Key Thought: First of all, to teach repentance, the children must know what sin is, what the reward is for sin in their lives, and how to repent.

**Key Information Page**

Key Verse: Numbers 23:19; Jeremiah 26:13

Numbers 23:19 “God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

Jeremiah 26:13 “Therefore now amend your ways and your doings and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.”

Key Teaching Point: I would like to explain this before we get started, that these two verses (and many similar) seem to contradict each other. They both use the word ‘repent,’ although using two different Hebrew words, which are very close in meaning. They both mean, ‘going the opposite way that you are going.’ But God’s repentance is His reaction to what man has done. It changes His decision from blessing to cursing, or cursing to blessing, because of man’s free will and choices, to obey or not to obey. Whereas man’s repentance means he changes the way he is going: his mind, his decision, his direction, and most of all, man is sorry for his sins.

Key Materials: Three clear pint jars with lids, or glasses; 1 cup of bleach; iodine and a whiteboard.



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**Repentance/ Doctrine**

**Level 3 Lesson 13**

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“Sin? What is sin anyway? Can you children name some sins?” Write their answers on a whiteboard. We will talk about repentance, and then forgiveness, and they will all be erased (never to be remembered again!). Help them with the list reading Galatians 5:19-21 and Revelation 21:8. A short definition of each of the works of the flesh is given for your benefit if you are asked, or you want to stress one of these.

Galatians 5:19-21

[Adultery] - Illicit sexual relationship with a married person not their spouse.

[Fornication] - All sexual contact between the sexes which is beyond the bounds of lawful marriage.

[Uncleanness] -Whatever is opposite to purity, sodomy

[Lasciviousness] - Lustfulness; pornography; whatever is contrary to chastity; all lewdness.

[Idolatry] -Worshipping of idols; excessive or blind adoration.

[Witchcraft] - Spells, enchantment; the practices of a witch; sorcery; or magic.

[Hatred] - Intense dislike.

[Variance] - Contentions, where hatred proceeds to open acts, such as altercations, lawsuits, and disputes in general.

[Emulations] - To excel at the expense of another; lowering others to set up oneself.

[Wrath] - Strong fierce anger.

[Strife] - Big and bitter conflict; quarrel.

[Seditions] - Trying to get others to rebel or to be discontented.

[Heresies] - Beliefs or doctrines that do not follow God’s truth taught by the church; scandals, offences, or stumbling-blocks.

[Envyings] -That discontented feeling that arises in the selfish heart in seeing the superiority of another; that passion that sees in another qualities that it covets, often resulting in hate for their possessor. It often strives to degrade others.

[Murders] - Murder is the destruction of human life; and he who hates his brother in his heart, is called a murderer.

[Drunkenness] - Taking any kind of liquor that intoxicates the mind.

[Revellings] - Lascivious feastings, with obscene songs, music, etc.

[And such like] - And all that the law of God specifies and condemns.

Revelation 21:8

[Fearful] -Those who, for fear of losing life or their property, either refused to receive the plan of salvation, though convinced of its truth and importance; or, having received it, in times of persecution fell away, not being willing to risk their lives.

[And unbelieving] - Those who resist Truth against full evidence.

[The abominable] - Those who are polluted with unnatural lust.

[And whoremongers] - Adulterers, fornicators, whores, and prostitutes.

[Sorcerers] - Persons who pretend to, or produce, supernatural effects by magic or evil spirits.

[Rebellion] - Going against what an authority over you says to do.

[Disobedience to parents, or authority]

[Cursing] - Using foul language.

Romans 1:29

[Being filled with all unrighteousness] - Every vice contrary to justice and doing what is right.

[Wickedness] - Evil or morally bad. Sinful.

[Covetousness}- I will have; the intense love or lust of gain; a dissatisfied and discontented soul.

[Maliciousness] - Ill-will; what is vicious.

[Debate] - Contention, discord.

[Deceit] - Concealment or distortion of the truth; lying.

[Malignity] - Producing evil habits, a malignity of mind, which leads someone to put the worst construction on every action; giving to the best deeds the worst motives.

[Whisperers] - Those who, under pretended secrecy, carry about accusations against others, whether true or false, blasting their reputation by slander and gossip.

Romans 1:30

[Backbiters] - Those who speak against others, false accusers, slanderers.

[Haters of God]

[Despiteful] - Abusing both the characters and persons of those over whom they can have any power.

[Proud] - I show or shine; they who are continually exalting themselves and depressing others.

[Boasters] - Vain-glorious, and arrogant.

[Inventors of evil things] -Those who have invented destructive customs, rites, fashions, etc.

[Disobedient to parents]

Romans 1:31

[Without understanding] - Persons incapable of comprehending what was spoken, destitute of capacity for spiritual things.

[Covenantbreakers] - To break an agreement; persons who could be bound by no oath; as every covenant, or agreement, is made as in the presence of God, so the one who opposes God, is incapable of being bound by any covenant.

[Without natural affection] - Not possessing natural love for blood relatives; children for parents, parents for children; to do away with one’s parents when they have grown old or past usefulness.

[Implacable] - An unforgiving spirit; persons who would not make reconciliation either to God or man.

[Unmerciful] - Not showing mercy to an enemy when brought under their power; or taking pity on others within one’s ability to help.

**James 4:17**

**“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.”**

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**The action of repentance**

What you’ll need: Three clear pint jars with lids, or glasses; 1 cup of bleach; iodine (Walmart or grocery store).

