

# WEEKLY *Family* DEVOTIONAL

September 22, 2019

## **Bible Point: God wants us to repent when we sin**

**Key Verse:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

We learned this week how Nathan came to David and told him about a rich man who stole a poor man's precious lamb. We learned that when Nathan told David he was that man David broke down and asked God for forgiveness. Like David, we need to repent and ask for forgiveness when we sin (2 Samuel 11:1–12:10; Psalm 51:1–12). Strengthen your family's faith learning and growth at home with this easy idea:

1. Talk about a time you hurt someone else and then had to ask that person for forgiveness. Share how that person responded to you and how you felt afterward. Then talk about a time you hurt someone and were unable or unwilling to ask that person for forgiveness.
2. Share what your relationship with that person is like now and how not asking for forgiveness has impacted you.
3. Talk with your children about the effects of not confessing sins to God. Discuss how God is willing to forgive us when we confess our sins to him. Emphasize that no matter the sins we commit, God will forgive us and give us a clean start.



## **PRAYER**

God, we don't want to hurt You or the people around us by being focused on our own wants and desires. This week show us how we can love and serve each other each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

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