

BIBLE TRUTH 1, LESSON 3: PLANNER/OVERVIEW

GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

Welcome to Praise Factory: PFI: Praise Factory Investigators Theme Song *PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 1*

Rules to Help Us Worship God and Love One Another: WoGoLOA Classroom Rules Song
PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 2

Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 11 Songs *PFI ESV Songs 11, Tracks 3,4*

Big Question Bible Verse: Romans 6:23 Song: *PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 5*

DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)

Bible Truth 1: God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins

Bible Truth Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus, v.2 *PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 6*

Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9

Bible Verse Song: If We Say We Have No Sin *PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 7*
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Lesson 3 Old Testament: The Case of the Not-So-Secret Sinner *2 Samuel 11-12*

TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (*choose from among these activities*)

Snack and Discussion Planner: Nathan the Prophet's Parable for David

ACTS Prayer: Prayer Sheet

Bible Truth Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Enemy Invaders

Bible Truth Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus, v.2 *PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 6*
Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Word Take Away **PFI ESV Songs 11 BOOK or ONLINE**

Bible Verse Review: Romans 8:31-32,35,38-39 Discussion Sheet and Game: Day at the Beach

Bible Verse Song: If We Say We Have No Sin: 1 John 1:8-9 *PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 7*
Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Big Voice, Little Voice **PFI ESV Songs 11 BOOK or ONLINE**

Story Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Yes, No & Go!

Case Replay, Jr: Drama Activity for Youngest Children (children do same story actions together)

Case Replay, Sr: Drama Activity for Most Children (children re-tell story with individual parts)

Craft: A Precious, Pet Lamb

VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person) Prayer Time: Coloring Sheets (Back of Book) & Game: Stop and Go

TAKING IT HOME: Take Home Sheet for Review and Family Devotions

PFI Pronto: Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3 **PFI ESV Prontos 11 BOOK or ONLINE**

The Case of the Not-So-Secret Sinner *2 Samuel 11-12* by Connie Dever

Our story is: The Case of the Not-So-Secret Sinner. As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was the Not-So-Secret Sinner? How did he try to cover up his sin?
2. Who knew about his sin and prompted him to confess it? How did God respond to this secret sinner's confession to Him?

This story takes place in Old Testament times about 2000 years before Jesus lived on earth. It's about David.

David was a godly man who wanted to love and obey God, but David did not do this perfectly. For you see, David was also a Secret Sinner. What's the Secret Sinner? Someone who struggles sin in his heart and gives into it, especially when others weren't watching. He might look like he's doing all the right things, but he's a sinner nonetheless.

It all happened one spring in Jerusalem. David had sent his soldiers off war against their enemies, the Ammonites. Usually David went with them to war, but for some reason, this year he chose to stay home, leaving army captain Joab in charge, forty miles away on the battlefield.

One evening David went up on the roof of his house to look out over Jerusalem. As he did, he noticed a very beautiful woman. "She is so beautiful!" David thought. "I must find out who she is and meet her!" David called a servant to his side, "Who is that woman?" he asked.

"That is Bathsheba, the dearly loved wife of Uriah Hittite, one of your mighty men," the servant replied.

Now David did not care that Bathsheba was already married...though he should have. He did not care that she was the dearly loved wife of one of his best, most loyal soldiers...though he should have. David was a man who loved God and wanted to obey Him. He knew that God would not want him to take someone else's wife. But just right then, he did not even care what God thought...though he should have. Instead, David ignored all the things he knew he should do and did what he WANTED to do. He ordered Bathsheba brought him. David had become a secret sinner! Who could see his secret sin, anyway? Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, away at war. Servants could be kept quiet. Bathsheba

could be kept quiet. David's secret sin was safe...or so he thought.

Then some news came to David that wouldn't keep quiet: Bathsheba was going to have a baby—his baby!, David knew that he would have to do more to keep his secret sin secret. So he thought up yet another secret sin to cover up his first one. He would use Captain Joab and the Ammonites to get rid of Uriah completely. If Uriah was dead, Bathsheba could become his wife. Then no one would know his secret sin.

David sent a letter to Joab, putting his plan into action. He wrote: "Joab, my captain, When next you lay siege on Rammah, do not fail to put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die. Signed, David, the King."

Joab was puzzled by King's letter. What a strange order! This wasn't like King David. But Joab obeyed it anyway. He changed his battle plans to make sure that the King's wishes would be met. He put Uriah in the front-lines. The Ammonites attacked the Israelites in the fields outside Rammah, then Joab ordered the soldiers to charge the gates of Rammah. Uriah and others on the front lines fought close to the walls of the city. Ammonite soldiers stationed on the top of the walls let fly showers of arrows upon them. Before long, many of David's best soldiers died that day, including Uriah—all because of David's secret sin.

A few days later a messenger brought the news David was waiting for. Uriah the Hittite had been killed in battle. David's secret sin was covered up! Who could know his secret sin now? It was covered up completely now that Uriah was dead. He was free to marry Bathsheba and no one had to know about his sins. Kings often had more than one wife in those days. No one would think

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Create story cue cards on index cards (or highlight text).
3. Practice telling story dramatically, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary to fit your allotted time.
4. Decorate area with story props that help bring your story alive.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Point to/use props at important points in the story. Include the kids in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
2. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

anything of his marrying Bathsheba now. She was a widow with no one to take care of her. People would think David was doing a good thing by marrying her. But after all, what did they expect from good King David, the man after God's own heart, the king who sang praises to the God he loved. Bathsheba could come to live as David's wife in his palace. No one would have to know that he was really just covering up his sins. After all, who could see a secret sin anyway? No one! Well...almost no one. God had seen David's secret sins. Nothing can be hidden from God. And God was very displeased with what David had done.

God sent his special messenger, the prophet Nathan, to talk with David. "David, I have a story to tell you."

"Tell me your story, Nathan," David replied.

