



Prayer For Forgiveness

MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (KJV)

TAKE HOME POINT:

Pray the Prayer of Forgiveness when you feel bad about something you did.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The purpose of this lesson is threefold:

1. To teach kids to pray the Prayer of Forgiveness.
2. What you do after you pray.
3. What we do if we want forgiveness from God.

The prayer of forgiveness is a prayer that everyone should know how to pray. By knowing how to pray the prayer of forgiveness, we will be able to re-establish our relationship with God and with others.

How to pray the prayer of forgiveness: The Bible tells us in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins." This is the prayer that you pray when you feel bad about something that you did and you want to re-connect with God. It is kind of like telling your parents you are sorry when you disobey them. When you do this with your parents, you are restoring your relationship with them.

What you do after you pray: Sometimes after you pray you may still feel bad about what you did. This is normal and does not mean that God has not forgiven you. It doesn't mean He didn't hear you. It simply means that you need to walk by faith and not by how you feel. Receive God's forgiveness. Forgive yourself and leave the past behind. There is nothing you can do to change the past.

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What do you do if you want God to forgive you: The Bible says in Mark 11:25, “And when you stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” So basically, if you want God to forgive you, then you need to forgive others. Has someone done something against you that makes you mad every time you think about it? Then you need to forgive them and forget it. The Bible also tells us that there is no limit to how many times we need to forgive one another.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #4
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Pray the Prayer of Forgiveness when you feel bad about something you did.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (KJV)
_____	8. Drama:	Det. Drake, "The Big Embarrassment"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Water Your Plants
_____	10. Short Film:	"The Easter Tragedy"
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Run Your Race
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Episode #4

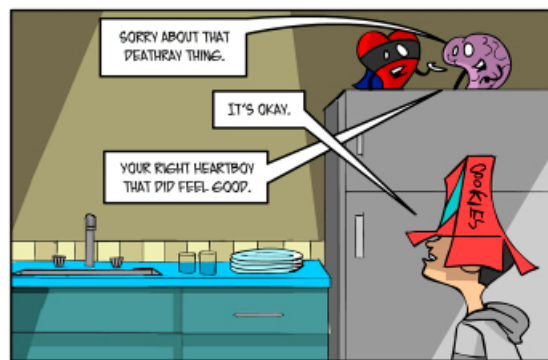
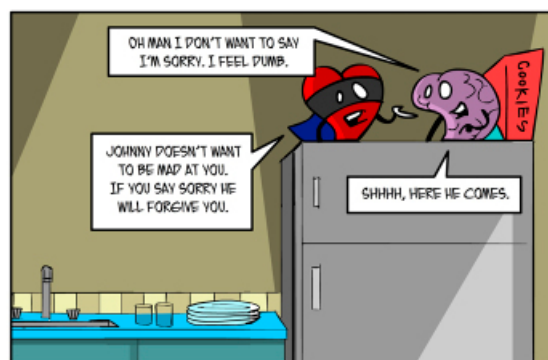
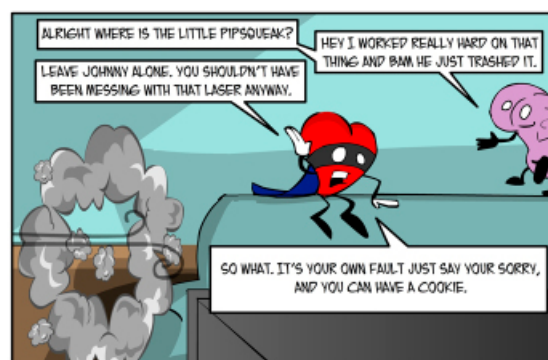
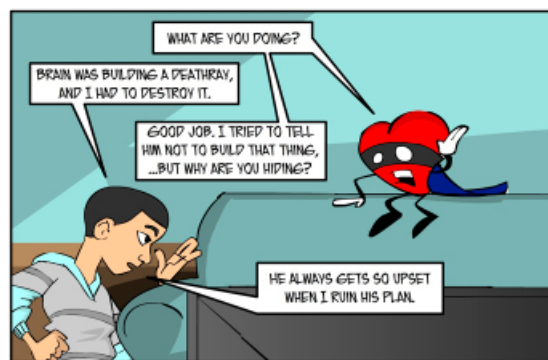
▶ TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Motion Comic, Johnny asks the question, “What is the Bottom Line?” Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question, “**What is the Memory Verse?**” Again, words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.





