

WEEK 2: REPENTING
DAY 1: GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO REPENT

1. Last week we studied about the two ways. We saw that the way of Satan ends in eternal death. But Jesus promises eternal life to those who take his way. We saw that Jesus calls everyone to his way.

As we repent, what two things must we do to choose the way of Jesus?

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2. We must believe Jesus and take him into our lives. Jesus has no sin. He does not want sin in our lives. This week we will learn how we can turn away from sin and turn to God. The Bible calls this repenting. God wants everyone to repent of his sin.

This is what the Bible says.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

In whose way do you think we were born?

3. If you said that we are born in the way of Satan, you answered right. When we are born into this world, we have a sinful nature. It is easy for us to do wrong. It is hard for us to do right. David tells us that we are born in sin.

Psalm 51:5

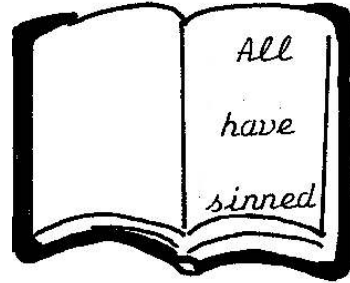
Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

We know that small children get angry. They kick and shout if there is something they do not like. But we have seen that Jesus was different from other children. Jesus did not sin.

From this verse, why does a small child do wrong things?

4. A small child does wrong things because we are born in sin. Every baby has sin in its nature. We are in the way of Satan when we are born.

I have a friend who is a teacher. One day I asked him, "How long have you been a Christian?" He answered, "Oh, I was born a Christian." He thought that because his parents were Christians, that made him a Christian, too. But the Bible tells us that everyone is born in sin. Every person must repent of his sin.



When Christian parents have a child, is that child born a Christian?

What does the child have in his heart?

5. No one is born a Christian. Every one is born with sin in his heart. We have received this sin nature from Adam. Paul explains this in the New Testament.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

This is why there is so much sin in the world today. When we ride a bicycle, it is much easier to go downhill. In the same way, it is easy for men and women to go deeper into sin. The nature of sin in their hearts pulls them down.

Why must every person in the world repent?

6. You could answer in different words. You could say that everyone is born in sin. Or you could say that everyone has the nature of sin. Both these answers are right. We all have sin in our hearts when we are born. It is much easier for us to do wrong than it is to do right. This is how Jesus explained it.

Mark 7:21-23

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man "unclean".

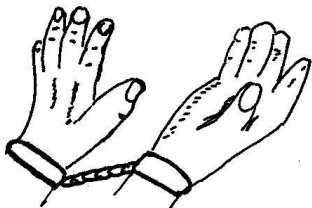
The New Life Testament says it this way:

From the inside, out of the heart of men come bad thoughts, sex sins of a married person, sex sins of a person not married, killing other people, stealing, wanting something that belongs to someone else, doing wrong, lying, having a desire for sex sins, having a mind that is always looking for sin, speaking against God, thinking you are better than you are and doing foolish things. All these bad things come from the inside and make the man sinful.

Look at this verse carefully. From where do all these sins come?

7. They come from the heart of man. They come from inside him. This means that when a man says bad things it is not because his tongue is bad. The words come from sin in his heart.

Andrew was a boy who stole many things. His father punished him in different ways. But he kept on stealing. Then one day his father tied Andrew's hands behind his back.



He thought, "Now my son will not steal any more." But the boy was planning how to steal more things even while his hands were tied.

Another boy used his tongue to say bad words. His mother put soap into his mouth and said, "I am washing your tongue. It is very dirty because of the words you have said." But the soap did not stop him from saying bad words.

Who can change our hearts so that we do not go on sinning?

8. Rope and soap cannot stop a person from sinning. Only God can change us.

Some people think that being church members makes them Christians. But joining the church cannot change us inside. The church can give us rules to keep. But these rules cannot help us unless we repent. They only tie us as the father tied his son's hands. We still want to do sins. But if we repent, God can change us. God wants us to repent.

From what part of us does sin come?

9. Sin in our lives comes from our hearts. Becoming church members does not change our hearts. That is why some church members do wrong things.

