

IDENTITY & SELF ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 18

LEADERS GOAL

Create a safe space for students to talk about mistakes and consider what second chances might look like.

SUPPLIES

- Puzzles one per Small Group, for Redo the Game
- Bible marked and open to Proverbs 24:16
- IPAD to watch Bible story video

SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 24:16

ACTIVITIES

Redo the image
Copy-cat Dance Moves

PRAY

BOTTOM LINE

God gives second chances and we can do the same.

AS STUDENTS ARRIVE

Today, we're talking about second chances and how we grow when we give ourselves and others second chances.

What does a second chance mean to you?

STORY CONNECTION

After reuniting with Nala, Simba begins to question whether he should return to the Pride Lands. Even though he was born to be king, fear holds him back. He worries about what others will think of him and feels weighed down by guilt, believing he is responsible for Mufasa's death.

Simba stands at a crossroads. Should he stay where it feels safe and familiar, or take a second chance—returning home to face Scar's evil rule and fight for the Pride Lands?

OUR STORIES

- Has there been a time when you felt like you only had one chance?
- Might there still be an opportunity to have a second chance with that? (based on what they shared above)
- Why is it often easier to give others a second chance than to give one to ourselves?
- Can every situation deserve a second chance? Why or why not?
- What changes when someone believes in you after you've messed up?

TRUTH & TREASURE

The Bible tells of a man who received a second chance.

Peter Denies Jesus – Matthew 26:33-35 and 26:69-75; John 21:15-25

Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends and followers. He believed he would always be loyal, but when Jesus was arrested, Peter got scared. People asked if he knew Jesus, and three times, he said no. Later, Peter felt ashamed and heartbroken about what he did. After Jesus came back to life, He gently talked to Peter, asking, "Do you love me?" three times – one for each time Peter denied Him. Jesus gave Peter a second chance and trusted him to tell others about Jesus. Even when we fail, God gives us new chances to grow and try again.

Video: <https://youtu.be/KEZhhdRqheU>

The Bible says, Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again. Proverbs 24:16 NIV

This verse reminds us that everyone messes up, but you can get back up. That's how you grow. Give yourself and others a second chance.

DISCOVERY

GAME | Redo The Image

Supplies: Puzzles

Time students as they complete a puzzle. Once finished, give them a second chance to play again, trying to beat their first time. Ask them how it felt to have a 2nd opportunity to do the puzzle- what did they notice?

GAME | Copy-Cat Dance Moves

Small Group Leader starts by making up a set of dance moves/actions with verbal sounds or beats that students must copy. Students have three tries to get it right. The winner gets to make up the next set of dance moves/actions with sounds.

PRAYER

God, thank you for giving us second chances. When we mess up, help us remember that we're still loved and still growing. Help us to be brave and courageous to get back up and try again. Because you give us second chances, help us offer that same grace and forgiveness to others. Amen.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Remember, everyone messes up. It's how we grow.

Grace means undeserved kindness or love — the goodness God gives us even when we don't earn it or deserve it. It's like being given a second chance after you've messed up, or being forgiven before you've even said sorry. Grace reminds us that God's love isn't based on what we do, but on who He is. If you face something hard this week, give yourself a second chance and grace. Is there an opportunity to try again?

Say, "I'm loved. I get to try again."