

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<<

WE ARE TO REPENT OF SIN

Matthew 3

FAMILY
DISCUSSION
STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Pray for your teachers, classmates, co-workers, or family members who need to hear about Jesus. Ask God to give you the opportunity this week to tell them who Jesus is and what He has done to save us.
- **Evenings:** Take time to repent and ask God for forgiveness of sin. Ask for His help in turning away from the sins that are repeated in your life. What does it mean to repent? Why is it good to confess sin to God and to one another?

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE
STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

JOHN CALLED PEOPLE TO REPENT. WHEN WE REALIZE THAT OUR SIN DESERVES GOD'S PUNISHMENT AND TRUST IN JESUS TO SAVE US, WE CAN TURN FROM OUR SINS AND LIVE FOR JESUS. JESUS CHANGES OUR HEARTS SO WE CAN LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is repentance?

Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

Dear Families,

Have you ever seen one of those TV shows where people buy an old, run-down house and make it look totally new again? It's always fascinating to see how they can take something that everyone believed was ruined and make it into something beautiful and special. But that is nothing compared to the work God does to bring dead hearts back to life!

John the Baptist pointed people to Jesus. He lived in the wilderness, ate locusts and honey, and he told the people to prepare for the coming Messiah. As John saw Jesus coming toward Him, he called Jesus the lamb who takes away the sin of the world. John knew Jesus is the Messiah that brings new life to dead things.

If we repent and believe in Him, Jesus forgives our sin and changes our hearts. We are credited with His righteousness and our changed hearts want to follow and obey Him. Those who are dead in their sin find new life in Jesus! It is the greatest restoration project you could ever imagine!

John called people to repent. When we realize that our sin deserves God's punishment and trust in Jesus to save us. We can turn from our sins and live for Jesus. Jesus changes our hearts so we can love God and people.

Pray: *Jesus, You are the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Help us to turn away from sin and turn to You. Give us opportunities like John to point others to You.*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

For Fun: Plan a trip to a flea market or secondhand store. Work as a family to select an item that you think you can "flip" into something new and better. It could be a new coat of paint on a lamp or a complete re-purpose of an old coffee table. Over the next few weeks, work on the renovation project and discuss how Jesus gives the ultimate restoration and renovation by giving us new hearts when we believe in Him.

To Serve: Volunteer as a family to renovate an elderly neighbor's flower beds or paint part of his or her house. Talk with kids about how this project reminds us of the work Jesus does in the hearts of those who believe in Him. While we were dead in sin, Jesus died for us to give us new life if we repent and believe in Him!



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

Therefore repent and
turn back, so that your
sins may be wiped out.

-Acts 3:19