

BOTTOM LINE: Repentance is an opportunity to turn to God with your whole self.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Repentance & Grace Guide (provided)

optional icebreaker: best handshake ever.

INSTRUCTIONS: The goal of this game is to make up the most elaborate handshake. Pair students up and give them a few minutes to come up with the most elaborate handshake they can think of. Have each pair show off their handshake to the rest of the group. Decide who had the best handshake and give them a prize (or just a great handshake)!

watch the "Sin + Grace" week 3 video.

hear from God through His Word.

DO THIS: Read the two passages below as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about them using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **Luke 15:8-10** and have someone read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What does this parable tell us about repentance?*
- **ASK:** *Why do you think there is "joy" in Heaven when someone repents?*
- Now, tell your students to open their Bibles to **Ephesians 2:8-9** and have someone read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What do you think it means that God's grace is a "gift" to us?*
- **ASK:** *What do you think it means to be "saved by grace"?*

talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about repentance and grace using the questions below.

- **ASK:** *Is it easy or hard to repent of something? Why?*



- **ASK:** *Has there been a time when you felt convicted to repent for something? Would anyone be willing to share about that experience?*
- **ASK:** *Why do you think God wants us to repent when He already knows everything about us?*
- **ASK:** *Is there something in your life you feel like you need to repent for right now? Would you be willing to tell us about it?*

say this:
 We repent by recognizing our sin, confessing the sin to Jesus, and receiving forgiveness and grace from Jesus. But repentance is also about action. We must "turn away" from our sin and towards God.

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students of repentance using the **Repentance & Grace Guides** from your series kit and the prompt below.

- Hand each of your students a **Repentance & Grace Guide** and walk through the steps together. Then, give your students a few minutes to practice repenting on their own. If they can't think of anything they need to repent of right now, encourage them to pray for the other students in the group. (**Leader Note:** *You can play the song, "Goodness of God" by Bethel Music during this time if you want to.*)
- After your students have had time to go through the guide, pray this over your students: *"Jesus, thank you that you love us so much that you accept all of us, even when we sin against you. We repent of our sins and ask that you would forgive us for the ways we've disobeyed you. Thank you for your grace and that you give us forgiveness, even though we don't deserve it. You are so good to us. Help us to continue to come to you and receive your grace. We love you, Amen."*

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenges for the week.

- Take the **Repentance & Grace Guide** home and go through it again on your own sometime this week.
- Memorize **Ephesians 2:8** this week.

Sin +
 Grace

memory verse

*"God saved you by his grace when you believed.
 And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."*

Ephesians 2:8