



## “THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH”

**MAIN OBJECTIVE:** that the children can rejoice themselves in the Lord knowing that for having been called children of God, they are forgiven when they confess their sins.

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLASS

# 1

#### Initial Prayer

Make a short prayer with your child / children, related to today's topic. Remember to use a simple language, easy to understand.

**Sample of prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank you for this day, because you allow us to learn more from your Word; We ask you that every day we can remember that we are sinners and still, you chose us for your glory; that we always remember what we learn from you, that we can recognize that you are superior to anything else you have created, that we can enjoy the joy you give us by being forgiven and recognize that you are our strength. Amen

## 2

### Praise

Go to this link and praise the Lord with your kids <https://youtu.be/aMyyKpiXDjU>

## 3

### Introduction Activity

Ask your child to mention some sins they have committed, and ask the following: When have you committed a sin, have you repented? Do you know how to identify your sins when you have committed them? Knowing that you are forgiven, what do you feel in your heart?

In this way you will identify if he is able to recognize his sins, if he has repented and if he no longer feels guilt in his heart. You can make an introduction by explaining that we can feel joy in knowing that we are forgiven, because Christ has already paid for our sins on the cross.

# 4

## Bible teaching



Go to this link for today's class: <https://youtu.be/-dD1xn60ydc>

Key verse: **Nehemiah 8: 10b** "Do not be sad, for the joy of the LORD is your strength"

LOOK WITH YOUR CHILDREN FOR THIS VERSE IN THE BIBLE, READ IT SEVERAL TIMES, AND IF POSSIBLE, MEMORIZE IT.

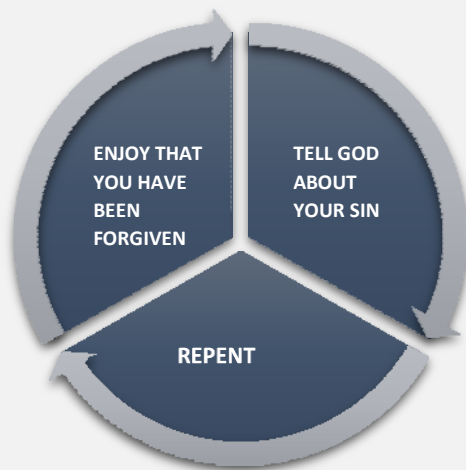
Next, you will find the information you should know about today's class:

### I. THE NEED TO CRY FOR OUR SINS.

The Israelites were celebrating THE FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES (feast in which God was given thanks), there, many heard for the first time the Word of God and the laws of God, then they knew the promise that God had made to the people of Israel entering the promised land and the reason why they lost this land. They also understood why their grandparents had been murdered and why they had been born in captivity (without being free). All this had gone through their sins, when they understood this, the guilt they felt filled them with sadness and they began to cry, realizing that they had sinned against a HOLY God, **then they repented.**

We must remember that our sin always has consequences. We must pray to God to always show us our sin and bring repentance into our life. To repent of our sins means to feel sad because we have offended God and to ask forgiveness from the heart, with sincerity, desiring to please God. When we realize our sin, we should feel such great sadness that we will cry when we ask God for forgiveness. Why? Because we love God.

## II. THE JOY OF BEING FORGIVEN.



God teaches them that after their repentance, they learned that they would always have God's forgiveness and this filled them with much joy and happiness and this gave them strength to go through different trials, difficulties or problems.

Remember that God is always with us because we are his children and he always forgives our sins, that is why we must always strive to stay close to God through prayer, reading the Bible, telling others about Jesus.

### III. CONCLUSION.

We can feel safe each day knowing that God loves us and we have been forgiven. We must remember that our strength comes from the joy that God's love and forgiveness gives us.

How to strengthen yourself in the joy of the Lord?

1

First, find strength and refuge remembering that you are loved and forgiven by God.

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2. Second, find strength and refuge by remembering that the best will come in the future, when we can be with Jesus forever.

## 5

### Check if your child has learned

**Ask your child orally or in writing:**

- What did you learn today?
- Do you feel joy because you are forgiven?
- Have you ever felt true regret? Explain it in your words.
- Can you remember the times you've cried for sin you have committed?

## 6

### Aplication

Do the ANNEX 1 activity with your child. Remember that you can print the activity or do it by hand; If your child can't write, write for him.

# 7

## Final Prayer

Make a short prayer with your children to end the class, thanking God for what they have learned and asking him that we can practice this every day.

ANNEX 1



**WRITE DOWN 5 THINGS YOU HAVE DONE AND NOW YOU REGRET FOR.**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.