

What is Repentance?

Readings	1) Acts 3:11-21 2) 1 John 3:1-7 3) Luke 24:36-49
Scripture Focus	Acts 3:19
Take Away	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	
Message I heard a little boy and girl playing once and the little girl hit the little boy. “Ouch!,” the little boy cried. I heard the little girl say, “Sorry.” A few minutes later I heard her hit him again. “OUCH!” he cried again, “That hurt!” The girl said she was sorry again. A bit later she hit him again! Do you think the little girl was really sorry for hitting the little boy if she kept doing it? The Bible verse today says REPENT AND TURN BACK and your sins may be removed. We use this word a lot in church. The word is REPENT. Do you know what that means? Let me say it again: “ Repent and turn back that your sins may be removed.” REPENT – that means to be sorry for your sins. When we do something that God does not like, we should feel bad about it and want to tell him we’re sorry. When we do something that hurts somebody else, we should feel bad about that too, and be sorry. But there’s another part too. Just saying your sorry doesn’t mean very much if you keep doing it. Being sorry is good, but the Bible verse says, “Repent and TURN BACK .” TURN BACK – that means to try not to do it again. When we’re really sorry, we try not to do the bad thing again and God forgives us. He even forgets that we did something bad. Thank you, God! So, what does REPENT mean? To be sorry and try to do better. Let’s pray.	
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Only you can take away our sin. Thank you for teaching us / about how to REPENT. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen