

JEREMY REPENTS
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Purpose:

Young children sometimes have difficulty comprehending too many concepts at once. This puppet sketch introduces the plan of salvation to nursery or kindergarten classes. The puppets are very real to children.

Characters:

Jeremy -- Jeremy is a very mischievous little _____ (He was a monkey for me). His characteristics are much like the children to whom you minister.

Teacher

Props:

The only prop needed is a puppet. The type you hold in your lap is better than the ones used with a stage.

This is a dialogue between Jeremy, a youngster with some behavior problems, and a guest teacher.

Teacher: Good morning Jeremy.

Jeremy: Good morning to you too! Are you the one bringing badges?

Teacher: Well, no. But I am here for a special reason.

Jeremy: Ice cream !!!

Teacher: Nooo

Jeremy: Pizza!!!!

Teacher: Nooo

Jeremy: Candy!!!!

Teacher: No, Jeremy. Something lots better than those!

Jeremy: Well I don't know many things better than ice cream and candy!

Teacher: This is the most special thing in the whole world!

Jeremy: Oh, Boy! I can't wait! Tell me!

Teacher: Jeremy. Have you ever been naughty?

Jeremy: I knew it! Just like Santa Claus. If I'm not good, I don't get anything! Never mind!

Teacher: No, Jeremy. This is especially for boys and girls who have been naughty.

Jeremy: Oh yeah! Being naughty finally pays off. You good kids don't get any. I get it all!!!

Teacher: Uh! Not exactly, Jeremy

Jeremy: That's what you said! Didn't you? Huh?

Teacher: Jeremy. This is for everybody. It's for good boys and girls, and for naughty kids too.

Jeremy: OK, what is it?

Teacher: Well, Jeremy. When you're naughty, do you feel bad?

Jeremy: Oh yes!

Teacher: You ever wonder if you get to go to heaven doing naughty things?

Jeremy: Everybody knows you can't.

Teacher: Do you think you're too naughty to go there?

Jeremy: Uh huh. (*Puts his head down*)

Teacher: Well, Jesus knew how we'd act. So he fixed it so we wouldn't have to carry all those sins around with us. Or have to feel bad about all those naughty things we've done.

Jeremy: Wow! What do I have to do to get fixed?

Teacher: Funny you should ask. Some people asked the same thing back in the Bible.

Jeremy: And ?.....

Teacher: And Peter said unto them, repent....

Jeremy: Repeat?

Teacher: No, repent!

Jeremy: What's that?

Teacher: That's when you tell Jesus you're sorry for doing naughty things. You decide you don't want to do them anymore. And you ask him to help you not do them again.

Jeremy: What good will that do? I tell my teacher that, but I still feel bad.

Teacher: Well, when you tell Jesus you don't want to be bad any more, he comes and takes that bad feeling away. That's why it's so special.

Jeremy: Wow! That does sound special. When I'm by myself, I think I' do that.

Teacher: Well, you can wait, Jeremy. But the Bible tells us when we confess our sins, God forgives our sins. We don't have to wait. We can do it right now or at any time. Every time we do something naughty.

Jeremy: Right now?

Teacher: Right now! In fact, boys and girls, does anyone else want to repent? To ask Jesus to take away the bad things you've done? Let's all bow our heads and ask Jesus to forgive us right now.

The teacher leads the children in a simple prayer of repentance for sin.