

Lesson plan

Main Point: God forgives when we confess.

Basic Idea: When we confess our sins, through Jesus, God forgives.

How we get there: the blood of Jesus, His Son cleanses us from all sin (v7), if we confess our sins (v9)

Start out with the activity (see below) to help kids see what agreeing looks like. Next take a look at the passage and help explain what confessing means.

Examine 1 John 1:9

1. The word for confession is "homo logeo." (literally, same word). [Don't feel like you have to share that with the kids...that's for your own edification.]

2. When we confess our sins, we are basically agreeing with God that:
We have sinned.

He knew that already.

He saw it when we did it.

We need forgiven for our sins.

Our sins separate us from God.

We cannot fix the problem, only God can.

God can cleanse us from our sin.

That through Jesus, God can forgive us and remove the sin!

3. Do the kids do this with God?

Have they told God about their sin? (see if they'll be specific)

Have they asked God to forgive them?

Do they trust that Jesus is the only way to be forgiven?

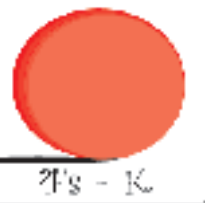
Activity:

Game

Give each of the kids a blue card and a red card (provided). Explain that they must pick one card and hold it up. If everyone holds up a red card, everyone gets a point. If only one person holds up a blue card, that person gets 1 point and no one else gets any points. If more than one person holds up a blue card, everyone loses a point. (Don't worry too much about the scoring, the game will be kind of confusing to the kids this way. Just make a big deal if someone uses their blue card that they either got more points, or almost did, if they would have been the only one.) Next, encourage your kids to see what happens if they hold up their red card. Show them how each person keeps gaining points if everyone agrees and holds up the same card.

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