

Repentance, Forgiveness & Restoration

Things you need:

1. Red construction paper
2. Scissors & black marker pen
3. Something white and black eg: garbage bags, clothing or pieces of paper

Step 1:

Cut out 3 large footprints from the red paper and write Repentance, Forgiveness & Restoration on the feet (one word on each)

Step 2:

Set up the following pattern on the floor



Step 3:

Provide the following Explanation:

Have a scenario either written out or choose something that has happened and been dealt with during the weeks previous to this instruction.

1. Get your child to stand in the black “pit”, because his heart was black because he had sinned.
2. Ask him to tell you **what** they did wrong and step to the Repentance footstep. (Red footsteps represents the blood of Jesus)
3. Now get him to ask for forgiveness by stating **what heart attitude that he violated** e.g.: I was not kind, I did not have self-control, I did not show love, I was rude etc,
4. **then** he may step to the Forgiveness step
5. The last step must be Restoration by getting him to tell you how he would **make this right** e.g.: doing something kind to the person he wronged.
6. **Now** he has the freedom to take the step to the last white “pit” which has indicated that his heart was pure again.

Worked example.

Son stands on the black square. Mum says “remember when you hit your sister yesterday... what did you do wrong (*what was the action*).” Son replies, “Yes I remember, I hit my sister.” Son then moves to the repentance foot and says, “I’m sorry I hit you.” Mum says, “now you need to seek forgiveness for your wrong heart attitude... What do you need to seek forgiveness for (*this is about the motive*)?” Son then moves to the forgiveness foot and says “Sister, please forgive me for not being kind, angry, revengeful (which ever one...). Mum then says, “how are you going to make it right with your sister?” Son moves to restoration foot and says “I will restore with my sister by giving her a hug, writing a loving note, do an act of kindness (which ever one...). Son then steps onto the white sheet. Mum says, “through this process you have moved from a dark sinful place to a place of purity”.

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