"There were two men who lived in the same town, one was very rich and one was very poor. The rich man had lots of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe (girl) lamb. He raised it like it was his daughter, he loved it so much. He fed it food and water from his table. At night, it slept in his arms," Nathan told David.

"One day a traveler came to stay at the rich man's house and eat at his table. But instead of using one of his many sheep or cattle to make the meal, the rich man took the poor man's ewe lamb and served it," Nathan said.

David burned with anger and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you all the many things that once were his, and all of Israel and Judah, too. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you reject my Word and disobey my laws? You had Uriah the Hittite killed with the sword of the Ammonites and took his own, dear wife. You sinned in secret, thinking that no one will see,' the LORD told David through the prophet Nathan, 'but now your sin will lead to trouble and sadness in your family that everyone will be able to see.'"

Then David saw his sin for what it was. He had stolen someone else's wife! He had murdered a man! He had tried to cover up his sins! How sinful he was.

David was truly sorry for what he had done and confessed his sin: "What you say is true, Nathan." I have sinned against the LORD." He thought he was keeping his sins a secret, but now he could see that you can never keep your sins a secret from God.

Nathan replied, "You know that the law says you deserve to die because you have stolen another man's wife and because you killed someone on purpose. But the LORD has chosen to forgive you instead. He has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

David was a secret sinner, but David was still a man who loved God. When Nathan left, David prayed to God. He turned away from his sins and confessed them to God. He said, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Cleanse me from my sin. For I know my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts....Hide your face from my sins... create in me a pure heart, O God...save my from [guilt], O God, the God who saves me." (Psalm 51)

God heard David's prayer and forgave him. What a merciful God is the LORD!

Cracking the Case:

It's time to answer our Case Questions.

1. Who was the Not-So-Secret Sinner? How did he try to cover up his sin?

David. He had Bathsheba's husband killed in battle to get rid of him.

2. Who knew about his sin and prompted him to confess it? How did God respond to this secret sinner's confession to Him? The LORD knew. He used Nathan the prophet to help David see his sins and turn away from them. The LORD forgave David when he confessed his sins.

Something For You and Me**Our Bible Truth Is:****God Forgives Sinners Who Confess Their Sins****Our Bible Verse is: 1 John 1:8-9**

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

David was a secret sinner who confessed his sins and was forgiven. What about you and me? Are we secret sinners? Have we sinned and thought, "Who could see a secret sin anyway?" Are there sins we hide deep inside that we try to hide from others and from God? Let's not forget the lesson of David, the Secret Sinner: no one can ever hide their sins from God. He knows all our sins, even the ones no one else knows. But don't forget the lesson of David, the man of God, either: God forgives those who confess their sins to Him and ask for forgiveness.

God knows that we are sinners. He wants us to confess our sins to Him so that we can be forgiven. Let's praise this God who delights in saving sinners who confess their sins, even the darkest, most secret ones, to Him. Let's ask Him to show us our sins, help us to confess them to Him and trust in Him as our own Savior.
Close in prayer.

Note about drama: I have been careful to leave in the key elements to the story, while being sensitive to the nature of David's sin and the ages of the children listening to the story. ..and the fact that this is a drama! I think it ample for the children to know that David thought Bathsheba attractive without adding in the fact that she is bathing when he sees her. I also think it is enough for Bathsheba to be pregnant without presenting more details. Please use your discretion to adapt the story even more. You easily could leave out the pregnancy and just say that he wanted to snatch Uriah's wife.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Forgiver of Your Sinful People.

C God, we confess that we, like David, sometimes try to be secret sinners. We don't like You to find out our sin. We confess them to You now. Please forgive us!

T God, we thank You for being so good to David that You would send Nathan to help bring him to see his sin and confess it. How merciful and kind You are to Your people to show them their sins and to forgive them!

S God, work in our hearts! Help us to confess our sins—even our secret sins-- to You. Help us to turn away from them and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

ACTS PRAYER ACTIVITY

Use this sheet to write down your ACTS Prayer

Instructions:

Use this sheet to help the children apply the Bible Truth into a prayer. You can use the ACTS provided or even better, have the kids think of their own applications. Also have the children add their personal requests to the prayer, too. Lead the children in the prayer or let them pray sections, with your help. Never force a child to pray! Non-readers can participate by you whispering a section of the prayer into their ear and allowing them to pray it aloud for the group.

ADORATION:

God, we praise You for being faithful and just and able to forgive our sins.

God, we praise You for being.....

Add your own Adorations:

CONFESSION:

God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!

God, we have sinned against You....

Add your own Confessions:

THANKSGIVING:

Thank You, God for being willing to forgive all our sins, when we confess them and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

God, we thank You for...

Add your own Thanksgivings:

SUPPLICATION:

God, work in our hearts. Make us aware of our sins and our need of Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and repent of them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and who You will love forever.

God, we need Your help...

Add your own Supplication:

SNEAKY SNACK

Can you figure out how this snack ties in with our case?

Snack: Nathan the Prophet's Parable for David

"Fluffy Sheep" popcorn with teddy graham poor man and rich man. On one side of plate, put one teddy graham and 1 piece of popcorn. On other side of plate, put 1 teddy graham and lots of popcorn.

This is only a suggestion. Feel free to modify. Be mindful of allergy issues among your children!

Case Tie-in: The LORD used the prophet Nathan to convict David of his sins. He told David a story of a poor man whose pet lamb was cruelly taken by a rich man, as a picture of David taking Bathsheba away from her husband. David was convicted of his sins, confessed them to the LORD and was forgiven.

SOUL FOOD

Food for thought during snack time

1. What does the snack have to do with the story?

Choose a few questions from the other activity discussion sheets to talk about during this snack time.

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Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins

God is perfectly holy. There is no sin in Him at all. He is too holy for sin to even live in His presence. How gloriously magnificent and pure is He!

But we are all sinners. We have all chosen to rebel against God and His good ways. Not only can we not live in His presence because of our sinfulness, but we deserve to be shut out of His presence forever because of it. And there's nothing sinful people like us can do on our own to make ourselves acceptable to God.

