



CHANGING HEARTS WELS PRISON MINISTRY

PRE-K + KINDERGARTEN

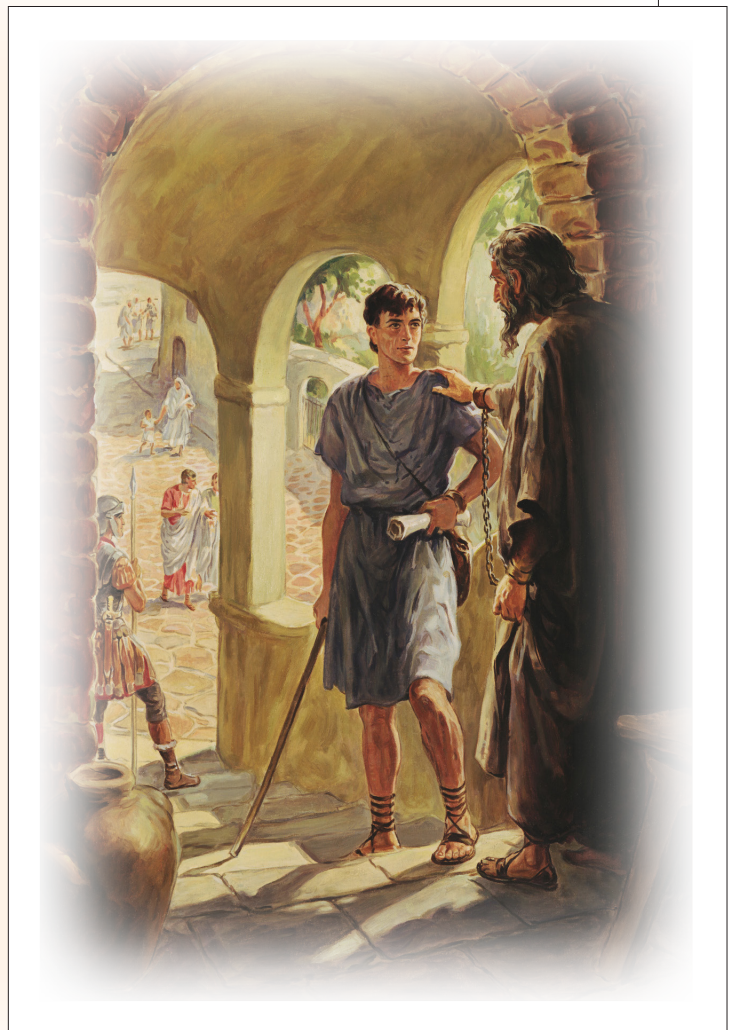
PHILEMON AND ONESIMUS

Philemon 1-25

God chose a man named Paul to teach people about Jesus. Paul had a friend named Philemon, who believed in Jesus. Philemon had servants who worked for him. One day one of his servants ran away. This servant's name was Onesimus.

After running away, Onesimus found Paul. Paul told Onesimus that God loved him so much that he sent his Son Jesus to die on a cross to pay for all the wrong things he had done. Onesimus was sorry that he had run away. When he learned how much Jesus loved him, he wanted to go back to Philemon and tell him he was sorry.

Paul wrote a letter to his friend Philemon. In the letter he told Philemon that his servant Onesimus now believed in God, and he was sorry for running away. Paul asked Philemon to take his servant back as a brother in the Lord. Paul expected Philemon to take Onesimus back because Philemon knew God had forgiven him just like he had forgiven Onesimus.





PARENTS AND KIDS:

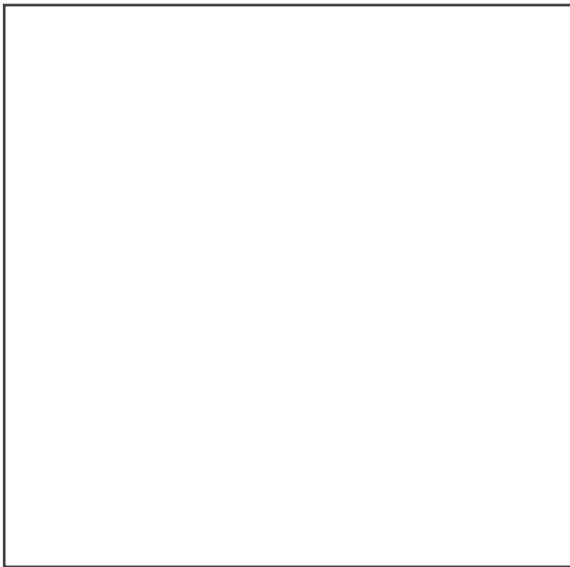
This lesson teaches that Paul urged his friend Philemon to love and welcome back his servant Onesimus. We thank and praise God for taking our sins away through his Son Jesus. God shows

how much he loves us by forgiving us. He asks us to love and help others, including those who have wandered from God.

TO DO:

Think of all the places you have seen a cross (jewelry, at church, at home). Discuss what the cross means. Have your child draw a cross and a heart in the box below. Read the sentence and praise God for what he did for you while on the cross.

Jesus showed his love on the cross.



TO DO:

As a family, through role play, practice welcoming someone to your church who hasn't been there for some time. (This could include someone who was recently released from jail or prison or a child whose parent was recently released.) As a family, begin by identifying and verbalizing reasons why church is meaningful to you. Practice sharing these reasons in a conversational setting while encouraging someone to join your family in Sunday School, Bible class, worship, or another church activity.

PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear Father, thank you for showing us your love by sending Jesus to take our sins away. Help us to show love to and help those who have wandered from you by sharing your Word with them and welcoming them into our church family.



MEMORY TREASURES

John 13:34

A new command I give you: love one another.