

Principle Workbook

Lesson 34 - Restoring Mistakes

Aim

- * To understand that to restore man's relationship to God, man must make indemnity conditions
- * To understand that when we make a mistake we must pay indemnity to correct the mistake

Key words

Restore - to return something back to how it was in the beginning

Indemnity - something you do to pay back a debt or restore a mistake

Materials

- * Story - The Broken Window
- * Restoration chart
- * God's Words - Moses, Jesus, Sun Myung Moon
- * Worksheet

Lesson Outline

1. Restoration and Indemnity
2. The Broken Window
3. Questions
4. Restoration History
5. Restoring Mistakes in Daily Life
- 6 Activities - worksheet, role play, Simon Says, test knowledge of God's words
7. Review the aims
8. Prayer

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1) Restoration and Indemnity

- * Today's lesson is about restoring mistakes by paying indemnity.

Restore means to return something back to how it was in the beginning.

Indemnity means something you do to pay back a debt or restore a mistake

Example

You borrow a football from a friend and lose it. To restore this mistake means that your friend gets his football back or something to replace it. To pay indemnity means you have to do something to pay back the loss. What could you do?

- Search until you find it
- Buy a new one
- Apologize
- Give your ball to him
- Give him money to buy a new one

Indemnity can be of three kinds - an equal amount, a lesser amount or a greater amount according to how much you pay back. For example:

- An equal amount
- buy a new ball
- Give your ball to him
- Give him money to buy a new ball

A lesser amount

- Search until you find it
- Apologize. Maybe it is an old ball and your friend has others, so it's not a great loss.

A greater amount

- Pay for a new one and you can't play football for a week
- This might be necessary if you refuse to accept responsibility for the loss and have a bad attitude

2) The Broken Window

Here is a story about a mistake and how it was corrected.

Two friends, Thomas and Lenny, break a neighbour's window when throwing a baseball. The neighbour is out and they decide to say nothing. Hours later Thomas's neighbour phones his mother about the window. Thomas explains what happened, but his mother said he should have told her immediately. Thomas says he was afraid. She explains that it is good he is honest now, but not saying anything is like lying. His parents will pay for the broken window now, but he must earn some money by doing jobs and pay later. His father explains that if we don't tell the truth people won't trust us. It is always best to tell the truth even if we are afraid.

3) Questions

1. How did they window break? - *Thomas tried to hit the branch of a nearby tree, but it smashed into the neighbor's window instead.*
2. What did the boys do? - *They went home*
3. Did Thomas tell his parents what happened? - *no*
4. Why didn't he? - *he was afraid*
5. What does Tommy tell his mother - *the truth*
6. Who paid for the broken window? - *his parents*
7. What indemnity condition did he have to do? - *Do extra chores around the house to earn the money needed for the window and pay later*
8. Is this lesser, equal or greater indemnity? - *equal. He must pay the cost of a new window*
9. What would be lesser indemnity? - *He apologizes to his neighbour and his parents pay all the costs or he pays part of the cost*
10. What would be greater indemnity? - *Pay the cost and be banned from playing football for a week*
11. What indemnity condition do you think he should do?
12. What does Thomas' father tell him about telling the truth? - *When we try to hide our mistakes, it becomes difficult for others to trust us. It is always best to tell the truth, even if you're scared.*

4) Restoration History

Use the chart of restoration history to explain this

Throughout history God has asked man to make indemnity conditions in order to restore His ideal. Adam and Eve were growing in their relationship with God, when they disobeyed the commandment. As a result they lost their connection to God. Since then God has worked to restore that relationship. He chose special people who could put aside their personal desires and completely obey his word. They had to make conditions of indemnity. He told Noah to build an ark on a mountain, Abraham to leave his home and Moses to fast for 40 days. Step by step God has been restoring the world. First there was the Old Testament Age and the 10 commandments. Then there was the New Testament Age and Jesus' words. And today we are in the Completed Testament Age and we have the Divine Principle and True Parents to teach us God's words.

5) Restoring Mistakes in Daily Life

In order to restore our relationship to God we also must learn to obey God's word. The 10 commandments say respect your parents and don't lie or steal. If we disobey these rules we need to pay indemnity to restore the mistake. Then we can be forgiven and the original situation restored, otherwise we cannot restore things as they were in the beginning

Parents also teach children God's word by teaching what is right and wrong. What do your parents teach you? What indemnity do you have to pay when you make mistakes?

