

Teaching point:- We sometimes make mistakes and do the wrong thing.
However if we are really sorry God always gives us another chance.

Game:- Object Race Divide the group into teams. A leader stands at one end of the room and calls out objects that the children will easily find amongst the group or in the room. Objects could include a hair band, a shoe, a pen, a watch, a sock, a person with blue eyes etc. Each team has a runner (this can be one person or they can take turns) who brings the object to you. The first runner to get to you with the object earns a point for his team.

Introduction:- Play games where a mistake means that the person who made it has a penalty but has chance to get back in. These games could be:-

- a.) **Head it catch it.** The children stand in a circle facing inwards. A leader stands in the centre holding a soft ball. The leader throws the ball to each child in turn at the same time saying 'head it' or 'catch it'. The child has to do the opposite i.e. catch it if the leader says head it and vice versa. If the child gets it wrong he/she stays in the game but has to go down on one knee, two mistakes is two knees a third is one arm behind the back etc. However if a child is on one knee and gets it right next time, he/she stands up so each time he gets it right his position is improved!
- b.) **Simon Says.** This is a well known game. Play it so that a child is out if he/she makes a mistake but comes back in the next time. The object is to get through the game without being out.

Story:- David and Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11 and 12. See resources section for story.

Application:- David made a bad mistake but he showed he was really sorry and God forgave him. David had to endure the death of his son. We often make bad mistakes too. Like David we need to be really sorry. That means that we need to ask God to give us the strength not to do it again. If we do this God will always forgive us and give us a fresh start.

Memory Verse:-

"If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins"..... 1 John 1 Verse 9. Write the verse out on a piece of card then cut the card up to make a puzzle. The children sit in a circle facing inwards and the puzzle pieces are placed at the other end of the hall. The children take it in turns to throw a dice. Any player who throws a one or a six runs to the puzzle takes a piece and brings it back to the team. When all the pieces have been collected the team puts the puzzle together to find out the verse. Repeat the verse with them a few times. For large groups divide the children into teams and have a puzzle for each team.

Song:- Wide and Long 12 New Children's Praise Songs Children's Ministry

Resources:- Funsheet, story

Prayer: You will need a sheet or blanket. Get the children to write 'sorry' prayers on pieces of paper. Screw up the prayers into balls; put them on the sheet or blanket. Everyone holds the edges of the blanket and on the count of 3 send the prayers into the air, towards heaven!

King David and Bathsheba

King David was a great king: he loved God, he won many battles and was very popular with his people but.....he was not perfect!

King David fell in love with a beautiful woman called Bathsheba. However, Bathsheba was already married to one of David's bravest soldiers! King David did something really bad! He sent Bathsheba's husband Uriah to war, making sure that Uriah would be at the front of the battle-line and very likely to get killed.

David's cunning plan worked and just as he had hoped, Uriah was killed in battle so that Bathsheba was free to marry David!

Bathsheba was very upset that her husband had died but after a time of mourning, she joined King David at his palace and they had a baby boy.

King David got what he wanted but God was not pleased with him!!!