One day a man held his shirt in front of me. He said, "My goodness is like this shirt. I have put it on the outside, but I am still the same bad man inside." Many church members want to speak evil of others. Some want to commit adultery. But the laws of the church have tied them. We can sin in our hearts without doing outward sins. This is what Jesus said.



Matthew 5:28

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

What does God want us to do because of our sins?

10. God wants us to repent. Jesus once told about two men who

went into the house of God to pray.

Take your Bible now and read Luke 18:9-14. Which man was forgiven of his sins?

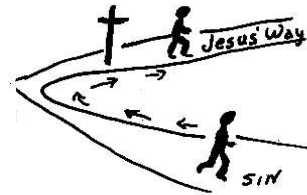
11. It was the Publican (tax collector) who was forgiven. He repented of his sins. The Pharisee (religious leader) did not repent. He only told God the good things which he had done.

What does God want us to do because of our sins?

12. God wants us to repent. We have already seen this verse.

2 Peter 3:9

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



Becoming a church member does not change us. But if we repent, God will change us.

From what part of us does sin come?

13. Sin comes from the heart. Jesus came so that our hearts could be changed. He did not come to give us laws to keep. He came to change us so that we will want to obey him.

Mark 1:14,15

... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

What does God want everyone to do because of his sin?

14. God wants everyone to repent. This week we will see that to

repent means to be sorry for sin. It means to confess sin. It means to turn away from sin and turn to God. (**Memorize this verse.**)

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals (covers) his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces (leaves) them finds mercy.

This is also what the apostles preached.

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

What will God do with our sins if we repent?

15. He will take them away. He will forgive us. He will change our hearts.

What does God want everyone to do because of sin?

16. God wants everyone to repent. Some people try to start new lives without repenting. They try to forget past sins and go on from where they are. They do not repent, but they try to cover their sins.

Do you know someone who is trying to be a Christian without repenting? If you do, go to him in love. Tell him what you have learned in this lesson.

17. We will hear what happened when you come to class.

From what part of us does sin come?

What does God want everyone to do because of his sin?

Are you learning Proverbs 28:13?

WEEK 2: REPENTING
DAY 2: TO REPENT WE MUST BE SORRY FOR SIN

1. Yesterday we saw that everyone has sinned.

From what part of us does sin come?

What does God want everyone to do because of sin?

2. Sin comes from the heart. God wants everyone to repent of sin. But what does it mean to repent? That is what we will learn in the next three days.

How to repent		
Be sorry for sin	Confess sin	Leave sin

Read the three parts of repenting again. What is the first thing we must do?

3. First we must be sorry for sin. We have seen that people are born in sin. They have sinful hearts. It is easier for people to do wrong things than to do right things. We have to know this about ourselves. We have to see our sin and we have to be sorry for sin.

In whose way are we when we start our lives?

4. We start our lives in the way of Satan. We are born with a sinful nature. We also do many wrong things as we go along. If we want to take the way of Jesus we have to change. We have to be sorry for our sins.

Yesterday we read about two men who went to pray. One man told God all the good things he was doing. But he did not tell the bad things. The other man was a tax collector. He had been cheating in his job. He said, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

Which man was sorry for his sins?

5. The tax collector was sorry. He bowed his head. He beat his chest. He asked God to have mercy. But the other man only said good things about himself. If we want to repent, we must see that we have sins.

As we repent, how should we feel about our sins?

6. We should be sorry. We should not love our sins any more. We should want to be free from them. Paul was glad when the people at Corinth (a city) were sorry for their sin. This is how he wrote to them.

2 Corinthians 7:9

. . . yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance.

What does true sorrow for sin help us to do?

7. True sorrow helps us to repent. To repent means to turn away from sin and to turn to God. These people were truly sorry for their sin.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11

For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation (anger), what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.



The New Life Testament says it this way:

I am happy now. It is not because you were hurt by my letter, but because it turned you from sin to God. God used it and you were not hurt by what we did. The sorrow that God uses makes people sorry for their sin and leads them to turn from sin so they can be saved from the punishment of sin. We should be happy for that kind of sorrow, but the sorrow of this world brings death. See how this sorrow God allowed you to have, has worked in you. You had

a desire to be free of that sin I wrote about. You were angry about it. You were afraid. You wanted to do something about it. In every way you did what you could to make it right.