Take 3-pint clear jars with lids. Label them: You, Sin, Jesus

The jar labeled “You” fill half full of water. The jar labeled “Sin” fills half full of water and drops of iodine till water is dark. The jar labeled “Jesus” fill with half bleach and half water to about 3/4ths full.

“You” (show jar) are born clean and innocent. But, because we are born in sin, and sin takes place in our lives, (pour “sin” into “you”) we need a Savior. You are miserable with sin. It takes you farther than you want to go. It causes you to do what you never would have thought you would do. But when we repent and ask Jesus to forgive us (pour half of “Jesus” into “You”), He takes our sins away! It doesn’t matter how much sin a person has committed (hold up “sin”). When we repent of our sins, are baptized in Jesus name, and He fills us with the Holy Ghost (pour all of “Jesus” into sin) we are washed, we are clean!

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Unlock their minds by thinking and doing!

**Puzzling it out**

Use one of these verses and ask the children who would like to come up and explain the verse. Before you copy the verse printed in large letters, draw lines on the paper to make a puzzle design. You know how many pieces to make, by what you think the kids would be able to do. Then have them cut out the verse following the puzzle lines and put the verse in the right order. Keep a verse printed so they can see or write it on the board.

Acts 17:30 “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:”

Luke 13:3 “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

Matthew 18:8-9 “Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast *them* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. **9.** “And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.”

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**Chalk Talk!**

This will be a chalk talk for you to do on paper or whiteboard. With the arrows, you will be making a cross, then drawing a circle around it printing, “All Men,” under it.

Through His outstretched hand, God reaches backward through the ages to the foundation of the world. (Draw a large arrow going left.) Abraham saw the promise of redemption afar off and was glad. Jacob waited for the salvation of God. Isaiah and all the Old Testament saints and prophets looked forward to that hour when God, Himself, would provide the sacrifice for redemption of all men.

God also reaches forward to all succeeding ages. (Draw a large arrow going right.) Men and women, boys and girls, who obey God’s Word, and repent of their sins, are baptized in Jesus name, and are filled with the Holy Ghost, have the hope and promise of life eternal.

Regardless of how miserable and wretched a man’s life may be, or what his station in life, God’s hand reaches to the very depths of blackness and despair. (Draw a large arrow pointing downward, through the other two arrows.)

The mercy of God is extended to all men everywhere, in times past, and in ages to come. (Draw a circle and print, “All Men.”)

The resulting cross indicates the method God used to extend His love to man in this dispensation, or time period. Christ died on the cross because He wants to save us. Because He died, we must die in repentance, and ask Jesus to forgive us of all our sins. This is His plan!

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**Zacchaeus**

She knew who he was. She remembered that he had come after her husband had died and taken her last cow for taxes. No, she wouldn’t let him by. Nope.

The rug merchant was angry. It didn’t matter to him, that if Zacchaeus recognized him, he could come and wipe him out of everything he owned. He’d almost done that anyway. No, he wouldn’t think of that right now. Right now, he was mad, and it didn’t matter to him that he shoved the little brat. He deserved it! And no! he wouldn’t let him by to see Jesus.

My grandma had to move in with us last month, because that man running down the street, Zacchaeus, I think they said his name was, took her last barrel of meal and piece of furniture. I don’t mind her living with us, but she cries a lot, saying she misses her own house. Anyway, there he goes farther down the road where Jesus is coming. We get to see Jesus first. They said He does good everywhere He goes. I can’t wait!

Here Jesus comes folks! Make room! Make room, I say!

Zacchaeus was used to people treating him rough, but he just wanted to see this Jesus everyone was talking about. He heard some of the things that were said. Like love, and healing, deliverance, and forgiveness. I actually heard a man say that when he was lowered to the floor, after being brought in from the roof, that Jesus said, “your sins be forgiven you.” Wow! Just think about that! My sins? Ha! I have cheated, lied, stolen, cursed. I just can’t find relief in my heart from the weight of it all. Is there nothing I can do? I’ll run ahead and climb that Sycamore tree and see if I can, at least, catch a glimpse, or listen to this Jesus they say forgives sins.

And down the road the crowd came.

Jesus came up to the Sycamore tree where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.”

What?!?

The rug merchant couldn’t believe his ears! The widow began to weep. The grandson just stood in confusion.

Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus’ house. Don’t ever doubt that God’s number one priority is to find a soul that wants forgiveness when they repent. He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

The widow watched as a man on a donkey rounded the corner, and on a lead rope he was pulling four cows. He must be lost. Zacchaeus came to the door and said, “I took your last cow. I am here to give you back four-fold what I took from you.” As she stood there crying, he left, and went down the road to the next crossing. There the carpet merchant was, just closing the shop, when Zacchaeus rode up and handed him a bag. As he reached for it, Zacchaeus said, “I stole from you. I give you back four times more than what I took, over what you owed.” As he left, the man fell to his knees and said, “God, forgive me.”

On down the road, Zacchaeus went home after home, trying to right the many wrongs he had done in his life. But one thing was for sure, the One who forgave sins, sure changed his life around!

Do you need Jesus to forgive your sins? He said, “if we confess our sins, He’s faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Are you burdened with a load of sin? Do you need forgiveness for your sins?

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Don’t carry around your load of sin. Bring it to Jesus and tell Him how sorry you are. Only He can forgive sins.

Luke 19:1-10 “And *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. **2.** And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. **3.** And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. **4.** And he ran before and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way*. **5**. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. **6**. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. **7**. And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. **8.** And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold. **9**. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. **10.** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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**RECAP Chalk Talk!**

Refer back to the chalk talk and invite the children to pray and REPENT. Tell the children that God is reaching out for them today and will help them.