

Generations of Grace:

The following lesson was taught in children's church this Sunday, **Oct 1, 2023**

MESSAGE: Israel refused to be ruled by God

PASSAGE: Nehemiah 7:73b – 13:31

PRINCIPLE: True repentance requires a changed heart.

ASK YOUR CHILD: 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? Why were the three specific commitments important? Why did the Israelites need people to resettle Jerusalem? What does the people's joy afterward show about repentance? What does the people's failure in the end show about repentance?

APPLY: Do you spend significant time reading God's word? How does God's word make you feel? What do you do about it? Do you feel the same way as God does about sin? 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? What are some ways you make excuses for your sin or try to make it seem not so bad?

以下是 **2023 年 10 月 1 日** 兒童崇拜 **Generations of Grace** 的課題:

信息: 以色列拒絕接受神的統治

經文: 尼希米記 7:73b – 13:31

中心思想: 真正的悔改需要一顆改變的心。

問你的子女: 儘管人民為自己的罪哭泣, 為什麼他們還被告知要喜樂? 慶祝活動結束後, 人民如何身體力行地表現出對罪惡的悲傷? 他們的禱告向我們展示了什麼是悔改? 人民對聖約的重新承諾如何表達他們的悔改? 為什麼這三項具體承諾很重要? 為什麼以色列人需要人來重新定居耶路撒冷? 人民後來的喜樂顯示了什麼是悔改? 人民最終的失敗說明了什麼是悔改?

應用: 你有花費大量的時間讀神的話嗎? 神的話讓你有什麼感覺? 你對此做了什麼? 你對罪的感覺和神一樣嗎? 當你的父母因為你不順服而管教你時, 你只是走過場, 還是選擇徹底遠離罪惡? 你能描述一下你悔改的時候嗎? 它帶來快樂了嗎? 你會用哪些方式為自己的罪找藉口或試圖讓罪看起來不是那麼糟糕?