Paul said that these people truly repented. Godly sorrow means true sorrow. These people were sorry because their sin made God sad and not just because they would be punished.

When people see their sin, how should they feel?

8. They should be sorry. This is the first part of repenting. But we should not be sorry just because we will be punished. Some people are sorry only because they are afraid. Paul calls this worldly sorrow. These people are feeling sorry only for themselves. They are not sorry because they have done wrong to God.

When I was a teacher, one of my students did something wrong. I found out about it. I told the boy that he could have a short time to confess, otherwise he would be punished. The boy answered, "Please sir, if you tell me which one of the bad things you know about, I will confess it!" This boy was not sorry for what he had done. He just did not want to be punished.

Was this boy truly sorry for doing wrong?

Was he going to confess because of sorrow for his sin or because he was afraid?

9. This boy was confessing because he was afraid. He was not truly sorry because he had done wrong. We must be truly sorry for sin when we repent. We must be sorry for all our sins because we cannot hide anything from God.

Here are two reasons which people give for repenting. Write **Yes** beside the person who is really sorry. Write **No** beside the person who is not really sorry.

1) I repent because others know about my sin and I might be punished.

2) I repent because my sins have made God very sad.

10. The first answer is No. The second answer is Yes. When a person really repents, he repents of the sins which people know. He also repents of the sins which are not known. He is not only afraid of being punished, but he is troubled (afraid) because sin makes God sad. His sins become heavy and he thinks about them all the time.

David repented of his sin. He wrote about it in the Bible.

Take your Bible now and read Psalm 51:1 to 3. When we repent how should we feel about sin?

11. The first part of repenting is to be sorry for sin. Here are the three parts again.

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Write **Yes** beside the person who is really sorry. Write **No** beside the person who is not really sorry.

1) I repent because I do not want to think evil thoughts.

2) I repent but I still enjoy thinking about wrong things.

12. The first answer is Yes. The second answer is No.

What is the first part of repenting?

13. The first part of repenting is to be sorry for sin. The Bible says much about repenting. It is important to know what it means to repent. But it is much more important to do it.

Have you ever repented?

How do you feel about your sins?

14. We will talk about this in class.

What is the first part of repenting?

Write **Yes** beside the person who is really sorry. Write **No** beside the one who is not really sorry.

1) I repent because the church knows about my sin.

2) I repent because God knows about my sin.

Do not forget your memory verse, Proverbs 28:13. Tomorrow you will be asked to write it out.

WEEK 2: REPENTING
DAY 3: WE MUST CONFESS SIN

1. We have been learning how important it is to repent.

What is the first part of repenting?

2. The first part of repenting is to be sorry for sin. Look at the three parts again.

How to repent		
Be sorry for sin	Confess sin	Leave sin

What is the second part of repenting?

3. The second thing we must do is to confess our sin. That is what we will learn today.

The Bible says that if a person is really sorry for sin, he will confess it to God. He will not try to hide it. He will tell God all the sin he did.

1 John 1:9,10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

From this verse, what do we say that makes God look like a liar?

4. God says that we have all sinned. If we say we have not sinned, we are saying that God is a liar. We should agree that we are sinners. We should confess our sins to God and not hide any of them. Let us see again how David prayed about his sin.

Psalm 51:3,4

For I know my transgressions (wrong doings), and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.



From this verse, to whom should we confess our sin?

5. We should first confess our sin to God. If we hide it he still knows about it. But he wants us to tell him about it.

Once David tried to hide his sin for almost a year. He had committed adultery (slept with another man's wife). He hid it until the baby was born. Then God sent Nathan, the prophet, to tell David that he had sinned. David was really sorry for his sin. He was not only sorry because it was known. He was sorry because he had broken God's law.

At another time, this is what David wrote.

Psalm 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity (sin). I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

David did not always try to hide his sin.

When we are sorry, what should we do with our sin?

