

DAVID IS SORRY

Timeless Truth: God is just and forgiving.

Bible Basis: Psalm 51:1–12; Psalm 32:10–11

Key Verse: Wash away all of the evil things I've done. Make me pure from my sin. —Psalm 51:2 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 12: "David Is Sorry"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 12 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience forgiveness by making a chalk picture. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God forgave David's sins. God forgives me when I'm sorry for doing wrong things.

TABLE TALK

- **What did David do?** (*Asked God to forgive him for doing wrong things*)
- **Tell me about a time when you needed to be forgiven.**
- **Tell me about a time when you were forgiven.**

LIVING FAITH

Make fun washable sidewalk paint with your child by mixing $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of cornstarch and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of cold water together in a small bowl. Add drops of food coloring until the paint is the color you want. Repeat for other colors. Then go outside and paint designs or pictures on your sidewalk or driveway with paintbrushes. Tell your child that the paint is like the wrong things that we do. When we ask God to forgive us, he washes them away, just like the paint washes away when it rains or we spray the sidewalk with water.

If you don't live in an area where you can make sidewalk drawings or if the weather does not permit, you can do this activity inside using a chalkboard or a whiteboard and an eraser. Whiteboard markers will also draw on a mirror.

EXTRA MILE

When necessary this week, stop and pray with your child asking God to forgive your child when he has done something wrong. In appropriate ways, show your child that you also need to ask God to forgive you.

Read books about giving and receiving forgiveness this week. Talk about the specific words used in asking for forgiveness, such as "I'm sorry."

Preschoolers love to make up songs. Make up a song with your child about asking God for forgiveness.

Use these motions to help your child remember the Bible point.

God (*Point up.*)

Forgives me (*Brush the fingertips of your right hand along the length of your left palm twice.*)

When I'm sorry. (*Make a sad face.*)