We would be without hope, except for God's amazing grace and mercy! He, Himself, has done what was needed. He sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life and offer it up as the perfect payment for the sins of His people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing He had beat sin and death. Yes, He had fully paid for the sins of God's people. He has made salvation a gift.

How can we receive this wonderful gift? God offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who confess their sins to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior. When we do this, turning away from living life our own way and living for God instead, He will give us this gift! He will make us His people forever!

Understanding the Bible Truth

1. What is God like? *God is perfectly holy. There is no sin in Him at all. He is too holy for sin to even live in His presence.*
2. Are we holy like God? *No, we are all sinners.*
3. What have all people chosen to do? *To rebel against God and His good ways.*
4. What do all people deserve from God? *To be shut out of His presence forever because of our sins.*
5. What can sinful people like us do ON OUR OWN to make ourselves acceptable to God? *Nothing.*
6. Who has done something to make us acceptable to God? *God has.*
7. What did God do so that sinners can be made acceptable in His presence? *Sent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross as the perfect payment for their sins.*
8. Why could Jesus make us acceptable when we couldn't do it ourselves? *Because Jesus lived a perfect life, completely holy.*
9. What did Jesus show when He rose from the dead on the third day? *That He had really paid for the sins of God's people, once and for all.*
10. How can we be forgiven of our sins and receive eternal life? *We can confess our sins to God and trust in Jesus as our Savior, turning away from living life our own way and living for God instead.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does our Bible Truth have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9**: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."?

This verse reminds us that we are all sinners. We deceive ourselves if we think we are not. But, that if we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.

Bible Truth Story Connection Questions

1. What did David need to confess to God? *He stole Uriah's wife, he killed Uriah, and he knew tried to hide what he did, and he knew all the things he did were wrong, but went ahead and did them.*
2. How did answer David's plea for forgiveness? *He forgave him and cleansed him of his unrighteousness.*

Life Application Questions

1. What should we do, if we want God to forgive us? *Humbly confess our sins to Him, turn away from our sins, and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*
2. What is something we can thank and praise God for every day, no matter what else happens to us, if we are His followers? *That He has taken care of our worst problem: eternal punishment for our sins. No matter how bad other things are, we know that we have a wonderful eternity with Him to look forward to.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for because of this Bible Truth?
Praise God for being the Merciful Savior of All Who Confess Their Sins to Him, in repentance and faith.
2. What are sins we can confess to God because of this Bible Truth?
Confess ways this week we sinned against God in our hearts, with our words and actions.
3. What is something we can thank God for because of this Bible Truth?
Thank God for the forgiveness we can have through Jesus.
4. What is something we can ask God for because of this Bible Truth?
We can ask God to work in our hearts that we would want to confess our sins, turn away from disobeying Him and trust in this wonderful Jesus as our own Savior. We can ask Him to work like this in others, too.

The Gospel

1. We are all born sinners. What hope is there for sinners? What is the gospel?
God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Enemy Invaders

Materials

Index cards of two different colors (or use red and black playing cards, such as hearts and spades)
Bible Truth Questions
String or yarn
Two chairs
Masking Tape

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Bible Truth Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Write the Bible Truth questions on small thin strips of paper (or make a photocopy of the Bible Truth Discussion Questions and simply cut them into strips) and put them in the bag/bowl.
3. Tie an end of the string to each chair and draw the line across the room where the teams will be. Preferably this line will be about 4' above the ground.
4. Tape a line about 6' to 9' from the string on each side.
5. Cut cards in half along the long side, making them about the same size as playing cards.

Playing the Game

Divide the children into two teams and have them stand (or kneel to make it even harder!) on their team's line. Give each child an index card, the same color for the children on one team. At your signal, have them try to toss their cards over the line and into their "enemy's" territory on the other side. Add up how many cards fell on each side. That is how many points they can win by answering a question. Choose a question for each team. If the team gets it wrong, the question goes to the other team for an extra point. Distribute the cards and play again.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Set a target number of points for the whole group. Challenge the children to see how many turns it takes score the target number of points. Once the target has been reached, start the game over and see how many turns it takes to reach the target the second time.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Verse 2

Upon that cross of Jesus
 Mine eye at times can see
 The very dying form of One
 Who suffered there for me;
 And from my smitten heart with tears

Listen to it on PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 6

Understanding the Song

1. What does it mean that "sometimes my eye can see the very dying form of Jesus"? *It doesn't mean that you actually see Jesus, but you imagine in your head what that might have looked like as He was nailed to the cross dying.*
2. Who did Jesus suffer on the cross for? *He didn't suffer for bad things He had done, for He never did anything bad. He suffered for all who would ever turn from their sins and trust Him as their Savior, that they would be forgiven their sins and become God's people.*
3. What does it mean to "wait at Jesus' crucified feet"?
It doesn't mean that he is really bowed right in front of Jesus' feet. In his mind he is thinking about how Jesus had to be crucified so that he could be forgiven his sins—the pain of nails in His feet and hands, the pain of suffering in His spirit. He asks and waits to receive the forgiveness of his sins, humbly thinking of this.
4. What does smitten mean? *To feel something very strongly.*
5. What is the singer's heart smitten with?
The wonder of God's love for him by sending His only, beloved Son to suffer and die for him, a sinner who deserves nothing but God's punishment, not His mercy.

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to our Bible Truth: **God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins?**

God's people are amazed at what God would do to save sinners who confess their sins. They are amazed that He would love them so much that He would send His Son to suffer and die for them on the cross. Their hearts are smitten with the greatness of His love for them, such undeserving sinners.

