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COURSE A - GRADE 1 - LESSON 7



GOD FORGIVES YOU!



GOD FORGIVES YOUR FIRST CALL

The first thing we all must ask for is for the dear Lord Jesus to be our Savior! All people sin, and all people must pay the cost of sin, and that cost is separation from God forever, in the place called hell. No one wants to go to that place, and *no one has to go there.* It is a choice we mak

"For the wages of sin is death;

but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

What I deserve
and what I get
for my sin.

The gift is
eternal life
that only
God can give

One thing you will always need from God is His forgiveness. It takes God's forgiveness to go to Heaven! It also takes God's forgiveness for sins we do after we become a child of God (Christian). So, we really do need God's forgiveness all the time!

You don't want "death", which means to be separated from God forever - You want the gift of eternal life. God calls it a gift. Have you ever received a gift? Perhaps a birthday or Christmas or other time you were given a nice gift! Did you have to pay for it? NO! Did you have to go get

them a gift? NO! All you had to do was to receive it. That's a gift!

God tells us that salvation (being saved from sin) is like a gift. Jesus bought this gift for us because His death on the cross paid the cost of our sin - not His, OURS! It cost Him His life, but it saves us from death.

But to receive the gift for yourself you must reach out and receive it. We reach out in a prayer, and ask Jesus to be our Savior and give to us the gift of eternal life! It's His promise to us that we can trust:



*"For whosoever" - that's you!
"shall call" - that's your prayer!
"upon the name of the Lord" - that's
Jesus!
"shall be saved" - that's His promise
Roman's 10:13 to you!*

DOES FOREVER MEAN FOREVER?

HOW LONG IS FOREVER?

We cannot really understand a place without time, but that's what Heaven is! Only when we go to that wonderful place someday will we understand a place with never an end. It's a promise made to us by God!

Look up these two verses in your Bible, and fill in the missing words as you read:



JOHN 14: 2-3

"In my Father's house (Heaven) are many _____: if it were not so, I would have _____ you. I go to _____ a _____ for you.

And if I go and prepare a _____ for you I will _____ again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may _____."

OVER AND OVER GOD'S PROMISE IS GIVEN IN GOD'S WORD!

*"have eternal life" John 3:15
"have everlasting life" John 3:16
"have everlasting life" John 3:36
"unto them eternal life" John 10:28
"this is life eternal" John 17:3
"shall live forever" John 6:58
"shall never die" John 11:26*

SO, IF I DO SIN AS A CHRISTIAN, WHAT HAPPENS?

For sure I *do not lose* my salvation. God alone gave this great gift to me, and only He can take it away. But our *daily sins* must be forgiven in order that we would be right with God!

Becoming a Christian does not make a person perfect, never to sin again. We are still capable of committing sin. We do not want to, but we still are tempted to sin.

ONLY JESUS CAN FORGIVE SIN

"But that ye may know that the Son of man (Jesus) hath power (authority) upon earth to forgive sins..." Luke 5:24

"Him (Jesus) hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31

JESUS IS WILLING TO FORGIVE

"If we confess (admit) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

JESUS IS WAITING TO FORGIVE

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."

Psalm 86:5

HEAVEN DEPENDS UPON
YOUR ASKING AND
GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

HAVE YOU
CALLED
UPON JESUS
TO SAVE
YOU?



NO! NO! NO! IT'S MINE!

by Adrianna Kassner

Robby was full of *greed*. To be greedy means that *someone wants more than he needs*. Greed can be for stuff, money, or even to eat more food than you should.