Look at the examples on the worksheet. What mistakes did the children make? What indemnity conditions could they do? Think of equal, lesser and greater indemnity.

What mistakes have you made? Did you lose something? Break something? Get angry and hurt someone? Used bad words? Tell a lie? Did you have the courage to tell the truth or were you afraid? Draw a picture of a mistake you made. Write what you did to restore that mistake.

6) Activities

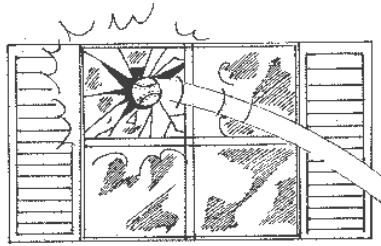
- * Complete the worksheet - For each situation write three indemnity conditions - lesser, equal and greater. Draw a picture of a mistake you made and what you did to restore it
- * Role play a situation from the worksheet. What can you do to restore it?
- * Test knowledge of God's word (Moses, Jesus, Sun Myung Moon)
- * Play "Simon Says" as an obedience game, linking it to obeying the commandments

7) Review the aims

- * To understand that to restore man's relationship to God, man must make indemnity conditions
- * To understand that when we make a mistake we must pay indemnity to correct the mistake

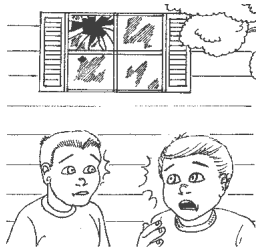
8) End with a prayer

Thomas & the Broken Window



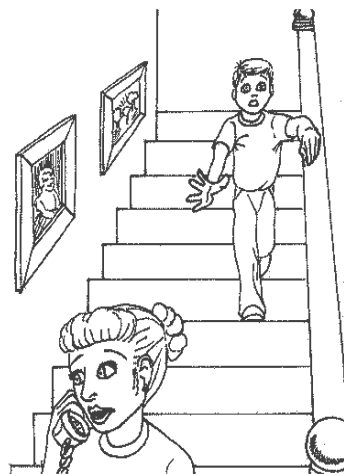
Tom and Larry lived a few houses from each other. They had been close friends since kindergarten. One evening, when the weather had cooled down to a comfortable temperature, the boys were allowed to play in the yard at Tom's house. On this particular evening, they had planned on playing ball. Larry, having done his homework and completed his chores, was given permission to play with Tom.

The boys were very excited, because Tom had a new ball for them to play with. While they were tossing the ball back and forth, Larry had an idea to see who could hit the branch of a nearby tree. Tom agreed and he went first. Tom aimed at the branch then threw the ball. The ball went right past the branch and smashed into the neighbor's window, breaking it.



The boys were completely frightened and didn't know what to do. After a while, they quickly looked around to see if anyone else saw what had occurred. When they didn't see anyone, they felt better. Although it was an accident, both of the boys were thinking they would get into trouble. Without saying a word to each other, the boys quickly parted company. Larry went home and Tom went to his bedroom.

Later that evening, just before supper, Tom finally decided to leave his bedroom. He washed his hands and was coming downstairs to take his place at the table, when he heard his mother talking on the telephone. She was speaking about the neighbor's broken window. Quietly, Tom turned to go back upstairs when he heard his mother say she would ask him if he knew anything about the window.



Tom's heart began to pound in his chest. He could feel the sweat build up and he was unable to move from his spot. Tom's mother saw him after she hung up the telephone and said, "There you are. Tom, the neighbor's window was broken today while they were out. Do you know anything about it?"

Although Tom was afraid about what he had done, he remembered what he had been taught about using self-control to be honest. Tom then made the choice to do the right thing by being truthful, no matter what.

"Larry and I were playing catch with my new ball," Tom began. "We were trying to hit the limb on the tree, but I missed the tree and broke the window."

"Why didn't you say something sooner~" Tom's mother asked.

"I was afraid of what you and dad would think. I thought maybe I wouldn't get to play with Larry anymore;" Tom said. "There was no one around so we just left and went home."



Tom shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know," he said.

"If you had not told us, it would have been dishonest, like lying or hiding the truth," Tom's mother said. "When a person can face the truth, even if he is afraid, it makes him a better person. Do you know that you must pay for the broken window?"

