

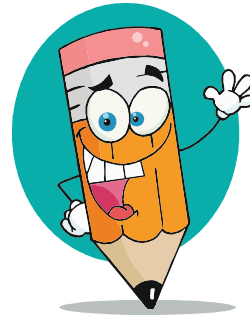
Sins Can Be Erased

PURPOSE

To help family members better understand that true repentance allows us to be forgiven of all our sins

MATERIALS

- Stories (see links below)
- A pencil
- A pen
- An eraser
- Scriptures
- Marking pencils

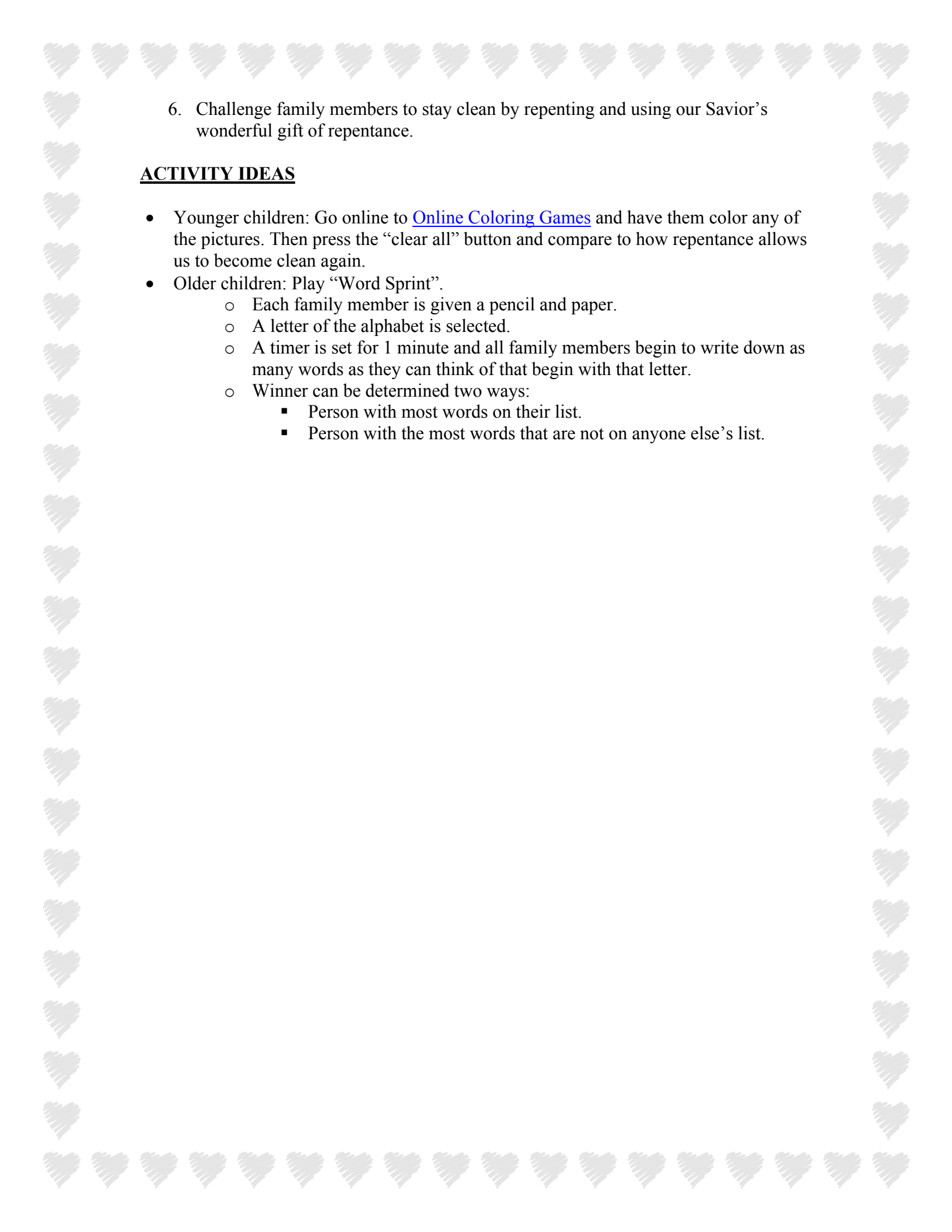


SONG SUGGESTION

- [Repentance](#), Children's Songbook #98

LESSON IDEAS

1. Hold up a pencil and a pen. Ask your family to tell you the difference between the two. Continue asking about the differences until someone mentions that pen ink cannot be erased, but pencil lead can.
2. Draw two lines on a piece of paper; one with the pencil and one with the pen.
 - a. Give one of the children the eraser and ask him/her to try to erase both.
3. Explain that earth life is like a pencil. Heavenly Father knew that we would make mistakes in this life so He gave us the opportunity to “erase” the mistakes through His Son’s atonement.
4. Explain that repenting of a sin is not as easy as erasing a line. Ask your family what steps are needed to completely erase sins from our life.
 - a. Read D&C 58:42-43 with your family. Encourage them to underline the promise that repented sins will be forgiven and forgotten by the Lord.
 - b. Invite them to look for two important things we must do to be forgiven (confess and forsake)
5. Depending on the age of your children you may want to share with them one of the following stories/articles:
 - a. Story for younger children, “[Clean Again](#)”
 - b. Story for younger children, “[Marty's Muddy Shoes](#)”
 - c. Article for teens, “[The Brilliant Morning of Forgiveness](#)” by President Boyd K. Packer



6. Challenge family members to stay clean by repenting and using our Savior's wonderful gift of repentance.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Younger children: Go online to [Online Coloring Games](#) and have them color any of the pictures. Then press the “clear all” button and compare to how repentance allows us to become clean again.
- Older children: Play “Word Sprint”.
 - Each family member is given a pencil and paper.
 - A letter of the alphabet is selected.
 - A timer is set for 1 minute and all family members begin to write down as many words as they can think of that begin with that letter.
 - Winner can be determined two ways:
 - Person with most words on their list.
 - Person with the most words that are not on anyone else's list.