

WEEK OF SEPT. 18, 2022



**BEFORE
YOU BEGIN**

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

*USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU
NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON*



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

TALK
TOGETHER

HAVE YOU EVER MESSED UP BIG TIME AND DONE SOMETHING WRONG?

Sometimes our words or actions disobey God and hurt other people.

Every single person sins. Moms sin. Dads sin. Your friends and classmates sin. Even kings sin! In the Old Testament, we learn about King David. David did some pretty cool things; he was a shepherd, songwriter and giant-fighter! The Bible says David was a man after God's own heart, but David still struggled with sin. In fact, at one point in his life, he messed up big time, and his sin hurt many people.

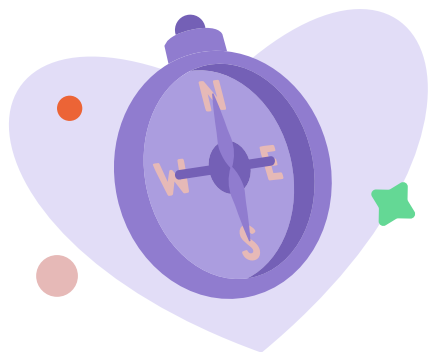


Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. There is no one like God; and since God is **perfectly** holy, sin separates us from Him. But God also **perfectly** forgives. Even though David messed up, he knew God could forgive him and completely remove his sin.

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David was so amazed by God's forgiveness that he wrote a song (or Psalm) praising God. In Psalm 103, David describes how perfectly and completely God forgives His children. God's forgiveness wipes away every single speck of sin from our lives.

Can you help me find Psalm 103, verses 8-13? The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament.



THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE. HE WILL NOT ALWAYS CHIDE, NOR WILL HE KEEP HIS ANGER FOREVER. HE DOES NOT DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO OUR SINS, NOR REPAY US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES. FOR AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH, SO GREAT IS HIS STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM; AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR DOES HE REMOVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US. AS A FATHER SHOWS COMPASSION TO HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD SHOWS COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

PSALM 103:8-13

Did you see how far God removes our sins when He forgives us? As far as the east is from the west! That means they're gone! God won't hold our sin against us!

When we sin, it's easy to get discouraged, but we can have hope when we read the words David wrote about God in this Psalm. God cares for you, me and all of His children! Because of His great love, He **completely** forgives and shows compassion toward us.

During our time on Earth, we will mess up. But, if we accept Jesus's gift of salvation, God doesn't treat us as our sin deserves. Instead, He forgives us and removes our sin! There is no one like Him. Only God can **completely** forgive.

END OF TALK TOGETHER

* MORE TO EXPLORE WEEK OF SEPT. 18, 2022

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

PSALMS

Today's story comes from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament and is a collection of songs, praises and poems speaking to or about God. The Psalms were written throughout the time period of the Old Testament, and many were written by King David.

HOW DO I KNOW GOD WILL FORGIVE MY SINS?

Because He says He will. 1 John 1:9 says: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Since we know God's word is true (John 17:17), we can trust that He will do the things He promises us. That includes forgiving our sins when we confess them to Him.

OT-NT CONNECTION

David isn't the only person who praised God for His forgiveness! The apostle Paul, a follower of Christ and Christian missionary, preached about God's forgiveness. Check out **1 Timothy 1:15-17** to learn more.

- Who "came into the world to save sinners"?
- How does this passage say we can receive eternal life? (Hint: It's one word and starts with the letter "b.")

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Draw a picture of a compass with north, south, east and west labeled. When you are finished, write, "God Forgives Completely" above it as a reminder of God's forgiveness to His Children.

IS IT OK TO PURPOSEFULLY SIN BECAUSE GOD WILL FORGIVE ME?

No. While God will forgive our sins completely, as Christians we are new creations in Christ and should no longer desire to sin. Colossians 3 talks about how Christians are empowered by Christ to put away their sinful habits and live for Jesus. We will still sin because we are not perfect, but the desire to actively pursue sin should be replaced with a desire to actively pursue Christ.

READ



Read Psalm 103 and count how many times David writes, "Bless the Lord." How can you praise God for His forgiveness?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

AS FAR AS THE EAST IS
FROM THE WEST, SO
FAR DOES HE REMOVE
OUR TRANSGRESSIONS
FROM US.

PSALM 103:12

Q: HOW DOES GOD FORGIVE?

A: COMPLETELY

CREATE



Make a model of Earth from blue and green clay. Explain that as followers of Christ, God removes our sin from us, as far as the east is from the west.

WATCH



Watch this week's Memory Melody video with your kids to memorize this week's verse!

PRAY



DEAR LORD, THERE IS NO ONE LIKE YOU. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FORGIVE MY SIN. THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME AND FORGIVING MY SINS. AMEN.

