

# PSALMS

## Family Devotional (6/28/20)

**Key Point:** God forgives the sins of His children fully, freely, and forever.

*Today, we want our kids to learn that sin is a part of our nature and there are consequences to that sin. Yet, God forgives and restores His children through His amazing grace and mercy.*

### What we want the kids to know and do:

- Sin is anything we think or do that disobeys God.
- Mercy means not giving the punishment someone deserves.
- Grace means giving good gifts, even though someone doesn't deserve it.
- God forgives the sins of His children fully, freely, and forever.

### Text for Study:

#### Psalm 51- (51:1-3)

Have mercy on me, O God,  
 according to your steadfast love;  
 according to your abundant mercy  
 blot out my transgressions.  
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
 and cleanse me from my sin!  
 For I know my transgressions,  
 and my sin is ever before me.

#### Psalm 32- (32:5, 11)

(5) I acknowledged my sin to you,  
 and I did not cover my iniquity;  
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
 (11) Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
 and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**Create discipleship time:** As a family, listen to the sermon, read through the elementary portion above, and talk about God's Word.

1. Who wrote these two Psalms?  
 David, King of Israel.
2. Why does David ask God to have mercy on and cleanse him (Psalm 51)?  
 Because David knows his transgressions (sins against God) and sees the sin in his heart. He knows he can't do anything to heal his own heart.
3. Read Romans 3:23. Is there anyone who doesn't need mercy and cleansing like David?  
 No. Everyone needs God's mercy because everyone has sinned and failed to obey God perfectly.

4. What does it mean to “confess my transgressions to the Lord” (32:5)?  
To be honest with God and tell Him about your sins.
5. Do you believe that you are a sinner? Have you honestly confessed your sins to God?
6. What did God do when David confessed and asked for forgiveness?  
God forgave David of his sin.
7. Do you believe that God can completely forgive your sins?
8. Read Ephesians 2:4. What does “mercy” mean?  
Mercy means not giving the punishment someone deserves. God doesn’t give His children the punishment they deserve for their sin.
9. Read Romans 6:23. What is the punishment sinners deserve?  
Sinners deserve death for rebelling against, or disobeying, a holy God.
10. What does Romans say God gives them instead?  
Eternal life.

Tell your kids that this good gift is God’s grace. Not only does God not give His children the punishment they deserve, but he gives them the good gift of eternal life in His presence as well. God is good: He is what is best, so spending *forever* with God is a REALLY good gift.

11. Does God ever take away His forgiveness or run out of mercy and grace?  
No. God is “rich in mercy.” (Eph 2:4) He forgives His children fully, freely, and forever.
12. How should that make those who are forgiven feel (32:11)?  
Glad in the Lord. David tells the righteous to rejoice and shout for joy for their forgiveness.

**\*\*Additional passages for family study:** Psalm 51:13-15

**Capture discipleship moments:** Recap by asking your kids what they learned.

1. What did we learn about God today?  
God forgives the sins of His children fully, freely, and forever.
2. What did we learn about ourselves today?  
We are sinners who deserve death, but we can be forgiven by God.

**Pray together as a family.** Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Assign someone to pray for that person’s request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

**This Month’s Memory Verse**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! **Psalm 34:8**