6. We should confess it to God. Some people still think they can hide their sin. But sin is like leprosy. Leprosy is a sickness of bad sores that spreads easily even to other people. It cannot be hidden very long.



One day I saw a man who was very ill with leprosy. When he found a sore spot on his chest, he tried to hide it. The disease was covered for a

short time, but soon it broke out on other parts of his body. Then he could not hide it any longer. Everyone saw that he had leprosy. They put him out of the village.

What does this story show that we should not do with sin?

7. We should not try to hide it. If we try to hide it, some day it will be found out. God says in

Numbers 32:23

. . . You may be sure that your sin will find you out.

What should we do with our sin?

8. We should confess sin. If we try to hide it, it will be found out. And there is another reason why we should not try to hide sin.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals (covers) his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces (leaves) them finds mercy.

If we do not confess our sin, will God forgive us?

9. God will not forgive if we hide our sins. We must tell God all the sins we can remember. Then we can ask him to forgive us. On another day we will learn about the wonderful forgiveness of God.

There is something else we must do.

Matthew 5:23,24

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled (make things right) to your brother: then come and offer your gift.

From this verse, what must we do if we have sinned against another person?

10. We must go and make peace with him. How can we do this? We can tell him we are sorry for what we have done. We can confess that we have done wrong to him. But this is not all we must do.



Zacchaeus was a small man who wanted to see Jesus. He climbed a tree to see him. When Jesus came, he called Zacchaeus to come down. He told Zacchaeus he wanted to go to his house. Zacchaeus came down quickly and received Jesus. He was sorry for the wrong things which he had done. He was a tax collector and had taken too much money from the people. Some of it he had kept for himself. Now Zacchaeus confessed his sin. He also wanted to return the money which he had wrongfully taken.

Take your Bible now and read Luke 19:8,9. What did Zacchaeus want to do besides confessing his sin?

11. Zacchaeus wanted to return the money which he had taken in a wrong way. He wanted to make right the things he had done wrong. He wanted to confess to the people whom he had wronged.

Jesus did not wait until Zacchaeus had gone to all these people. He said, "Today salvation has come to this house." As soon as we are willing to confess our sins, God will forgive us. But if we hide them, we cannot be forgiven.

When we repent, we must confess our sins. This is the second part of repenting. What is the first part?

12. First we must be sorry for sin.

What is the second part of repenting?

13. We must confess our sins to God. We must also confess to the

people we have wronged. Zacchaeus had cheated people but now he believed in Jesus and confessed these sins. Then he returned the money he had stolen. He did not try to hide any sin.

Have you been trying to be a good Christian and failed? Maybe there are some sins which you have never confessed. You do not have to go on carrying those sins. You must confess them to God and to the people you have wronged.

Stop now and ask God to show you if you have any hidden sins. Confess them to him now. Thank him for forgiving you. Did you have to go to someone whom you wronged?

14. We will talk about this in class.

Write out your memory verse.

15. What are the first two parts of repenting?

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WEEK 2: REPENTING
DAY 4: WE MUST LEAVE SIN

1. Yesterday we learned that it does not help us to hide sin. If we really repent, we will first be sorry for sin.

What is the second part of repenting?

2. We must first be sorry for sin. Then we must confess sin. But it is not enough to confess our sins only. This verse tells us something else which we must do in order to repent.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals (covers) his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces (leaves) them finds mercy.

From this verse, what must we do after we confess our sins?

3. We must leave sin and not go back to it again. These are the three things we must do to repent.

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Some people confess their sins. Then they go right back and do the same things again. Did they really repent?

4. We have not really repented if we keep on doing the same things. Some church members confess their sins to the leader of their church each week. But they go right on doing the same sins. They have not repented. Other people confess their sins to God each night. But they do not want to stop sinning. They enjoy their sins, and they do the same ones again and again.

What should these people do with their sins?

5. They should leave their sins. When we repent, we must leave all our sins.

I was once like the people who do not leave their sins. I used to be sorry at night for the bad things I had done. But I was only sorry because I was afraid. I thought that if I died during the night I would be punished by God. The next morning I forgot all about my prayer. I went and did the same bad things again.

Can we walk in the way of Jesus and keep on sinning?

