

Repentance

I shouldn't ask for forgiveness unless I am sorry.

People should repent.

Mark 6:12

Sorry

"Henry called me a bad name!" Grace called from her room. Grace and her brother, Henry, had been playing blocks together in her room. But Henry got mad when she accidentally knocked over his building. "Well, she's being mean," Henry called to Mommy. "Now, Henry, you know it's wrong to call people bad names," Mommy scolded as she entered the room. Henry looked both sad and angry. "I know," he said. "Then don't you think you should say you're sorry?" asked Mommy. Henry looked at Grace, took a deep breath and said, "Sorry." Henry and Grace started playing again. But a few minutes later, Mommy heard Grace yell, "Henry's calling me bad names again!" Being sorry isn't just words, it means you will try not to make the same mistake again. Henry said he was sorry, but he didn't really mean it because he called his sister another bad name just a few minutes later. You can tell God you're sorry when you do something bad and He will forgive you. But it is up to you to see that you do not do the same bad thing again. Don't ask for forgiveness unless you really mean it.

Your Turn

1. Have you ever said you were sorry when you didn't really mean it?
2. Why is it wrong to ask for forgiveness if you are not sorry?

Prayer

God, please help me to remember that I should really mean it when I say I'm sorry. Amen.