

Generations of Grace:

The following lesson was taught in children's church this Sunday, **Jan 24**

MESSAGE: Israel refuses to be ruled by God

PASSAGE: Nehemiah 7:73B – 13:31

PRINCIPLE: True repentance requires a changed heart

ASK YOUR CHILD: *The temple was rebuilt, worship had been restored, the city walls had been raised, yet in spite of the LORD's faithfulness, the people continued to cling to their sin.*

Why were the people told to rejoice even though they wept over their sin? After the celebration, how did the people physically show their sorrow over sin? What does their prayer show us about repentance? What does the people's recommitment to the covenant show about repentance? What does the people's joy afterward show about repentance? What does the people's failure in the end show about repentance?

APPLY: When your parents discipline you for disobedience, do you just go through the motions, or do you choose to radically turn away from sin? Can you describe a time when you repented? Did it lead to joy? Why did the people return to their sin? Is there a pattern of sin in your life without any long term progress? What are some ways you make excuses for your sin or try to make it seem not so bad?

以下是 2021 年 1 月 24 日兒童崇拜 Generations of Grace 的課題:

信息: 以色列人拒絕神的管治

經文: 尼希米記 7:73B - 13:31

信念: 真正的悔改是需要一個已經改變了的心

向你子女問: 聖殿已重建, 崇拜亦已恢復, 城牆已建成。但是, 雖然神是信實, 人們依然難脫離他們的罪。

雖然人們因罪而哭泣, 為什麼他們被指示要歡欣? 慶祝之後, 人們怎樣以行為表達他們對罪的憂傷? 他們的禱告怎樣表現出悔改? 從人們重新向所立的約作下承諾, 怎樣看出他們的悔改? 從人們之後所表達的歡欣, 怎樣看出他們的悔改? 從人們最終的失敗, 怎樣看出他們的悔改?

應用: 當父母管教你時, 你是否例行方式地接受? 或是你真正的迴轉而遠離罪惡? 你可以形容一次你悔改的經歷? 悔改之後, 你有體會到歡欣? 為什麼人們會時常回到犯罪的狀況? 在你生命中, 是否有一些犯罪的規率化, 而又是沒有長期的改進? 你有些怎樣的藉口來試圖解釋你的罪, 又或者你試圖把罪行裝色為不太嚴重?