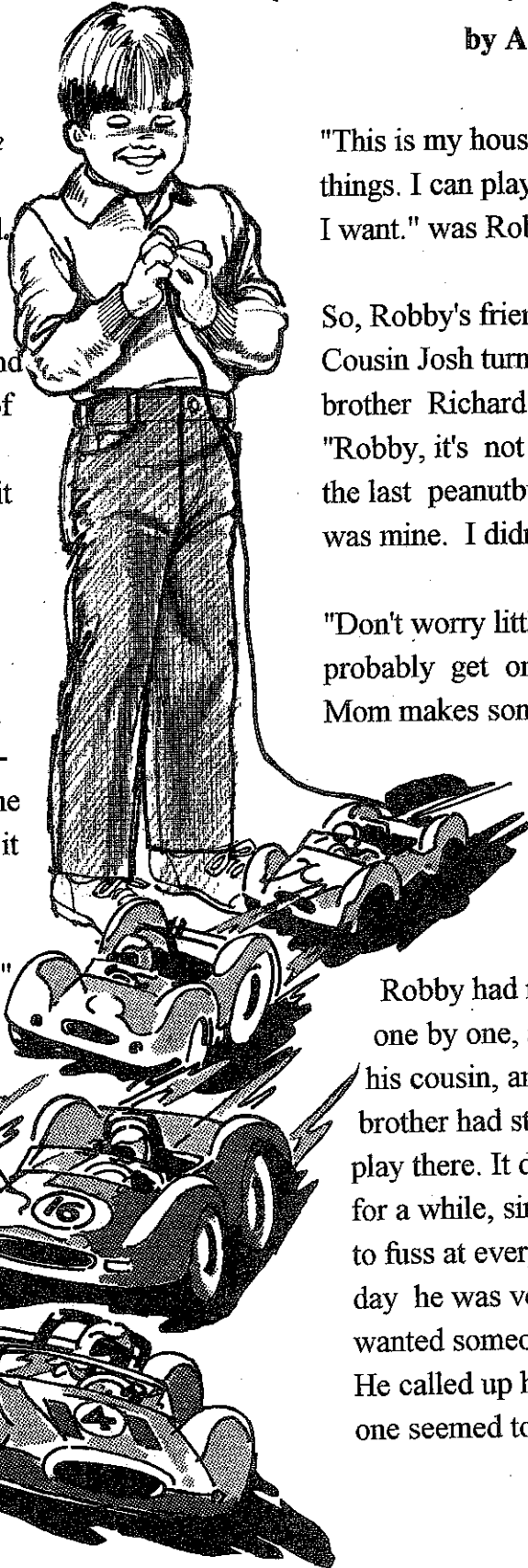
Robby's greed was that he had lots of toys to play with, but he wanted more and more and more. He didn't care to hear of other children who had none of the toys he had - he didn't care about others - it was all about him and his need of more than anyone else had.

The problem got worse as he wanted no one to play with his toys except himself. He did not care to share anything at any time. His greed had made him to become very selfish - wanting it all and wanting it all to himself.

"Robby, can I try out your new Yo-Yo?" asked Cousin Josh.

"No, No, No!" said Robby, "I want to play with it in a little while."

"Robby, you are hogging all of the race cars. We can't play if you don't share." said his friends. "We share with you at our house."



"This is my house and these are my things. I can play with them all that I want." was Robby's answer.

So, Robby's friends went home. Cousin Josh turned away too. His brother Richard began to cry: "Robby, it's not fair - you took the last peanutbutter cookie. It was mine. I didn't get any!"

"Don't worry little brother, you'll probably get one the next time Mom makes some." said Robby.

Robby had not realized it, but one by one, all of his friends, his cousin, and even his little brother had stopped coming to play there. It didn't bother him for a while, since he didn't have to fuss at everybody. Then one day he was very bored. He so wanted someone to play with. He called up his friends, but not one seemed to be home.

He checked out the playground, the school yard, down by the pond, and even went by each of their homes. No one. He found not one of his friends, not even his little brother. Where was everyone?

After searching everywhere, he finally heard some noise from the old shed next door. There he found them all - his cousin Josh, his little brother, and the whole gang.

"What are you guys doing?" asked Robby.

"None of your business!" answered Josh.

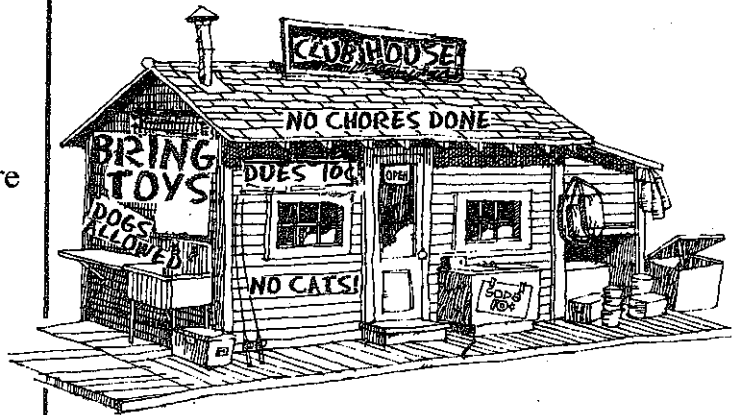
"Yea, this is top secret." said one of his friends. "You're not allowed."

