



God's Love and Forgiveness

Parents, below are a few activities you can try together at home together to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

Big Idea: God's love and forgiveness is greater than our sin.

Bible Basis: John 4:1-26

Key Verse: Romans 5:8

Grade 1-2 Activity: *Stay on Target*

Say: Today we learned that God's love and forgiveness is so much greater than our sin. God loved us so much He sent His own son, Jesus, to rescue us from our own sins. Jesus is the reason that our sins are forgiven and we can be washed clean. We're going to play a game to remind us that we are not perfect, and we all have sins that need to be forgiven.

Directions: Place a small paper plate as a target on the floor in the middle of your family and have everyone sit about three feet (one meter) away. Give everyone a penny. The object of the game is for everyone to land their penny on the target in the same round. Count to three and have everyone flick their penny (like a coin toss) into the air towards the target. Discourage anyone from leaning too far forward in order to make it easier. If younger kids struggle with flicking their penny, they can toss it. Inevitably, some or most of the pennies will miss the target. Have everyone retrieve their penny and prepare for the next round. Continue playing round after round until it becomes apparent that someone is always going to miss the target.

Say: Did anyone hit the target every single time? We all miss the target sometimes. It's the same with sin. No matter how hard we try to obey God, we all sin.

Question: What are some ways that you have "missed the target" or sinned this week?

Question: How can we show God that we are thankful for His love and forgiveness through Jesus?