DRAMA

Detective Drake: "The Big Embarrassment"

TAKE HOME POINT: Learn how God will always forgive you.

CHARACTERS: Detective Drake

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper bag
Detective or Police Badge

Drama Script:

(The lights go out.)

Teacher: Hey! Who turned out the lights?

DD: I'm too ashamed to let you see me.

Teacher: Who said that? Oh, here's the light switch!

(The lights come back on. We see Detective Drake with a paper bag on his head.)

DD: I had nobody else to turn to. You have got to help me!

Teacher: We'll help you. What seems to be the problem?

DD: I'm just so embarrassed!

Teacher: Really? Why are you embarrassed?

(Detective Drake takes the bag off his head.)

DD: Because a detective should have the skills to figure out his own problems.

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Detective Drake: "The Big Embarrassment" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Detective Drake? It's you under that disguise?

DD: Here, take my detective badge. I don't deserve it anymore.

(Detective Drake hands the Teacher his badge)

Teacher: But why? What did you do?

DD: I did something so bad God could never forgive me.

Teacher: What could possibly be so bad that God wouldn't forgive you for it?

DD: I...kicked a cat.

Teacher: You kicked a cat? That's pretty bad, but I think God will forgive you. What do you think kids?

(Allow the kids time to respond)

DD: That's not all. I kicked the cat so hard it flew across the yard and over the fence!

Teacher: Oh no! I hope the cat's okay. Where did he land?

DD: If he had landed a few feet to the right, he would have hit a cactus; and if he had landed a few feet to the left, he would have landed right on the hot barbecue!

(As Detective Drake gestures left and right DD and Teacher look and lean that way, and encourage the kids to do the same)

Teacher: Yikes! Where did the cat land?

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Detective Drake: "The Big Embarrassment" Drama Script — Continued

DD: The evidence suggests he landed right in the neighbor's pool and then he swam to safety.

Teacher: Woah! Good thing he landed in the pool, but you really shouldn't go around kicking cats! It's just plain mean.

DD: I know, I know, I feel bad enough already.

Teacher: Why did you kick the cat in the first place?

DD: He missed the litter box.

Teacher: Did he miss it by much?

DD: I'll say, the litter box is in the garage.

Teacher: And where did he, you know...Go?

DD: Right on Detective Drake's badge.

(The Teacher tosses the badge on the ground.)

Teacher: Yuck! Well, I'm sure God will forgive you if you ask him.

DD: I've been saying the prayer of salvation all day and I just don't feel like it's working.

Teacher: But Detective, you already said that prayer. You're a Christian right?

DD: Of course, but how else can I get God to forgive me than to say the prayer of salvation again?



Detective Drake: "The Big Embarrassment" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: When we need God to forgive us, we don't need to get born again a second time. We just need to pray the prayer of forgiveness and ask God to forgive us for what we did.

DD: Really? That's great news!

Teacher: Yeah, it really is.

DD: I'm going to pray for forgiveness right now.

Teacher: We'll see you next time Detective Drake.

DD: Bye kids!

(Detective Drake picks up his badge and exits the room.)

The End



OBJECT LESSON *Water Your Plants*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: **I John 1:9**, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (KJV)

TAKE HOME POINT: When we pray the prayer for forgiveness, we also use our faith. No matter what we feel like, God said He would forgive us.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plant that is thirsty and beginning to brown
- Watering can filled with water

PREPARATION: Place the brown plant and watering can on a table in front of the room.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

10 DAYS BEFORE YOU TEACH THIS LESSON.

- Purchase a small green plant about 10 days before you teach this lesson.
- Do not water the plant. Allow it to get brown, but do not let it die.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

Has your mom ever had a plant that she forgot to water?

(Hold up plant.)

When you see a plant that looks like this, what does it mean? The brown leaves tell me that my plant is thirsty. I’m going to water my plant.

(Pour some water onto the soil of the plant.)

Bummer. I watered my plant, but nothing happened. It’s still brown. Should I water it again?

(Water plant again.)

There must be something wrong with my water! My

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Water Your Plants Object Lesson — Continued

plant is still brown. What do you think? Should I keep watering my plant?

