

FOCUS: God is always ready to forgive me.

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 1:5-10; Psalm 51

WEEK OF
MARCH

1-7

Everybody messes up. We do things we know we're not supposed to, or we don't do things we know we *are* supposed to. There's another word for these mess-ups—*sin*. Romans 3:23 says: "*Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory*" (NIRV). In other words, everyone is going to mess up. Everyone is going to sin.

Knowing this, God made a way for us to get forgiveness—He sent His son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we could have forgiveness for our sins. He exchanged His perfect life for our sin, so that we could be in God's family forever.

All we have to do is ask—to *repent*. We ask God to forgive us *and* we change our actions. And God will forgive us over and over and over again.

Spend this week thanking God for His forgiveness.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, 3/1

Start your prayers off this week with repentance—asking God for forgiveness and committing to changing your actions.

FRIDAY, 3/2

Is there anyone you're angry with? Someone you need to forgive? Write their name down on paper. Then, as a sign of your forgiveness to them, rip up the paper and throw it away.

SATURDAY, 3/3

Do you need to tell someone you're sorry? Take time today to ask for their forgiveness.

MONDAY, 3/5

Is there something you feel guilty about or something you did that you wish you could go back and do differently? Choose one person to confess to. Ask them to pray with you as you ask God for forgiveness.

TUESDAY, 3/6

Think of someone you have a hard time getting along with and write down three things you like about them.

WEDNESDAY, 3/7

Find a cross, a picture of a cross, or draw a cross. Spend a few minutes thinking about how Jesus suffered for our sins. Thank Him for His sacrifice.