

Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to grow a faith of their own.

Month 10 Week 3

REPENT

READ:

John 13-17

Heart graffiti:

Repentance isn't just about being sorry. It isn't even just about trying to do better. It is about realizing our vulnerability to Satan's schemes and our need for a Savior. It involves having the humility it takes to not strive for our own success and perfection and worthiness, but to turn to His. It means that in our weakness, when we have realized that there is an end to our own capability, we are ready to yield to His transforming work. To repent means even more than turning away from sin, it means turning toward God.

We were never designed to live apart from Him. In the Garden, people as they were meant to be weren't perfectly capable and without need. Being **vulnerable** is not a result of the fall, but is simply part of our design. It's really the refusal to believe that we need God that we need to repent of. From the point that Adam and Eve tried to pretend nothing was wrong by not exposing themselves to God, things really went downhill. They were quick to confess the fault of another, but not their own. They, like us, preferred their own broken **cisterns** to the living water that God offers.

“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Jeremiah 2:13

What are some of the things that you
Think will make you “right” with God?

How can those keep you from God's
saving grace? _____



SEEING THE NEED

Repentance is about seeing our need for God's grace. A couple of my children recently had a need for my grace, only they would not admit it. In fact, they responded with anger to the suggestion that there was any error on their part. They were totally unable to receive any worth from the gift that I was trying to hand them because in their own minds they had made **justification** for their actions. They preferred the leaky cistern of false **righteousness** over my freely offered gift of grace. It really saddened me. By denying the grace I offered, they missed my expression of love for them, and saw it instead as malice. They have lost some of the future trust that I had wanted to extend to them because they denied the forgiveness that I wanted so badly to grant them. By passing off the blame, they passed off the blessing with it. They grumbled about such small matters even being addressed. But there is nothing small about learning an attitude of repentance. It is a matter of life and death. Dropping our pride in our own self-righteousness to be cleansed by Jesus is essential to our salvation. That is what I wanted them to learn because that is what God says to us.

Name a time that you tried to justify a sin by blaming someone else: _____



Fill in the missing words:

“If you do what is

_____,
Will you not be

_____?
But if you do not do
what is right,

_____ is
crouching at your
door; it

To have you, but you
must master it.”

Genesis 4:7

Have you ever been angry at someone else because **you** chose what was wrong? _____

Look up the meanings of these words. How would you explain them to a younger child?

Vulnerable

Cisterns

Justification

Righteousness



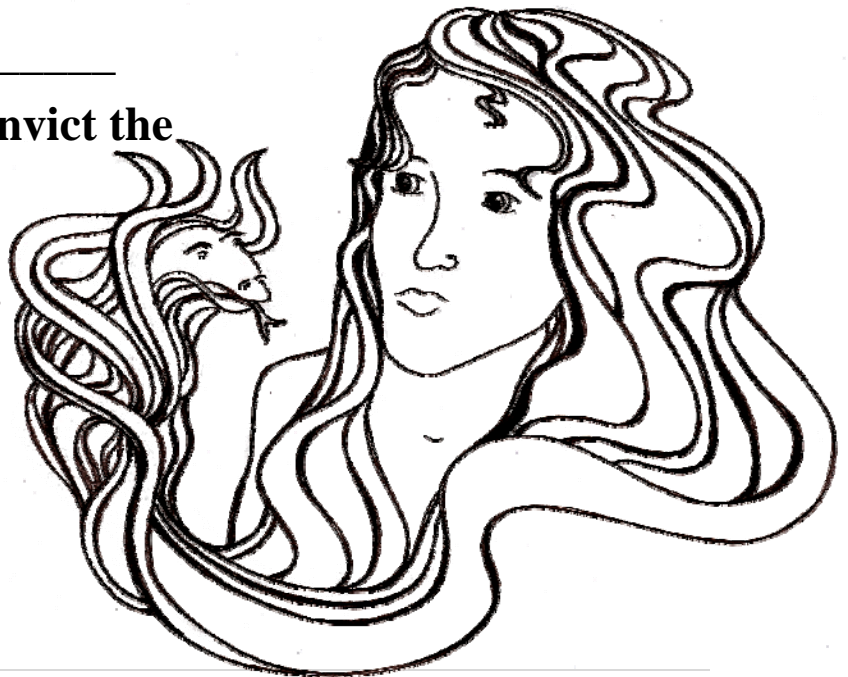
PUZZLE PAGE

John 13-17

Use the clues to help you unscramble each of the words below:

1. **COOLNURSE** _____ given by God to teach us
14:26
2. **HUTRT** _____ the Spirit guides us into this 16:13
3. **FINDERS** _____ what Jesus calls us 15:15
4. **CHBARN** _____ the ones without fruit are cut
off 15:2
5. **TEXCLAY** Jesus does _____ what the Father
commands 14:31
6. **OWLDR** _____ we don't belong to it 15:19
7. **SOWIND** _____ what Peter would do to Jesus
13:38
8. **EXPELAM** _____ what Jesus set for the
disciples 13:15
9. **IGLUT** _____
the Counselor will convict the
world of this 16:8
10. **FIGRE**

will turn to joy 16:20



TIPS for parents and teachers

1. Counselor
2. Truth
3. Friends
4. Branch
5. Exactly
6. World
7. Disown
8. Example
9. Guilt
10. grief

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