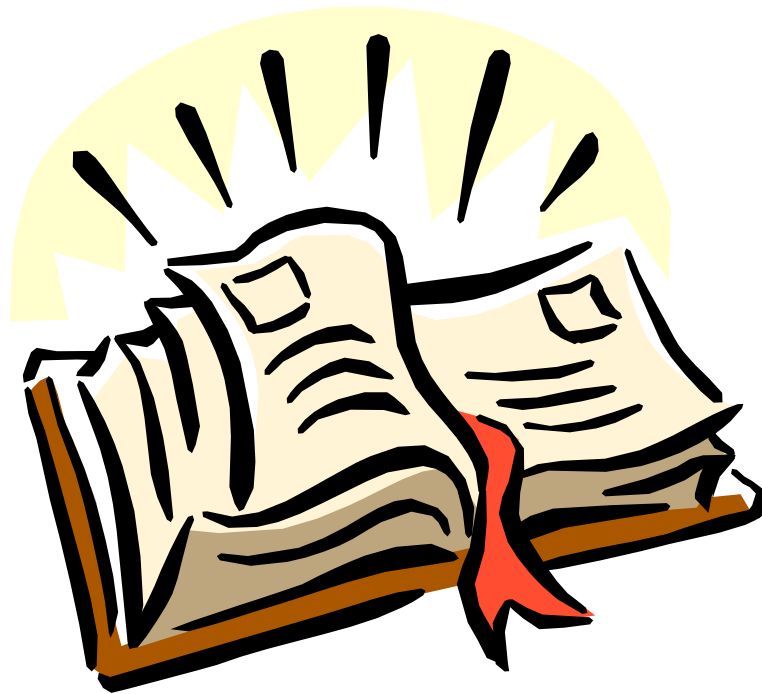


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: _____

LESSON TITLE: The Adulterous Woman

THEME: Our response to forgiveness should be obedience.

SCRIPTURE: John 8:1-12



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **The Adulterous Woman**. We learned how that **when we are forgiven it makes us want to respond to the Lord in obedience**. Sometimes we don't always understand why we should be obedient. It is really a response to God's love, not a means to try to obtain God's love.

This week we are going to look at a few different themes including, obedience, judging and forgiveness. Sometimes we want to judge or look down on others when we have our own sins that need to be dealt with. Our prayer is that the children may learn some of these valuable truths this week from God's word.

The section of scripture that we studied was **John 8:1-12**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

Caught in the Act!

(Part One)

Text: Matthew 7:3 - "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"

Also read John 3:17-21

Michelle was chosen to be the home room security officer this week in school. Being chosen to be the home room security officer was fun. You got to wear a red vest, carry a portable 2-way radio, and wear a whistle around your neck. It was fun to have a little authority (or power) as a kid.

Three weeks ago though, before she was chosen to be the new security officer, Michelle stopped by the school office after school. Located in the office is candy, soda, and school supplies that can be purchased after school. Well, Michelle dropped by one day when there happened to be no one around. Michelle didn't have any money and she wanted a candy bar really bad. Since no one was around, Michelle reached over the counter and grabbed a candy bar and left without paying for it. Well, Michelle wasn't the only one who stole something from the office that week. After that, the school wanted to have a student in the office at all times to be on the lookout for thieves.

Now Michelle was chosen to be the new security officer. Michelle arrived early and stood by the entrance to the school office. As soon as the bell rang for school to be let out the students began to pile out of the classrooms. Mrs. Johnson, the school secretary had to leave the office for a few moments and told Michelle to keep an eye on things. Michelle was watching everyone firmly when all of a sudden she noticed Tommy Baker slip into the office and take a candy bar and place it into his backpack. Tommy snuck out of the office and began walking towards his locker. Michelle raced after him. When she caught up with Tommy he was eating the candy bar he had stolen. "CAUGHT YA!" shouted Michelle. "Tommy Baker, you need to come with me!" **Continued on Day Two...**

- Do you think it's right for Michelle to turn in Tommy for stealing? Why or why not?
- How do you think Michelle feels for doing the same thing Tommy did and not getting caught?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Speck: A small spot or piece of something (like a sliver of wood).

Plank: A large piece of wood.

Caught in the Act!

(Part Two)

Text: Matthew 7:3 - "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"

Also read John 3:17-21

Continued from Day One... Tommy couldn't believe it! He was caught in the act. This was the first time anyone ever caught him. Now what was going to happen? Tommy thought about running, but Michelle had already seen him and could still tell the principal. So, Tommy decided to go with Michelle to see Mr. Jenkins. When they arrived at Mr. Jenkins office Tommy was very quiet and humiliated for what he had done. "I can't believe I stole something," Tommy thought to himself. "I will probably get suspended from school and kicked off of the basketball team." Michelle explained to Mr. Jenkins what had happened that afternoon.

What Michelle didn't know was that Mr. Jenkins was there all along. Mr. Jenkins was inside of the stock room stocking the shelves. Michelle didn't realize that the mirror on the wall outside of the stock room was a see-through mirror. Which means Mr. Jenkins could see out but no one could see in. Mr. Jenkins knew before Michelle did what had happened. In fact, Mr. Jenkins was inside of the storage room when Michelle decided to steal a candy bar a few weeks earlier.

"Well, good work Michelle," said Mr. Jenkins. "What do you suppose we should do to Tommy?" asked Mr. Jenkins. "If I were in charge, I would call his parents, suspend him, and kick him off of the basketball team," said Michelle. "Isn't that a little harsh?" said Mr. Jenkins. "No!" cried Michelle. "He deserves it!" **To be continued on Day Three...**

- Should Tommy be forgiven if he were to repent? Read Ephesians 4:32
- What should Michelle say to Mr. Jenkins?
- Did you know that we are no longer condemned for our sins when we are in Christ Jesus? See Romans 8:1

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Repent: To turn away from wrong doing and do what is right.