Story Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to today's story? *David lived before Jesus' day. He could not know just how great God's love would be in sending His Son to die for His people's sins. Yet, he looked forward with the faith God gave him, knowing that one day God would send the Messiah and that He would even come from his family. Even though he did not yet know all about this greatest show of God's love for him through Jesus, David knew God's great love for him and his unworthiness. David deserved only God's punishment for his secret sins of killing and taking Bathsheba as his own wife. God did punish David, but not as he deserved. He sent the prophet Nathan to show David his sin that he could confess it and be forgiven.*

Life Application Questions

1. How can God's people be affected by the message of this song?

They can remember how great God's love is for them, though they are sinners. They can gratefully thank Jesus for His great sacrifice made that they could never deserve.

2. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins, confessing them to God and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Bible Connection Question

1. What does this hymn have to do with our Bible Verse: **1 John 1:8-9**: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."?

We are all sinners. We are unworthy of God's forgiveness. But God is faithful and just....and oh, so, merciful. He sent Jesus to save all who confess their sins to Him, turn away from their sins, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God's people know that God has forgiven them and not through any easy way, but through the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. When they think about how Jesus, the very Son of God, died to save them, they wonder at His glorious love and their own unworthiness.

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this hymn?

Praise God for being the merciful God sent His Son Jesus to die for His people's sins.

2. What are sins we can confess to God from this hymn?

That many times we don't marvel at how great God's love is. We don't think much about how Jesus suffered and died, taking God's people's punishment, so that they could be saved.

3. What is something we can thank God for from this hymn?

We can thank God His glorious love that would send Jesus to save His people.

4. What is something we can ask God for from this hymn?

That God would work in our hearts that we confess our sins, might turn from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. We can ask Him to help us to come to Him and be forgiven. We can ask Him to help us wonder at His glorious love shown through Jesus.

Gospel Question

1. God's people marvel at God's love shown to them through Jesus? What is this amazing good news of God's love? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who've rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth as a man to save sinners. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who's ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Song Game: Word Take Away

Materials

Sign Language Signs and Song

White board and marker

Eraser

Preparing the Game

1. Write the words to the song on a white board.

Playing the Game

1. After children have learned the song and signs well, then tell the children that you are going to leave out words from the song (that you've learned signs for) and just do the sign in its place.
2. Have the children help you choose a word to take out. Erase the word from the board. Review the sign the for erased word.
3. Sing the song, trying to remember to NOT sing the word and do only the sign.
4. Continue to take out words until all of the words (with signs) have been taken out.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

choose a FEW questions for discussion, then choose the game and/or music activity

Meditation Version: 1 John 1:8-9

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: 1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Understanding the Bible Verse

1. What does it mean to "claim to be without sin"? *To say that you do not sin.*
2. What does it mean to "deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us"? *To fool ourselves into thinking something is true that is not.*
3. *Why do we know that we are deceiving ourselves if we say we are without sin?* Because everyone is a sinner. No one is without sin.
4. What does it mean to "confess our sins"? *To tell our sins to God with a humble heart and with a desire to not do them anymore.*
5. What does God promise to do if we confess our sins? *To forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.*
6. What does it mean to "purify us from all unrighteousness"? *He will not hold our sins against us and he will work in our hearts so that we sin less against Him while we live here on earth. And, when we die, He will completely change us so that we will sin no more. Then, we will truly be purified from all unrighteousness.*
7. Why will God do this for us? *Because He is faithful: He promised to forgive those who confess their sins, so He will. And because He is just: Jesus gave His life as the perfect offering in the place of all who turn to confess their sins to God. He already paid for their sins, so God is just (that is, fair) to not ask us to pay for them, too.*
8. What did Jesus' story show the tax collectors and other sinners that God would do for even them, if they humbly confessed their sins to Him? *That He would save them, even though they had been terrible sinners.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. What does this verse have to do with the **Bible Truth: God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins?**

This verse reminds us that we are all sinners. We deceive ourselves if we think we are not. But, the good news is, that if we admit we are sinners and confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and save us through Jesus.

Story Connection Questions

1. How did David deceive himself at first? *He didn't want to think about how he was sinning when he took Bathsheba and when he killed Uriah.*
2. Did David confess his sins to God? How did God respond to David? *David did humbly confess his sins to God. He turned away from what he did and asked God for forgiveness. God forgave David his sins.*

Life Application Questions

1. What does God promise to do for us, if we turn away from our sins and humbly confess our sins to Him? *He will forgive us, too, and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this Bible Verse? *Praise God for being the Purifier of Unrighteous of His People.*
2. What are sins we can confess to God from this Bible Verse?
That we are all sinners. We need to be purified of our unrighteousness. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!
3. What is something we can thank God for from this Bible Verse?
We can thank God making the promise of purifying from unrighteousness ALL who come to Him, confessing their sins, turning away from them and trusting Jesus as their Savior. There is no one too sinful to be forgiven by God.
4. What is something we can ask God for from this Bible Verse?
We can ask God to work in our hearts that we would want to confess our sins, turn away from disobeying Him and trust in this wonderful Jesus as our own Savior. That He would work in the hearts of others, in this way, too.

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The Gospel

1. How did people become sinners in need of God's forgiveness? How can they receive His forgiveness? What is the good news of Jesus? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Day at the Beach

Materials

- Bible verse written up in large print so that all can see
- 2 large pieces of paper or poster board
- 10 or so various beach items, per team
(shells, sunglasses, beach balls, lotion bottle, fish, sand bucket, shovel, etc.)
- Paper, marker
- 1 towel (preferably beach towel) per team

Preparing the Game

1. Make copy of the verse per team and cut it apart into as many parts as many pieces as beach articles per team. Number this verse pieces in order and tape them to the beach articles.
2. Make a sign per team of the verse. If you have a lot of non- or early readers, write the verse in easy to read print, numbering each word/section that correspond to the sections on the cut-up version of the verse. If your children are all proficient readers, do not write the verse on the poster board, but simply draw lines and number them 1-10, corresponding to the 10 verse pieces.
3. Write down and cut out the numbers used on the verse pieces and put in a little bag or jar.
4. Use masking tape to mark starting line.
5. Tape the numbered verse pieces to the beach items and make a pile for each team at the far end of the relay area.
6. Place a towel at the starting line for each team.