(Allow for response.)

How do I know that the water is helping my plant? I can't see a difference.

The prayer for forgiveness is kind of like this. Let's pretend that I did something I should not have, like said a bad word. I feel really bad about it. Well, the Bible says, "If I confess my sins He is faithful and just to forgive me." So I need to do the Word of God and confess my sin and pray the prayer of forgiveness.

"Father God, I am sorry for saying those bad words. I realize that it is sin. I thank you for forgiving me. In Jesus' name. Amen."

I prayed the prayer, but I still feel bad about what I said. Has this ever happened to you? How do I know that my prayer worked? How do I know that God forgave me? I still feel guilty.

Even though I don't feel any better, I know that God heard me because He said He would. I John 1:9 was written by God. It was his idea. He wouldn't tell me to confess my sins and then say, "No. I won't forgive you."



Water Your Plants Object Lesson — Continued

It is kind of like this plant. The plant does not look any better, but I have faith it will because I watered it.

Sometimes I don't feel any better when I pray the prayer for forgiveness; however, I know that God has forgiven me, because I asked Him to. What do I need to do?

- I need to forget the past.
- I need to forgive myself.
- I need to keep running my race.
- I need to keep reading my Bible and going to church.
- I need to walk by faith and the feeling of forgiveness will come, just like my plant will get green again.



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON** *Run Your Race*

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** Sin and unforgiveness will slow you down.
- **WHAT YOU NEED:**
 - Winter jacket - heavy
 - 2 duffle bags with about 20 lbs of stuff inside (Light enough for a 10-year-old to pick up, but heavy enough to weigh him down.)
 - "Sin" written on a piece of paper
 - "The Past" written on a piece of paper
- **CONTESTANTS:**
 - 2 ten-year-olds
- **PREPARATION:**
 - Put "Sin" inside one bag and "The Past" in the other bag.
 - Put a piece of masking tape on the floor that will serve as the start line and the finish line.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - Tell the kids they are going to run a race in a circle around the room.
 - Before you start the race, put the heavy coat on one of the kids. Ask that same kid to carry the two duffle bags.
 - Start the race. (The one child without the extra weights should win the race.)

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Talk about how all of the extra weight that one boy was carrying slowed him down. This is the same for us spiritually. God has a plan for you. He has a particular race that you are suppose to run. Some things will slow you down. (Take the bags of weight.) Let's see what is in this bag. (Open it up and pull out the paper and show to class.) One thing that will slow you down is sin. If we have sin in our life, how do we get rid of it? (Talk to the children about 1 John 1:9.) (Open the second bag.) What else will slow us down? Thinking about your past sins, or how other people have sinned against you, will also slow you down. The past is gone and should be forgotten. If you have asked God to forgive you, He has. Forgive yourself. Leave the past and keep running your race.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the **Digital Review Questions**.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. If you feel bad about something you did, what prayer should you pray?
 - a. Prayer of salvation
 - b. Prayer of forgiveness**
 - c. Prayer of faith
 - d. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
2. I John 1:9 says, “If we ____ ____ ____, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins.”
 - a. jump real high
 - b. shout really loud
 - c. run around the room
 - d. confess our sins**
3. After the prayer of forgiveness, what should you do if you still feel guilty?
 - a. Pray the prayer again
 - b. Eat three candy bars
 - c. Walk by faith**
 - d. Try crying a lot
4. What are some things that will slow you down in your spiritual race?
 - a. Sin
 - b. The past
 - c. Unforgiveness
 - d. All of the above**
5. How many times do we forgive our friends?
 - a. 17 times
 - b. 100 times
 - c. 1000 times
 - d. No limit**



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Detective Drake: "The Big Embarrassment" — Pages 5-8

Characters

_____ Detective Drake

Props

_____ Paper bag

_____ Detective or Police Badge

Object Lesson: Water Your Plants — Pages 9-11

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: *Purchase a small green plant about 10 days before you teach this lesson. Do not water the plant. Allow it to get brown, but do not let it die.*

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Inter-Active Lesson: Run Your Race — Page 12

_____ Winter jacket - heavy

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Small Group Club: Forgive & Forget

_____ 1 small piece of paper and pen for each student

_____ How many needed

_____ 1 trash can

_____ How many needed

_____ Activity page

_____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed