

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER

What's the last thing that you had to apologize for at home?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Proverbs 4:18

Give each kid one word of the memory verse. They have to remember their word and then they all have to stand up and line up in order, so that when they say their word from left to right they will have said the memory verse.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Have the kids make up a skit about saying sorry.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Matthew 5:23-24

Why do you think God wants us to make things right with other people before we get right with him?

How many of you have ever said you were sorry, but didn't really mean it? In other words, were you more sorry for what you did, or for getting caught?

Why is it so hard to say we're sorry sometimes? Is it because we're not really sorry?

Read Psalm 51:1-9

How does David's attitude in this Psalm compare to famous people who are more sorry they got caught?

What are some actions we can take to show people we are sorry?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

We are sorry for the way we have treated others, and we are sorry for the times when we've said those words and not meant it. Forgive us for holding back, and help us to mean what we say when we apologize to others.

In Jesus' name,

Amen