Learning the Verse

Some or all of your children may be non- or early readers. Teach the verse in sections, having them say it after you. Repeat a few times. Add clapping or other movement as they say it.

Directions

1. If desired, lead the children in a discussion of a **FEW** of the most important questions before beginning game.
2. Explain the game to them as follows:
WARNING: Limit the children to walking quickly if you have a slick floor.
Divide the children into teams. Explain everyone will say the verse together, then you will pull out a number from your bag. The first two children in each line will rush down to the other end of the relay area with the ends of the towel in each partner's hands. The partners are to say the verse to the leader, then they are to find the beach item with the corresponding number in their beach towel for them to carefully carry back to the "beach house" (start). If they drop it, they have to go all the way back and start again. When all items have been retrieved, they are to place them in verse order. The team will then put all the pieces in verse order. If working with less confident readers, point out to them that they can use the sign you made and the numbers in the verse pieces as hints to help them line it up properly. After getting it in order, the team will finish by saying the verse all together. The first team to do so, wins.

Non-competitive Option

Don't split the children into teams. Have only one set of beach items. Have the children take turns retrieving the items in pairs and adding it to the class beach house. Together they will work to put the verse together after collecting all the beach items are collected.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

If We Say We Have No Sin

If we say we have no sin,
We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,
The truth is not in us.
If we say we have no sin,
We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,
The truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

First John One, verses eight and nine.

Listen to it on PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 7

Song Game: Big Voice, Little Voice

Materials

Song
Sign language signs used in the song printed out onto little cards
Blindfold

Preparing the Game

None.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well. Then tell them: "Children, we are going to hide a sign language sign and see if one of you can find it... with a little help from the rest of us!"
2. Choose someone to be "It" and blindfold them. Choose another child to hide one of the sign language cards. When it's hidden, "It" can remove the blindfold and begin to look.
3. The rest of the children will sing the song in a louder voice when "It" gets closer to the hidden sign and quieter when "It" gets further from the sign.
4. When "It" finds the hidden clue, another "It" is chosen and play begins again.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

STORY REVIEW

Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

General Story Questions

1. What did David do that spring that was unusual for him? *Stay home instead of go off to war with his soldiers.*
2. When did David see Bathsheba? *When he went up on the roof one evening.*
3. Why did David steal Bathsheba? *She was very beautiful. He chose to turn away from God's goods laws and do what he wanted to do.*
4. What did David plan to do to keep it a secret that he stole Uriah's wife? *Have Uriah killed in battle.*
5. What was foolish about Joab's battle plan? *Endangered many soldiers by letting them get close to the walls of Rammah.*
6. Why did Joab decide to let the soldiers get so close to the walls of Rammah? *He was commanded to do so by David, so that Uriah would be killed.*
7. What did David hope people would think when they saw he had married Uriah's wife about Uriah had died? *That he was a good man who was taking care of his faithful soldier's wife.*
8. Who could David not hide his sin from? *From God.*
9. How did Nathan tell David about his sin? *In a story about a man's little pet lamb being taken from him and killed and eaten by another man who was very rich.*
10. What did God's Law say should be done for people who stole someone's wife or killed someone on purpose? *They should be stoned to death.*
11. Does God's Law say God's people should do that now? *No. Some of God's Laws were written especially for the people of Israel who lived in the kingdom of Israel during that time. Those punishments were just for them.*
12. What did David do when Nathan confronted him with his sin? *He confessed it to God and repented. He asked God to forgive him.*
13. What did the LORD do for David when he confessed his sin? *Forgave him.*
14. Did David have any consequences for his sins, even though God forgave him? *Yes, God said trouble would come upon his house that would not have if he hadn't sinned like this.*
15. Is there really anything such as a secret sin? *No.*

Bible Truth Connection Questions

1. What does this story have to do with our Bible Truth? *What does our story have to do with our Bible Truth? David was a sinner who confess his sins to God and was forgiven. David deserved God's punishment, but God, in His great mercy, chose to save him instead.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does the story have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9**: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."?
David confessed his secret sins to God and God forgave him, even these terrible sins. He purified David from all unrighteousness.

Life Application Questions

1. What should we do with sins we try to keep secret? *Confess them to God, turn away from them and ask His forgiveness.*
2. How are we like David? *We are sinners who need to confess our sins to God. Many times we have sins that we try to hide from others and from God.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for being that we learned in our story? *Praise God for being the Forgiver of His Sinful People.*
2. What is something we can confess as sin that we learned in our story? *Confess that we, like David, have been secret sinners who hide our sins from God. We deserve God's punishment. We all need to confess our sins to Him and ask His forgiveness! We need a Savior!*
3. What is something we can thank God for that we learned in our story? *We can thank God for being so good to David that He would send Nathan to help bring him to see his sin and confess it. How merciful and kind God is to His people!*
4. What is something we can ask God for that we learned in our story? *We can ask God to work in our hearts, helping us to confess our sins—even our secret sins-- turn away from them and trust Jesus as our own Savior.*

The Gospel

1. David lived before Jesus' day, but many times he wrote about the coming Savior in his Psalms. God promised David that this Savior would be one of his great, great, great, etc. grandsons. David looked forward in faith to that day. The day when the good news of salvation through Jesus would be revealed. What is that good news of salvation through Jesus? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Yes, No & Go!**Materials**

Various detective looking items (a hat, dark glasses, tie, suit, watch, etc)