SHARE



Think back on a time when you were in desperate need of God's forgiveness.

Share about the experience with your kids, including your journey to repentance and how you experienced God's forgiveness.

FIND



This week's verse is in the book of Psalms. Help your child find the book of Psalms. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

ERASE



Gather a piece of paper, eraser and pencil. Show your child that the piece of paper is clean. Very lightly write the word "sin." on it. Explain the paper is no longer clean and that is what sin does to our lives. Then, erase the word "sin." Only God can completely forgive!

ASK



Ask your child if they have personally accepted Jesus as their Savior. If not, invite them to do so.

Remind them that God's children can ask Him to forgive their sins. Ask your child what things in their life they need to ask God to forgive. Take this opportunity to help them pray and ask God to forgive the sin in their life.



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

SING



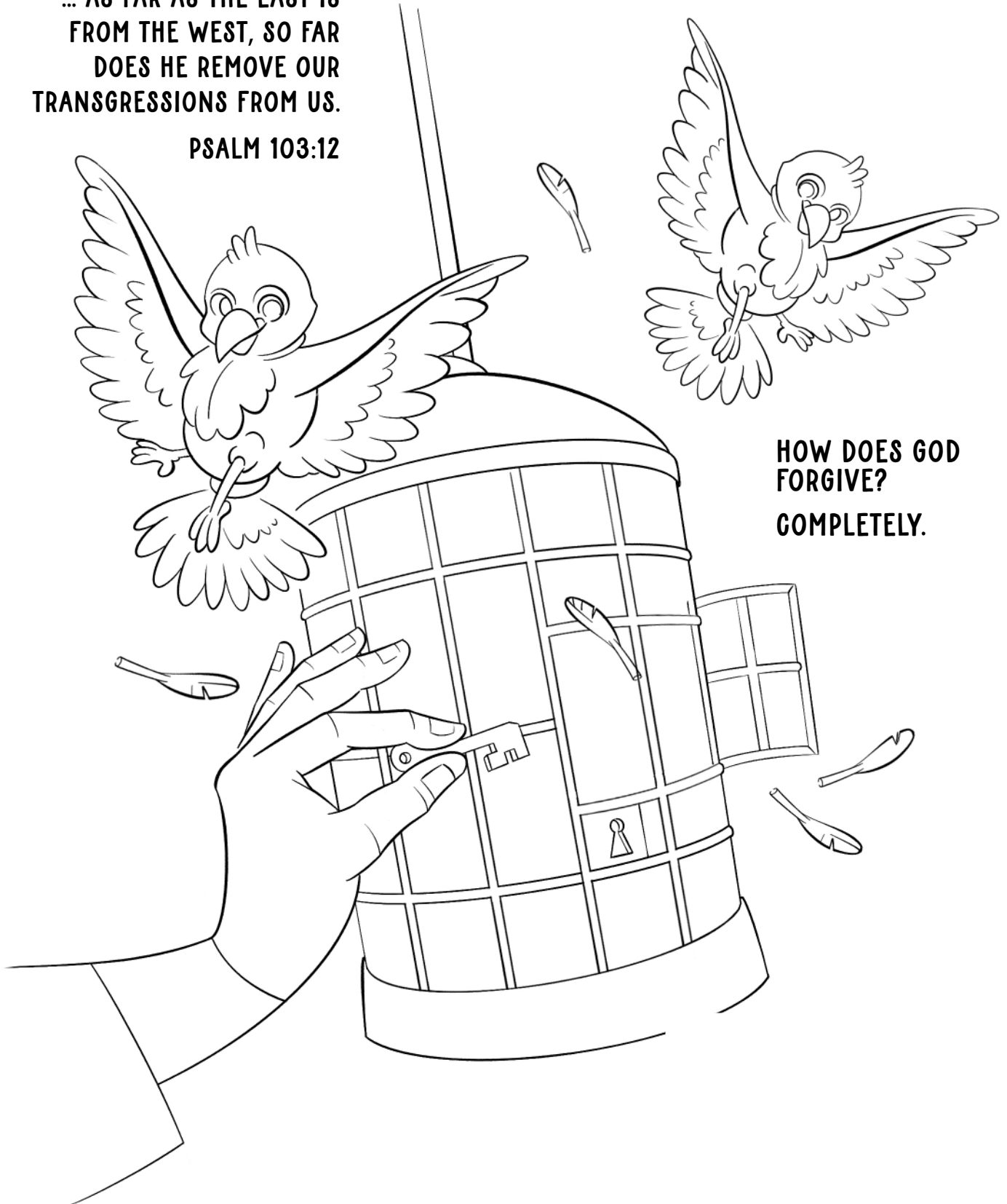
Listen to this playlist throughout the series praise God for His forgiveness!


Talk About

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PSALM 103:12



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