6. The Bible shows us that if we want to walk in the way of Jesus, we must not keep on sinning.

Take your Bible now and read Isaiah 55:7. From this verse, what should the wicked man do?

7. If the wicked man wants to be forgiven, he must leave his old way. It is not enough to be sorry and to confess sin.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

What does everyone who trusts Jesus have to do besides confess his sin?

8. He has to separate himself from his sin. He has to leave it. This is what we have been learning.

How to repent		
Be sorry for sin	Confess sin	Leave sin

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles (to be caught as in a net), and let us run with perseverance (not giving up) the race marked out for us.

If we do not leave our sin, what will it do to us?

9. You can answer in different ways. You can say it will catch us in a net. You can say it will weigh us down or hinder us. You can say it will keep us from going forward in the way of Jesus.



Satan wants our sins to cling to us like a heavy weight. He wants our sin to hold us back from following Jesus. But how can we leave our sin? How can we stop doing the things we did in the way of Satan? God will help us and we can also help ourselves. We should stay away from the places of temptation.

I knew a boy whose father had a store. This boy was often tempted to steal cookies from the store. He asked me if I could tell him how to overcome his stealing.

I asked, "Where do you stand when you go into your father's store?"

He answered, "Oh, I stand near the box of cookies." I explained that it was easy for Satan to tempt him when he stood so close. He did what I told him and stood far away from the cookie box after that.

Why did the boy stand far away from the cookie box?

10. He stood far from the cookie box so that he would not be tempted to take cookies. He was separating himself from the temptation to sin. This would help him not to steal again. We must be willing to leave our sins when we repent.

A certain man was a drunkard. Then he repented. He was sorry for his sin. He confessed it and God forgave him.

Why would it not be good for this man to sit in a bar with his old friends?

What can we do to help ourselves leave sin?

11. We will talk about your answer in class.

We should stay away from places of temptation. This man would be tempted to drink in the bar. He would not be separating himself from the temptation to sin if he went to the bar. He would not be helping himself to do the third part of repenting.

What is the third part of repenting?

1) Be sorry for sin.

2) Confess sin.

3)

12. We must leave our sin. We must help ourselves overcome temptations. We must also pray this prayer which Jesus taught the disciples.

Matthew 6:9 and 13

Our Father . . . lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

We must help ourselves overcome temptation. We also must ask God to help us. What can we do to help ourselves leave sin?

13. We must stay away from places where we are tempted. We must stay away from the sins which people have seen us do. We must also leave sins which people do not see.

Let us say that someone stole your car. If you spend much time thinking about this wrong, you begin to hate this person. Then you may not be willing to forgive him. Jesus says that we should forgive. If we do not forgive, we must repent of this sin.

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

As we forgive, we are doing the third part of repenting. What is it?

- 1) Be sorry for sin.
- 2) Confess sin.
- 3)

14. We must leave sin. We must leave the sins which are seen. We must also leave the sins which are not seen. We must leave the sin of not forgiving. Jesus tells us why we must leave this sin.

Matthew 6:15

But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Let us take a little time now to look at ourselves. Think about these questions, but do not write the answers. Have you really left your sin? Are you staying away from the places of temptation? Have you forgiven those who have done wrong things to you? Ask God to help you with these things.

15. What are the three parts of repenting?

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- 3)

How can we help ourselves leave sin?

WEEK 2: REPENTING
DAY 5: WE MUST HAVE HELP FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. This is our last lesson for this week. Let us review (go over) what we have learned in these lessons.

From what part of us does sin come?

What does God want everyone to do because of sin?

2. Sin comes from our heart. God wants everyone to repent of sin. What are the three parts of repenting?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

3. We must be sorry for sin. We must confess sin and leave sin.

Write **Yes** beside the person who is really sorry. Write **No** beside the person who is not really sorry.

- 1) I repent because I am afraid God will punish me.
- 2) I repent because my sins make God sad.

4. The first answer is No. The second answer is Yes.

How can we help ourselves leave sin?

5. We must stay away from places where we are tempted. But we cannot leave sin all by ourselves. We cannot repent by ourselves. Today we want to learn a very important lesson. There is One who will help us to repent. He is God the Holy Spirit. Without his help, no one can repent.