"We are starting a Club." said Richard. We all promise to each other to share our stuff in play, and not to become like you." "Yea", they all said together! "You go home and keep all your old stuff. Together, we have four times as much fun stuff to play with as you do, and we don't have to be selfish at all." Donny said.

"Come on you guys, let me be in Club too!"

"No way". said Josh. "But here is something that might change our minds." Josh finished, "you go home and think it through - Are your friends better than just stuff, even if we have four times as much stuff as you, friends are special and that's what this Club is going to be. Then, come back in a week and we will vote on you to come into the Club."

Donny then said, "And if you want to join the Club, bring all your toys and we'll have the funnest day of play we've had in a long time!"



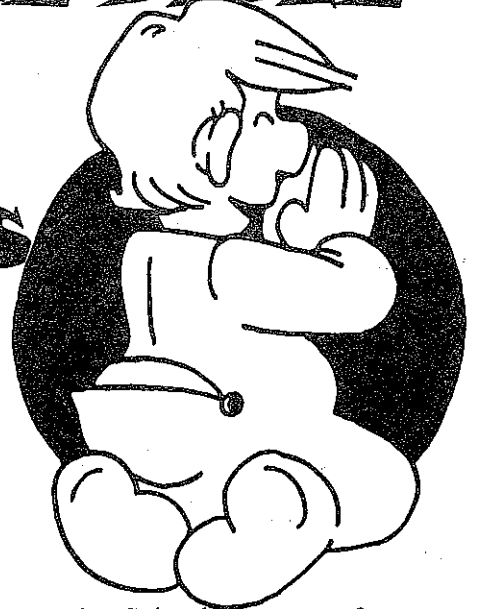
Robby hung his head and walked home alone. For the first time, he saw himself as others saw him. He was greedy and selfish. He had forgotten what friends really mean, and are much better than toys and stuff.

Robby was a Christian, like his friends. He knew he had to admit his sin of greed to his dear Lord, then next week he could make things right with his friends!

It was one of the longest weeks Robby ever waited to pass. He couldn't wait till the next week at Club when he planned to pull in with a wagon-load of his best toys! Now, his own heart was right with God, his friends would be his friends again, and they all would have more toys to play with than ever before! END

PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE

7 THE PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

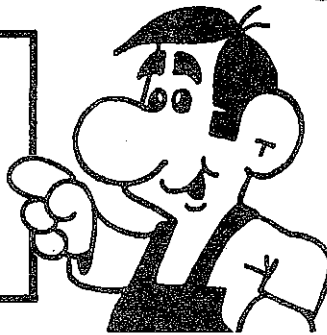


HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS: We ask God to forgive our personal sin or the sin of others.

Sometimes we need to ask God to forgive others. You will hear in Sunday School the story of a man we will see in Heaven someday, named Stephen. One day, after Stephen had preached a message on people's sins, the people rose up and stoned (hit him with rocks) him to death. Just before he died, Stephen said: **"And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."**

Jesus made the same prayer when dying on the cross ...

"...Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do..."



Often, even every day, we must ask forgiveness for our own personal sins. *Always, always,* confess sin immediately. Don't even wait until your bedtime prayer to confess something that you knew was wrong all day long.

Look how *PERSONAL* this verse is concerning OUR SINS. It's forgiveness for OUR SINS. God *CLEANSSES US!* God is always willing, waiting and able to forgive our daily sins. Only God can!

FIND I JOHN 1:9

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ASK GOD IMMEDIATELY!



QUESTION & ANSWER

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(Find answers in the stories)



GOD FORGIVES YOU!

What is one thing you will always need from God? _____

ONLY _____ CAN FORGIVE SINS

JESUS IS _____ TO FORGIVE

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THE STORY...

Robby was full of _____.

Near the end of the story, what did Robby admit to the Lord? _____



PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE...

How did Jesus pray on the cross?

"...Father, _____ them; for they know not what they do..."