**Infant and Toddler Lesson**

**Nursery Manual Lesson 16**

**I Will Say I’m Sorry**

**Everyone makes mistakes. Learning to say sorry is an important part of learning to fix mistakes.**

**Purpose**

Whenever we do something wrong or make a mistake, we should admit our fault and try to correct it. Our willingness to humble ourselves and apologize can soften hearts and prepare us to come to Christ. Have you ever noticed how easily a child can forgive others? Help them to keep this quality, and be willing to say I’m sorry and then to grant forgiveness to others!

 “You cannot erase what has been done, but you can forgive. Forgiveness heals terrible, tragic wounds, for it allows the love of God to purge your heart and mind of the poison of hate. It cleanses your consciousness of the desire for revenge, It makes place for the purifying, healing, restoring love of the Lord.” ~ Richard G. Scott

**Preparation**

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson – look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark James 5:16

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Print off Coloring Page: I Can Say I’m Sorry Bear

Prepare Treat ~ Apple Bear Muffins

**I Will Say I’m Sorry**

**Opening Song** ~ I’m Trying to be Like Jesus (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 78)

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture** ~ Open Scriptures to James 5:16 and read. To reinforce the idea that goes with the lesson you can say, “You should say I’m sorry when you do something wrong.”

**Scripture Story** ~ Jonah and the Whale

Heavenly Father asked Jonah to do something.

Jonah was afraid and tried to run away on a ship.

Heavenly Father was upset that Jonah was not listening and had a whale swallow him.

After Jonah said he was sorry to Heavenly Father the whale let him go.

**Activity** ~ I’m Sorry Bear Hug! ~ Idea originated from churchbabies.blogspot.com

To teach this activity you might want to have a bear stuffed animal handy so they can see what a bear is and what it is doing. Explain to your child that when a teddy bear gives a hug they give really big hugs called Bear Hugs! (Show your child by hugging the bear really big) Teach your child that after someone does something wrong they should say sorry, use the sign if you want, and then give the person they said sorry to a big Bear Hug! Practice giving Bear Hugs!

**Coloring Page** ~ I Can Say I’m Sorry Bear

**Closing Song** ~ Help Me Dear Father (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 99)

**Closing Prayer**

**Treat** ~ Apple Bear Muffins! Found on eclecticrecipies.com

**Extra Activities for This Lesson ~**

 **1** ~ File Folder Game ~ By Megan Mills

A file folder game about saying sorry!

 **2** ~ Read ~ Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?

Have some more fun with bears! This would be fun to read to your child as you are having treat, and they are eating their bear!

 3 ~ Learn the ASL sign for I’m Sorry

 Even if your child is too young to talk you can help teach them to say sorry!