Condemned: To be declared guilty for something.

Caught in the Act!

(Part Three)

Text: John 8:9a - "Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one..."

Also read 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Continued from Day Two... "Well, this is what's going to happen," said Mr. Jenkins. "First of all, I have been working in the stock room for the past 4 weeks," said Mr. Jenkins. "Most students don't know that on the outside of the storage room is a mirror. It's not a mirror for looking at yourself, but it's a mirror that allows us to watch the supplies and candy. You see, no one can see into the storage room, but I can see everything that is going on outside of the storage room by looking through the mirror. I have put together a list of students I have witnessed taking something without paying for it and I was planning to take care of this problem today."

"Uh-oh, Mr. Jenkins," said Michelle nervously, "I think I need to get going now. Is it OK if I leave now?" "Sure Michelle, I'll catch up with you later," said Mr. Jenkins. "Tommy, do you have anything you would like to say?" Mr. Jenkins asked. "Yes," replied Tommy, "I'm really sorry that I took that candy bar and I promise that I will never steal anything again!" "Because of your honesty and true sorrow for what you have done, I will forgive you, but you need to pay for the candy bar that you took. You will also need to sit out during the next basketball game," Mr. Jenkins said. "Thank you Mr. Jenkins", said Tommy. "I will never take something again without paying for it first," claimed Tommy.

Mr. Jenkins was very bothered about Michelle though. You see, Michelle goes to the same church that Mr. Jenkins attends. In fact, Mr. Jenkins was Michelle's 5th grade Sunday school teacher. Mr. Jenkins saw Michelle take the candy bar a few weeks ago but he didn't think it would take this long for Michelle's **conscience** to remind her of her wrong doing. Mr. Jenkins left the office to go home for the day when he noticed Michelle sitting on a bench crying. He went over to where she was and asked her if he could help. "Oh Mr. Jenkins," cried Michelle, "I have done something so wrong." **Continued on Day Four...**

- Have you ever done something wrong and felt bad for doing it?
- What do you think Michelle will do?

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Conscience: The part inside our hearts that helps us to know right from wrong.

Caught in the Act!

(Part Four)

Text: Luke 5:32 - "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Also read 1 John 1:9

Continued from Day Three... "Mr. Jenkins," cried Michelle. "Yes Michelle, what is it?" said Mr. Jenkins. "I have done an awful thing! I was so quick in turning Tommy Baker in for stealing the candy bar and hoping for the worse punishment on him that I failed to take an honest look at what I had done. You see Mr. Jenkins, I stole a candy bar from the office about three weeks ago and I feel terrible for what I did. I was so quick to throw the first stone at Tommy," exclaimed Michelle.

Michelle remembered the story about Jesus and the woman who was caught in a sin. She remembered that the Pharisees brought this woman to Jesus and expected her to receive punishment from Him. These Pharisees were quick to pass **judgment** on her. To pass **judgment** is to act as though you have never sinned and put someone else down for their sin. When Jesus said that only someone who had not sinned should throw the first stone, the leaders slipped quietly away. They all knew that their sin was just as bad as hers.

"Mr. Jenkins, would you please forgive me for what I did?" "Yes, Michelle, I forgive you." "Thank you Mr. Jenkins," said Michelle. "I will also ask Tommy for his forgiveness for the way I treated him too. I know Jesus has forgiven me for what I have done, and He want's me to not steal or want bad things to happen to others." Jesus stands ready to forgive any sin in our life, but when we repent, it means that there will be a change in our hearts. With God's help we can accept Jesus' forgiveness and stop our wrongdoing.

- When others are caught in sin, are you quick to pass judgment on them?
- What are some of the valuable lessons that you think that Michelle learned in this story?
- What does it mean to you to repent? Have you asked Jesus into your heart?

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Judgment: A sentence or decision declaring right or wrong.

Obedience

Text: 1 John 5:3 - "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

Also read John 14:15

Our response to God's forgiveness should be obedience to Him. God commands us to forgive others for what they have done to us. He tells us that forgiveness restores our Christian fellowship (2 Corinthians 2:7-10) and brings us spiritual cleansing (James 5:15,16). If we love God then we need to keep His commandments. Do you love your parents? One way that you show it is by doing those things that they ask you to do. You obey them. God says if we love Him we are to show this by following His commands and loving others.

We are sinners. Even though we are Christians we will sometimes still sin. There are times we can be tempted to do something that we shouldn't do. Take Michelle for example, She is a Christian and she was tempted to steal a candy bar. Unfortunately she gave in to the temptation and stole the candy bar. When we are tempted, we can pray and ask the Lord for strength so that we won't give in to a temptation.

But, does the sin of stealing cause her not to be a Christian anymore? Sure she made a mistake but when she realized what she had done was wrong she asked God to forgive her. After she repented to God, she went to Mr. Jenkins and Tommy Baker and asked them for their forgiveness also. Michelle was forgiven! By simply asking for forgiveness everything worked out with Mr. Jenkins. She felt much better after making everything right.

Since we have been forgiven, we also can obey God's word. Our God is a gracious and forgiving God! (John 8:11) Because of His great love, we want to obey Him in everything!!!

- What have you learned from Michelle, Mr. Jenkins and Tommy?
- Praise the Lord that He forgives us! It just makes us want to obey Him all the more!!!

Kid's Prayer Time



Pray that the Lord will help you to be loving towards others. Pray that your heart reveals God's love. Ask for forgiveness if you have judged anyone else. Then, ask the Lord to help you to always be obedient to His word.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world.'"

Third Grade and Above

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.'"

John 8:12