOT TIME game: Throw My Sin Away.

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he explains that the Holy Spirit 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. As you name each fruit, have children discuss their struggle between right and wrong choices associated with that fruit of the Spirit.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

One thousand years before Paul wrote to the Romans and Galatians about sin, King David wrote a psalm about his struggle with sin. Check out what he asked God to do in his heart. Reveal Psalm 51:4, 10. Read.

The good news is whenever we make a wrong choice, we can admit our sin to God and ask Him to forgive us. He will always forgive us! God fills us with the Holy Spirit who guides us to do things His way!

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
- **DAILY WAY CHALLENGE**
- **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
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