

Life toward God

KIDS

daily devotions

Promise: God Will Forgive You

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Scripture

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1

"as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sin from us." Psalm 103:12

Devotion

Do you remember your children's catechism question 29? It asks us, "What is sin?" The answer tells us that sin is "a lack of conformity to or transgression of the law of God." Those are some big words. This answer tells us that sin occurs when we break God's law. God gave us this law to protect us and when we disobey His law we sin against Him. The Bible goes on to say that "the wages of sin is death"! But it also gives us good news by telling us that God has promised, in His word, to forgive us.

Several characters in the Bible made mistakes and committed sins against God (like we all do). David murdered a man, Peter denied even knowing Jesus because he was afraid of getting in trouble, and Adam and Eve broke the ONLY rule God gave them in the garden. Why? Because we are all sinners. But, in all these stories, God was faithful to forgive because of his "never-stopping, never-giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love" (Sally Lloyd-Jones). God's grace brings His promise of forgiveness and that is wonderful news! John Newton, a man who knew he was a sinner, was so overjoyed by this forgiveness, that he wrote a song of praise you have probably heard. "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me..." Amazing, indeed!

Questions

3-5-yr-olds

Do you need to be forgiven by God? Why?

1st-3rd graders

How does the cross show us God's promise to forgive?

4th-6th graders

Knowing how much we have been forgiven by God, how do you think this should shape our lives toward others?

Prayer

Lord, we know that we have sinned and broken your law. Thank you for your promise of forgiveness and grace for sinners like us. Remind us each day of the debt paid by Jesus, on the cross, for our sins. May this create within us a spirit of thanksgiving and joy as well as a willingness to "forgive our debtors" as we have been forgiven. Amen.

