

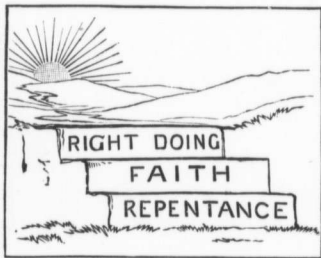
Has any child here ever been naughty and afterward felt sorry for it? Then you know what repentance is. But there are two kinds of sorrow for sin. One is the sorrow that we feel because of the trouble our sin brings upon us, and the other is the real heart sorrow it gives us to know that God is grieved because of our sin. This last kind makes us want to get away from sin. [Have class repeat in concert:

"Repentance is to leave
The sins we loved before,
And show that we in earnest grieve
By doing so no more."]

This is the kind of repentance God wants to see in us when we have been naughty.

Remembering. When Manasseh was a little boy his good father taught him about God, and prayed for him, that he might know the right way and walk in it. God thought of all this, and so he sent word to Manasseh in different ways to come back to him. This lesson (verse 10) says that God spoke to him, but that he would not listen. Then the Lord let the heathen king of Assyria come and make him a prisoner, and bind him fast with fetters, and carry him away to Babylon.

Now he was away from his false friends and had time to think how unwise he had been. Then he remembered God, and began to pray to him. God could look into his heart, just as he can look into your heart and mine, and he saw that Manasseh was truly sorry, and wanted to leave off all his wrongdoing, so he had mercy on him, and brought him back to Jerusalem again. He had learned now that God is the Ruler of kings even, and he began right away to take away the false gods and to urge his people to serve the true God.



Steps for me. Was there ever a child in this world who had no sin in his heart? Only one, and that was the holy child Jesus. We are all

born in sin, but we have a Saviour who can keep us from sinning if we will only let him.

There are three steps that everyone must take who has sinned. [Print "Repentance" on the lower step, and by questioning carefully find if children have a clear idea of what real repentance is.] When we are sorry we must believe that there is One who can save us from sin. [Print "Faith" on second step, and slowly and carefully teach the Golden Text.] Then something must follow the Repentance and Faith, or they will do no good. [Print "Right Doing," and impress the importance of making our acts correspond with our words.]

Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Manasseh's Sin and Repentance. 2 Chron. 33. 1, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1. 9.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, 1 Kings 21.

ATTENTION STORY.

The king who had the great party finished his work, and after God called him away from this world there must be another king, so the little prince Manasseh was put upon the throne, and he began to rule when he was only twelve years old. We have found, you remember, that some of the kings who lived long ago began by being good and afterward they listened to voices which told them to be naughty. This new boy king was naughty at the first, for he told the people that they might pray to the sun and moon and stars, and he set images among the trees, and had one put just at the door of the church. He forgot all about God's loving care of his father and his grandfathers, and even when the Voice spoke to his people and to him they would not listen. [Read verses 1, 7, and 10.] Was it not too bad? What could be done about it? By and by some soldiers of another king came into King Manasseh's country and carried him away to another place where there was a city with one hundred brass gates and very beautiful gardens, but the people living there were not happy, because they liked to do naughty things. While King Manasseh was in this city, which was named Babylon, he had a long time to think of all he had done. He was there for about a year—that is, as long as from one Fourth of July to another, or from last Thanksgiving Day until now—and as Manasseh was a boy, it may have seemed a very, very long time to him. While he was waiting there away from home he remembered his naughty ways, and when he thought about these he wished for peace in his mind and love in his heart, and he prayed. Do you think he tried to go to the groves and pray to the images, which he had put there, or to the moon or the stars? No, he prayed to his heavenly Father, for he remembered that his grandfathers had found God good and true always. [Read

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