



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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 God's 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 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 and others.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Romans 3:23; 5:1, 8; 6:23; Galatians 5:22-23. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Romans 6:23. Pray. In this order, read Romans 3:23; 6:23, 5:8, 5:1; Galatians 5:22-23.

### THE WAY WE NEED GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**What is sin? Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes. It is not only wrong thoughts, words, and actions; it is living life separated from Him. Why do you think it is important to be forgiven by God for our sins? Paul explains that the wages of sin is death. This doesn't mean that when you commit a sin, you die immediately. It means that 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 still sinners. How does that show you that no one earns or deserves God's forgiveness? 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 lives in our hearts. 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 and a wrong choice that does not show that fruit to others. As we share, be careful to not judge one another; in God's eyes, each one of us has sinned.**

### **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 51:2-4, 10. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**Just like King David, we can confess our sin to God and ask Him to forgive us. When someone who believes in Jesus asks forgiveness for a sin, he or she is forgiven because Jesus already paid for our sins. We can also ask God to create in us a pure heart. The Holy Spirit can help our hearts to stay pure as He guides us to do things God's way! Let's pray. Ask God to show you the sin in your life. Then, ask Him to forgive you and to fill you again with His Holy Spirit.** 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
- **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

**DISCUSSION:** More Letters About Forgiveness of Sin

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