

Family Page



We all need to grow in our understanding of forgiveness as Jesus demonstrates in this week's gospel story. We need to recognize how much better it is to have a second chance when we do something wrong — and, in turn, to give others a second chance when they have wronged us. The following family project can help reinforce this message.

1. Copy the face on the front of this bulletin onto heavy paper or cardboard and cut it out. Make one for each member of the family to wear.
2. Color your button faces any color you want. With tape, attach a small safety pin to the back of each button.
3. When someone is feeling sad because he or she has done something wrong, that person can wear the face sad-side-up. This will tell the rest of the family that this person is sorry and wants a second chance.

4. Now it is up to someone in the family to tell the sad person that he or she is forgiven — and has another chance to be good. Then the face is turned over and worn happy-side-up.
5. The object of this project is to give each family member a chance to start out new and fresh every time he or she makes a mistake. It's a whole lot of fun to work together to see that every sad face is turned into a happy one.

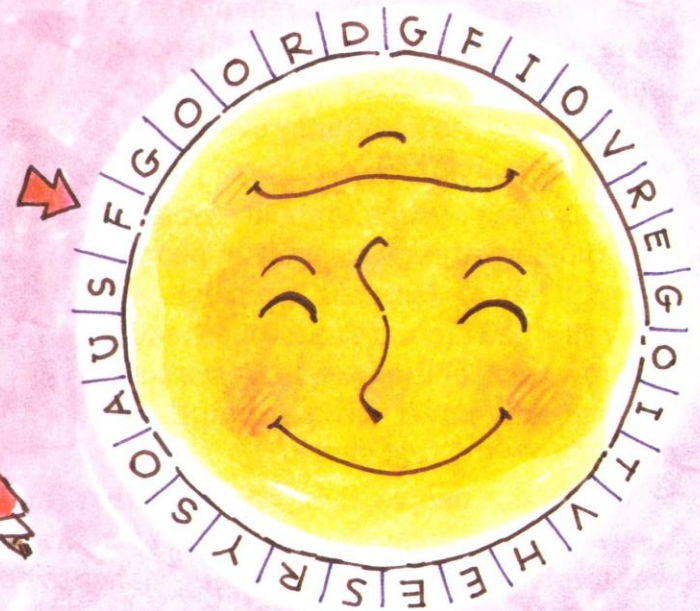


explaining GOD'S WORD

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A Turnaround

As you turn the face around, read every other letter to figure out the message. Notice how the face changes. That's how your face will change if you do what the message tells you.



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 "Change Sadness Into Gladness" answer: FORK - R + C + GATE - CAT - E + HIVE - H = FORGIVE
 "A Turnaround" answer: FORGIVE OTHERS AS GOD FORGIVES YOU

Everyone Makes Mistakes

It was a special day for Jonathan. His mother decorated a cake to celebrate his good report card. Jonathan's little brother, Jimmy, saw that wonderful cake and cut himself a great big piece. Jonathan was angry! "Punish Jimmy," he said to his mother. "He's ruined my beautiful cake!"

Jimmy was very sorry that he had upset his big brother. "Jonathan," their mother said, "what punishment shall I give Jimmy?" Jonathan remembered some wrong things that he had done himself. He changed his mind about punishing Jimmy; he told Jimmy everything was all right.

This week's gospel is about a woman who did something wrong. The people brought her to Jesus for punishment. They all stood around with stones ready to throw them at the woman. Jesus said the one who never did a wrong thing could throw the first stone.

Well, the people thought about that, and they all walked away. Jesus told the woman she was forgiven and gave her another chance to be good. This is wonderful news! Jesus always gives another chance — and turns your sadness into gladness.



CHANGE SADNESS INTO GLADNESS

Solve this rebus to learn the way that you can turn sadness into gladness just like Jesus does.