Paper and Marker

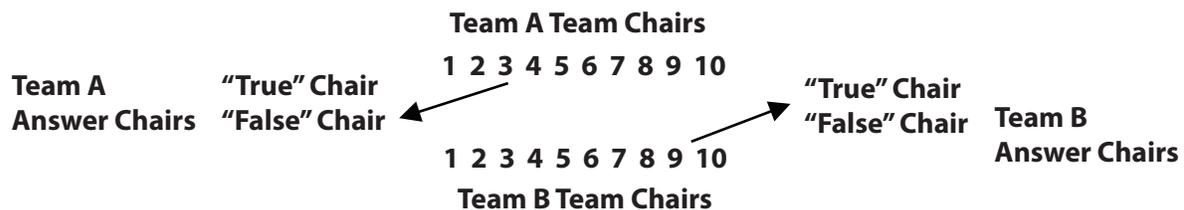
Tape

Story Review Questions

Preparing the Game

1. Use the Story Review questions for ideas to come up with 20+ statements that are true, false, or not in the story.

2. Set up the chairs in two lines, with chairs facing each other. Each chair should be spaced far enough from its neighboring chairs so that a child could run around it. Place at each end of the rows, two chairs that also face towards the middle. Write the words "true" and "false" on 2 index cards each and tape each to one of the chairs at the end of the rows. There should be one set of true and false chairs at one end and one set at the other end, one set for each team. With the remaining index cards, make 2 sets of numbers that correspond to the number of chairs in each long row. (If 5 chairs on a side, then number two sets of cards from 1 to 5.) Tape these numbers to the back/bottom of each chair. Have the numbers descend on one side and ascend on the other side. (i.e., if using numbers 1 to 5, then number 1 on one row be across from number 5, number 2 across from number 4, etc.) See diagram for illustration of chair set up.

**Playing the Game**

Divide the children into two teams and have them take their places in the chairs. Assign the child the number on their chair. After everyone is seated, the leader reads one of the true/false/not in the story statements and then calls out a number. The player from each team with that number is to run to sit in their team's true or false chair. If the answer is not in the story, the children are to run around their chair and sit down in their seat with arms folded over their chest. The first of the players to make it to the correct seat scores a point for his team.

Play continues as statement cards last, or as time and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Instead of using two sets of the same numbers for each "team," use only one set of numbers. (For example, instead of having two sets of chairs numbered from 1-10, number the chairs from 1-20). And, have only one true/false chair. The child whose number is called runs to the right chair.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children.

CASE REPLAY ACTIVITIES

Use this guide to review the Case Story and act it out for others to enjoy!

CASE REPLAY, JR: YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Description: The children will act out the story together, everyone doing the same action/sound effect at the same time. This activity is most suitable for kindergarteners.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Jr. script for younger children

Preparation

1. Read through the script and write in the blanks along the side possible actions/sound effects the children could do to act it out.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will be re-enacting the story together as you tell it.
2. As you read the script, lead the children in actions/sound effects to do with you.
3. If desired, you can read the script and stop at certain sentences and ask them what a good action/sound effect would be to act out what you just read.
4. Repeat the re-enactment one or two times more.

CASE REPLAY, SR: OLDER CHILDREN

Description: The children act out the story as a three-scene play. You will narrate it using the Case RePlay, Sr. script and they will act it out (no spoken words, for the most part), with each child assuming a different character's role. This activity is most suitable for first grade and up. You will review the story, then practice it a few times before performing it for others.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Sr. script
White board or other large format paper
Costumes and props

Preparation

1. Prepare for the play by choosing costumes and props for each character in the story. Decorate the area with any scenery props.
2. Write the words "Beginning," "Middle," "End" on a large piece of paper/whiteboard with plenty of space under each heading. You will use this paper to help the children think about the story as a three-scene play, as it is presented in the script.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will get to act out the story as a three-scene play, with a beginning, middle and end section. Tell them that before they can act it out, they need to think it out. as you narrate it with your script.
2. Take the children's answers as they recount the story, helping them put key incidents in the right order.
3. If desired, when they have filled in their Beginning, Middle, End, read through your whole (real) script, so they hear exactly what you will have them act out.
4. Then tell the children that it's time to practice acting out the story.
5. Assign parts to each child. If you are using costumes, do NOT give them out at this point. They will be a distraction.
6. Have all the children sit on the floor or in chairs on one side of the "stage," then call the characters up in place as their part in the story comes.
7. As you read the script, guide the children in where you want them to move or do to act it out.
8. After going through the whole script once, give out any costumes and props and act out the script once or twice more.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Re-enacting the Story

Read the script as the children act out together (younger) or assuming different roles (older) as the other children or the parents watch.

CASE REPLAY, JR--YOUNGER KIDS (KINDERGARTEN) P.2

Welcome to our play! The name of our story is: The Case of the Not-So-Secret Sinner .

This story takes place in Old Testament times about 1040 years before Jesus lived on earth.

And now we present: "The Case of the Not-So-Secret Sinner."

Scene 1:

The trouble begins one spring, King David decides to stay in Jerusalem and to not go to war against the Ammonites. He lets General Joab lead the soldiers in their battle against Rammah, instead. One evening, David goes up on his roof to walk around. He sees a beautiful woman and wants to know who she is. His servant tells him that it is Bathsheba, Uriah's wife. David knows it's wrong, but he steals her from Uriah.

Actions:

Scene 2:

Bathsheba is soon expecting a baby—David is the father. David doesn't want Uriah to find out. He tries to keep his sin secret. He sends orders for General Joab to put Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, in the fiercest part of the battle against the Ammonites so that he will die. Joab obeys. Joab chooses a battle plan against the Ammonites that puts the Israelites right under the walls of Rammah. Usually, David and Joab would never do something like this, but David is trying to cover up his sin. Many are killed, including Uriah. Joab sends word back to David by a messenger. David makes Bathsheba his wife now that Uriah is dead. He thinks he's covered up his sin.

Scene 3

But the LORD sends Nathan the prophet to show David that his sin is not hidden. Nathan tells David a parable about a rich man who takes and eats the dear, little pet lamb of a poor man. David is furious. Nathan shows David that he is like the rich man in the parable. David finally confesses his sin and seeks God's forgiveness. According to God's law, David deserves to be stoned for his sins, but God forgives David.

