



LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE



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Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urB6gh-E59Q>

Overview:

Lilly's grandmother buys her a beautiful purple plastic purse. Lilly cannot wait to show it to her class. She disobeys her teacher by showing the purse to her class during the lesson, so her teacher takes the purse away from Lilly. Lilly then writes her teacher a mean letter. Lilly is later sorry for what she has done, and her teacher forgives.

Moral/Truth/Verse:

Repent and turn to God that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19

Songs:

"What Does It Mean to Repent?"

Lyrics here:

<https://www.letssingit.com/dana-dirksen-lyrics-what-does-it-mean-to-repent-6v1vtdp#axzz4l5IUBamO>

What does it mean to repent?

To repent is to be sorry, sorry for sin,

And to hate and forsake it, because it displeases God.

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And to hate and forsake it, because it displeases God.

If My people, who are called by My name,

Will humble themselves and pray,

And seek My face and turn from their wicked ways,

Then will I hear and I'll forgive their sin.

II Chronicles 7:14

Third Verse of "It Is Well with My Soul"

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!

My sin, not in part but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

- Color and cut out the purse on page 1. Read Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse. As or after you read, have kids draw the sunglasses and quarters inside of the purse. After reading, talk about what Lilly did that was wrong. (She disobeyed her teacher.) Talk about what sin is. (Sin is disobeying God.) Talk about what Lilly did after she did wrong. (She continued to rebel/do wrong/disobey by writing a mean letter to her teacher. Her heart was proud.) Talk about what her teacher did when school was over. (Mr. Slinger gave Lilly back her purse along with a compliment and a note of forgiveness inside. He continued to love her.) Talk about how God views one of His children. (He continues to love him or her in spite of the sin. He wants for the sinner to return to Him in repentance and faith. He will forgive the truly repentant sinner.) Talk about how Lilly reacted to Mr. Slinger's kindness. (She was deeply troubled in her heart and put

herself in timeout and wrote a new note.) How did Mr. Slinger react to Lilly's the next day? (He threw away the mean note – he “blotted” it out.) Do you think Lilly was truly repentant toward her teacher for what she had done? (We don't know because the book ends, but we do see signs of repentance – deeply troubled in her heart, desire to “make it right,” desire to behave differently.)

- Read Luke 15:11-32, which is the parable of the lost son. The prodigal son is an example of sound/true repentance. The elder brother illustrates the wickedness of the Pharisees' self-righteousness, prejudice, and indifference toward repenting sinners. And the father pictures God, eager to forgive, and longing for the return of the sinner. Discuss the parallels of this story with Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.
- Another beautiful example of repentance is one of my favorite portions of the Bible. Read Luke 18:9-14. Use page 2 or 3 as a visual or color page.
- Another example is the story of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus. His repentance was evident in his changed life.

Crafts/Activities:

- Whittle a bar of white soap into the shape of the cross and discuss blotting out sins, Psalm 103:12.
- Make a splotch with washable paint or washable marker onto a piece of towel or fabric. With kids' assistance, wash/scrub the towel or fabric clean in a bucket of soapy water. Discuss Psalm 103:12.
- Print page 4 and place it at one end of a room. Print page 5 and place it at the opposite end of the room. Demonstrate and have kids follow – Turn and walk towards sin. Act out change of heart/repentance. Turn and walk towards God.

Other Verse:

Psalm 103:12

Ezekiel 36:26

Colossians 2:14