John 16:8

When he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness (right with God) and judgment (sentence).

Everyone must turn from the way of sin and leave it. He must turn to the way of Jesus. There is someone who does not want us to repent. He wants us to stay on the way of sin. He wants us to die forever.

Who is the person that does not want us to repent?

6. This person is Satan, the devil. Satan tempted Adam and Eve to sin in the garden of Eden. Since that time, he wants everyone to follow him. If someone wants to leave him and go to Jesus, Satan is very angry. This is why it is hard for people to repent. They find that Satan is very strong and he holds them back.

There is someone who will help us. He is the Holy Spirit.

Do you think that by yourself you are stronger than Satan?

7. Some people think they can repent by themselves. They think they are stronger than Satan. But when they try to fight him, they fail.

One day a little girl heard the preacher talking about Satan. After church she asked her father, "Is Satan bigger than I am?"

Her father answered, "Oh yes, he is."

Then she asked, "Is he bigger than you, father?" When her father said that Satan was much bigger than he was, the child was sad. She thought that now there was no one to protect her.

Then she asked, "Father, is Satan bigger than Jesus?"

The father answered that Jesus is much bigger and stronger than Satan. The girl smiled. She said, "Then I am going to keep close to Jesus! He will protect me."

Jesus wants us to be free from Satan. He sent us a helper to help

us repent. Who is the Helper Jesus sent (John 16:8)?

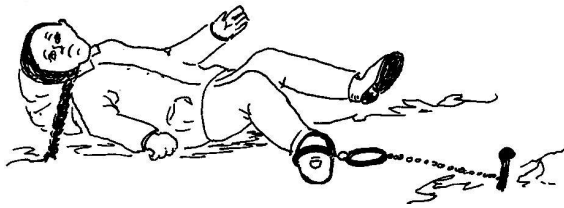
8. Jesus helps us through the Holy Spirit. Satan is bigger and stronger than we are. He tries to keep us from repenting. We must have help in order to leave his way. Paul told Timothy that God gives people the power to repent.

2 Timothy 2:25,26

Those who oppose him (the preacher) he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them (sinners) repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Who helps us to repent?

9. God helps us to repent. Perhaps you have seen an animal caught in a trap. Paul says that sinners are caught in the trap of Satan. They need someone to help them get free. They need someone to help them repent.



Who helps us to repent?

10. God helps us to repent. He makes us want to repent. He also gives us the power to do it. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin. In this way he also helps us to repent.

John 16:8

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.

The Holy Spirit helps people to repent. From this verse, what is the first thing the Holy Spirit shows the world?

11. The Holy Spirit shows sin to us. He shows us how bad we are. He shows us how bad sin is in the sight of God. Then we want to repent of it because we see how sad it makes God.

The Holy Spirit also shows us the righteousness of God and the judgment of God. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to teach us. He is helping you right now to understand this lesson.

What does the Holy Spirit help us to do so we can leave the way of Satan?

12. The Holy Spirit helps us to repent. He shows sin to us. Then he gives us the power to repent. He helps us to be sorry for sin. He helps us to confess sin. And he helps us to leave sin. He gives us the power to leave the way of Satan, because he is stronger than Satan.

1 John 4:4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Who helps us to repent?

13. The Holy Spirit does this. He helps us to believe Jesus and receive him into our lives. He helps us to repent. This is something more than becoming a member of the church. But many people have not understood this. Maybe you did not understand before you read these lessons. Perhaps you thought you were a Christian because your parents are Christians. Maybe you thought you were saved because you are a leader of a church.

Have you ever believed in Jesus and repented?

14. If you have never done this you can do it now. Next week we will be learning what it means to have new life in Christ. If you have never really repented, do not wait. Do it right now. Bow your head. Tell God that you are sorry for your sins. Confess your sins to him. Tell him you are willing to leave your sin. Believe Jesus and receive him into your life. Thank God for hearing your prayer.

If you have believed in Jesus and repented of your sins this week, tell your teacher when you come to class.

Who helps us to repent?

15. Write out your memory verse.

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