Note about drama: I have been careful to leave in the key elements to the story, while being sensitive to the nature of David's sin and the ages of the children listening to the story. ..and the fact that this is a drama! I think it ample for the children to know that David thought Bathsheba attractive without adding in the fact that she is bathing when he sees her. I also think it is enough for Bathsheba to be pregnant without presenting more details. Please use your discretion to adapt the story even more. You easily could leave out the pregnancy and just say that he wanted to snatch Uriah's wife.

Bible Truth Tie-In: The Bible Truth we are learning is: **God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins.** David had terrible secret sins that he deserved to die for. Yet, God forgave David's sins when he confessed them to Him.

CASE REPLAY, SR--OLDER KIDS (1ST GRADE AND UP) P.3

Welcome to our play! The name of our story is: The Case of the Not-So-Secret Sinner.

This story takes place in Old Testament times, about 1040 years before Jesus lived on earth.

The characters in our story are: Joab; Israelite soldiers; David; Bathsheba; Servants; Ammonite soldiers; Uriah; Messengers; Nathan the Prophet; Poor man; and the Rich man.

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A Precious, Pet Lamb

Description

The children will make a stand-up wooly lamb using Q-tips or paper curls, jiggly eyes and ribbon

Materials

Lamb Pattern

Ribbon

Jiggly eyes

Craft Glue

Cardstock

Preparing the Craft

1. Print out 1 copy of the Lamb Template per child onto cardstock.
2. Cut off the ends of the Q-tips, discarding the middle part.
3. Fold each Lamb along the dashed line across the middle, then open back up again.
4. Set other supplies.

Making the Craft

1. Show children your sample.
2. Have the children glue the Q-tip ends to both pictures of the sheep, leaving the face blank.
3. Glue on jiggly eyes.
4. Add a ribbon bow, if desired.
5. Fold the lamb along the dashed line again and stand up the Lamb

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Craft Presentation

If you are presenting the craft to other children or parents the children can hold up their crafts (or your model craft) and read their Bible Truth Connection answers to explain the importance of the craft.

CASE CRAFT**Discussion Guide****Instructions:**

As the children are settled into making their craft, ask them these questions to help them understand the craft's significance. Use the answers provided to guide the children's answers.

Discussion Questions

1. Where did King David decide to stay instead of go to war? *In Jerusalem.*
2. What did the prophet Nathan tell King David after he had sinned? *A story about a poor man's precious pet lamb being stolen and eaten by a rich man.*
3. Why did Nathan tell David this story? What did the LORD want David to know and to do? *It was a picture of what David did by taking Bathsheba from Uriah. The LORD wanted David to know that He knew about David's secret sin and wanted him to confess it.*
4. What is Bible Truth that we are learning? *God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins.*
5. What does our craft have to do with our Bible Truth: God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins. *David did some terrible things because of his secret sin. But when David confessed his sin and turned away from it, the LORD forgave him.*
6. What can our craft help us remember? *God sees everything, even our secret sins. He wants us to confess all our sins to Him. When we confess them, turn away from them and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and save us.*

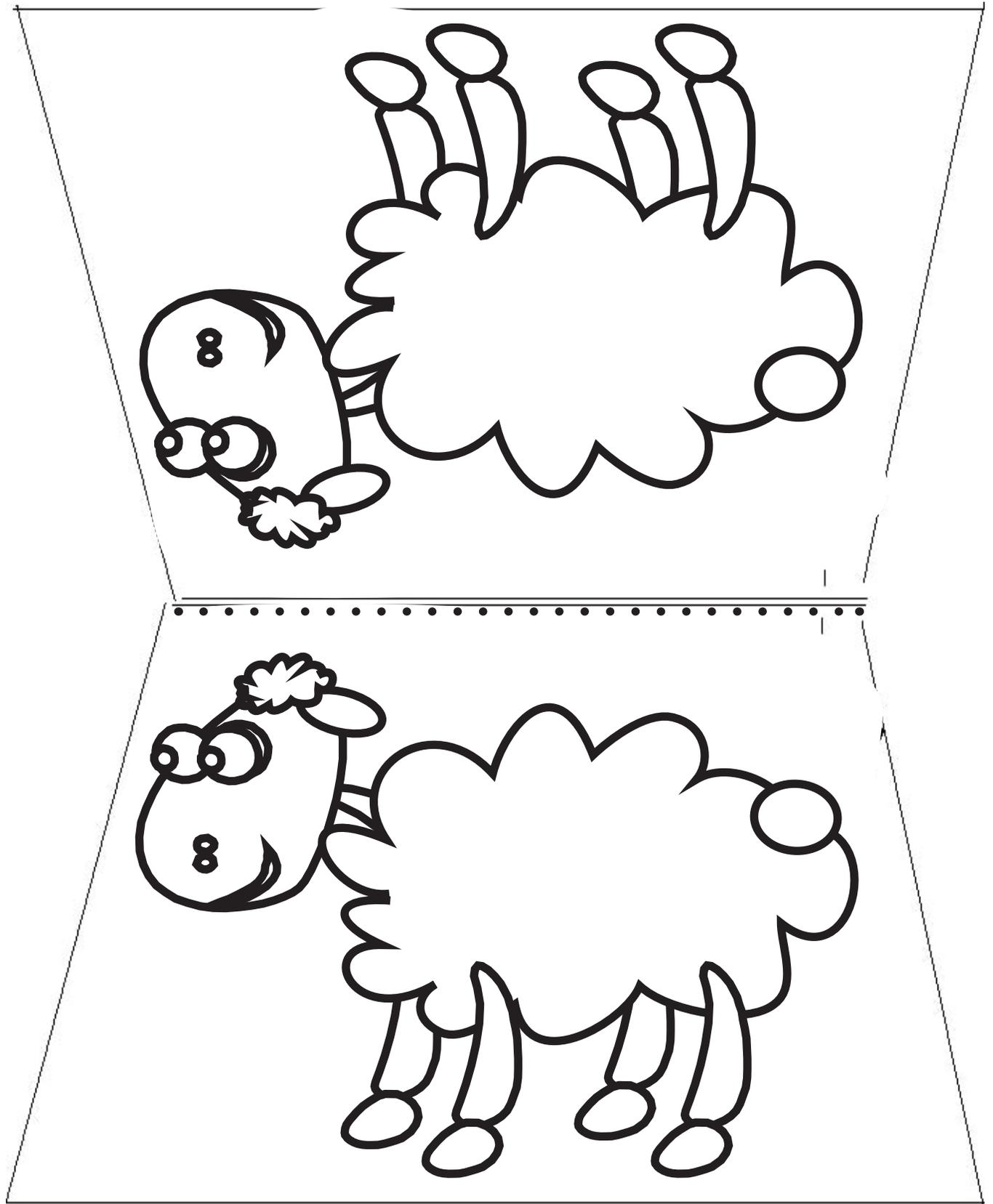
TAKING IT TO OTHERS**Craft Presentation****Instructions:**

