

Benjas (0-5 years). Date: _____

Lesson: The God who forgives

Reference: Psalm 51:1-19

Point: Sin affects our relationship with God, but He always forgives those who truly repent



King David sinned against God by taking someone's wife and killing the husband. This sin was affecting David's friendship with God. When David was told, he repented. He asked God to forgive him, wash away his sin and change his heart. David knew that if he truly repented, God would forgive him because of his mercy. We can also repent when we do wrong and God will forgive us because of what Jesus did at the cross.



Memory verse: Psalm 51:1

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Judges (6-7 years). Date: _____

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Find the full Psalm in 51:1-19

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David asked God to have mercy on him and wash away his sin. He could only ask for forgiveness basing on God's mercy. David admitted that he had done wrong. He knew that he had sinned against God. David knew that his heart was not right with God and that the source of his sinful behaviour was his sinful nature. *Our thoughts, feelings, words and actions are controlled by our hearts. In our hearts we would much rather do whatever makes us happy than what makes God happy.*

David asked God to take away his sin and change his heart. David recognised that he was unclean and only God could make him clean again. *Only God can change hearts.* This cleaning would take away David's guilt and shame. David knew that God would always forgive someone who asked him to do so. He also prayed for the good of his kingdom.

David felt bad about his sin, but feeling bad was not enough. He needed to confess (admit) his sin to God and ask God to forgive him. Feeling sorry for what he had done could not change David's heart, and he could not do anything to make up for what he had done. He needed God to forgive him and to help him to change.

Those who trust in Jesus are adopted into God's family/ kingdom. When they do wrong, they don't get kicked out, but they need to say sorry. When they do that, they can know that God will forgive them because of what Jesus has done by dying in their place on the cross.

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What did he ask God to do?

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Why could he ask God to do forgive him? (51:1) Cross out the wrong answers.

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What else did he ask God to do? (51:2,7,10,14)

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