

Love Forever

Bible Story • God Reassures Joshua • Joshua 8

Teacher & Parent Connection

Remember the name Fresh Start®? What an appropriate name for a laundry detergent! Presumably, clothing soiled in any number of ways could get a “fresh start” if the owner used this detergent. While one detergent may not be much better than another, the cleansing that God offers us is matchless! He not only forgives us but also helps us to begin again as we trust Him to help us obey Him.

Following Achan’s sin and the defeat of their army at Ai, the Israelites must have wondered if God would ever love and forgive them. They renewed their commitment to obeying God. And God promised Joshua that He would continue to love them and would help them to be victorious at Ai! God can do amazing things with our failures when we ask His forgiveness and receive a fresh start!

Kids often give up over failures. They stop playing the piano because of a mistake at a recital. They think they are the worst player on the team because of one error. They may no longer try at their school work due to a bad grade. And

when they sin, they feel as though it’s hopeless to try to live according

to God’s high standards. These experiences can shape their lives in negative ways. But learning that God still loves us even when we sin and that He wants us to start over with Him will be life-shaping, too—in a positive way! You may never know all the good that God does through this lesson, but you can be sure that He loves you, can give you any fresh start you need and will help you to impart this vital truth to your class.



God’s Word

“The Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.” Deuteronomy 7:9

For Younger Children:

“God keeps his promise of love to those who love and obey him.”

God’s Promise for Me

God promises that He will never stop loving us and will always help us obey Him.

“God keeps His promise of love to those who love and obey Him.” (See Deuteronomy 7:9.)



God loves us! Who can you tell about God's love?

Puzzler

There is an important promise hiding in the brick wall. Follow the steps below to find the promise.

- Step 1:** Cross out all the names of colors.
- Step 2:** Cross out all the types of transportation.
- Step 3:** Lose the girls' names.
- Step 4:** Hey, why pick on the girls? Cross out the boys' names, too
- Step 5:** Cross out all the names of toys.
- Step 6:** Let's get rid of all the school subjects.
- Step 7:** Finally, write the leftover words in order on the blank lines below.

What can you do when you want to know what God wants you to do?