Have children hold up your model craft/their crafts. Choose five children (or you say) the five sections below to explain the craft's importance.

Presentation:

1. Our craft is: A Precious, Pet Lamb.
2. In Jerusalem, the prophet Nathan tells King David a story about a poor man's precious pet lamb, stolen and eaten by a rich man as a picture of what David did by taking Bathsheba from Uriah. The LORD wanted David to know that He knew about David's secret sin and wanted him to confess it.
3. Our Bible Truth is: God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins.
4. David did some terrible things because of his secret sin. But when David confessed his sin and turned away from it, the LORD forgave him.
5. Our craft can help us remember that God sees everything, even our secret sins. He wants us to confess all our sins to Him. When we confess them, turn away from them and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He will forgive us and save us.

Note: Even non-readers can participate in presenting the craft, if you will whisper what they are to say in their ear and let them say it aloud for the others to hear.



BEFORE CLASS:**1. PICK YOUR PERSON**

VIPPs can be anyone in your church! Typically, they fall into 6 categories: Church staff, Elders, Deacons/deaconesses, Special Volunteers (people who aren't paid, but spend a lot of time helping out in particular ways), Supported Workers (aka missionaries), and Church Members.

2. GATHER YOUR FACTS

Use the VIPP Information Sheet to write down the facts about your VIPP. The information on this worksheet is used in the VIPP activities, listed in the "Choose an Activity" section below.

DURING THE ACTIVITY:**1. INTRODUCE YOUR VIPP**

Introduce your VIPP to the children, using the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. If desired, you can even have the actual person come into class for the children to meet.

Need help describing what someone does for the church in a kid-friendly way? Check out the list of common VIPPs on the Praise Factory website in the PFI resources. There are lots of kid-friendly descriptions for common VIPP's, such as pastors, elders, deacons and a lot more.

2. PRAY!

Lead the children in praying for the VIPP. Ask the children if they would like to pray for one of the VIPPs prayer requests. Even non-readers can pray for the VIPP if you whisper the prayer request in their ear, then let them say it aloud. Never force a child to pray!

3. CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

There are two activities you can use to help the children learn about the VIPP:

VIPP Clue Cards: These are nine coloring sheets in which children fill in the nine things they learn about the VIPP from the VIPP Information Sheet. Photocopy a set of each child. Use as few or as many of these Clue Cards as you desire. They are found in the back of this book.

VIPP Game: This is a game that uses a set of Clue Cards for one or two VIPPs.

Choose a VIPP and fill in his/her information on the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. Tell the children about the VIPP, having them fill in the VIPP Clue Cards with the key facts as they learn them. Write any words the children need to write on a white-board or other piece of paper so they can see how to spell them. Help younger children write these words on their clue cards. Ideas for how to tell the children about many common VIPPs are listed at praisefactory.org with the resources for this Bible Truth.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Introduce and Pray for the VIPP

If you are presenting the VIPP to other children or parents you can assign children to hold up the 10 clue cards and say what each card tells about the VIPP. (Or, you can have the children hold them up as you tell what each one means.) Then lead the children in praying for the VIPP.

Game: Stop and Go

Materials

Information for one VIPP
2 Sets of Clue Cards
8 8.5" x 11" Manilla Envelopes
Ball
Blindfold
Bag

Preparing the Game

1. Fill in one set of clue sheets for the VIPP you are using.
2. Tape the other (blank) set of Clue Cards to the outside of the manilla envelopes.
3. Put the filled-in clue cards in the corresponding envelope.
4. Put all the Clue Cards envelopes in a bag, except for the ones with the names and pictures of the VIPPs.

Playing the Game

Reveal: Tell the children about the VIPP, showing them your filled-in clue cards as you tell about them.

Review: Have the children stand or sit in a circle. Choose one child to be the Caller. The Caller stands in the center of the circle, blindfolded. Hand the ball to a child in the circle. At the Caller's "Go" command, the ball is passed around the circle. It is passed around until the Caller says "Stop." Whoever has the ball when the Caller says stop chooses a Clue Card envelope. The child (or the teacher) tells the class the Clue Card category and asks them if they can remember the answer for the VIPP. The envelope is opened to see what the answer is. If the children get it right, the category is retired. If they get it wrong, it goes back into the pile of envelopes.

VIPP INFORMATION SHEET

VIPP NAME:

WHAT VIPP LOOKS LIKE

Man or Woman? _____

Hair color? _____

Eye color? _____

FAVORITE ANIMAL

FAVORITE FOOD

FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITY

WHAT VIPP DOES DURING WEEK

VIPP GROUP OF SERVICE:

Church Member

Deacon

Elder

Church Staff

Special Volunteer

Supported Worker
(Missionary)

3 WAYS VIPP SERVES CHURCH

**3 WAYS TO PRAY FOR
THE VIPP**