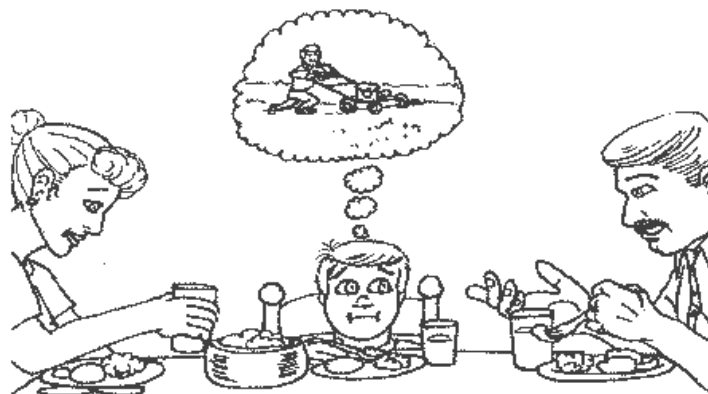
"Yes, but how?" Tom asked.

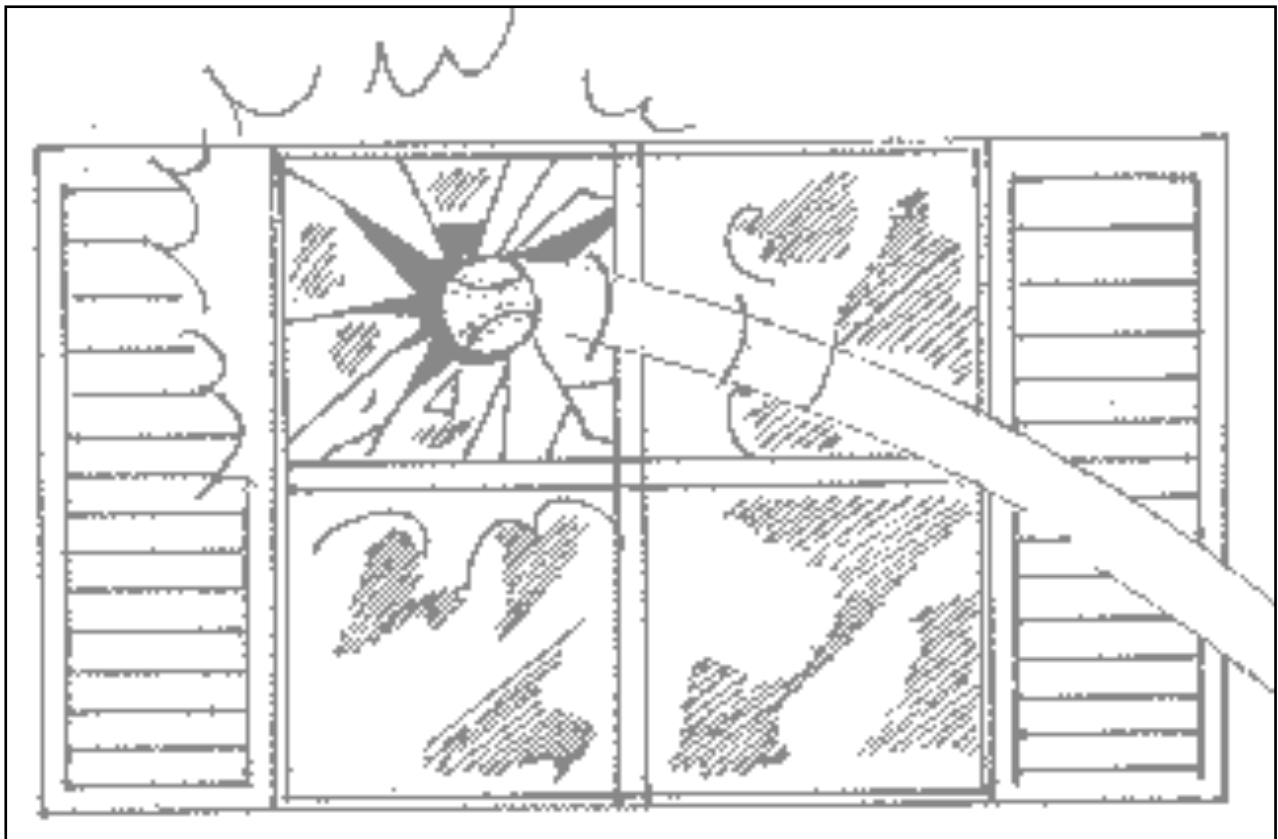
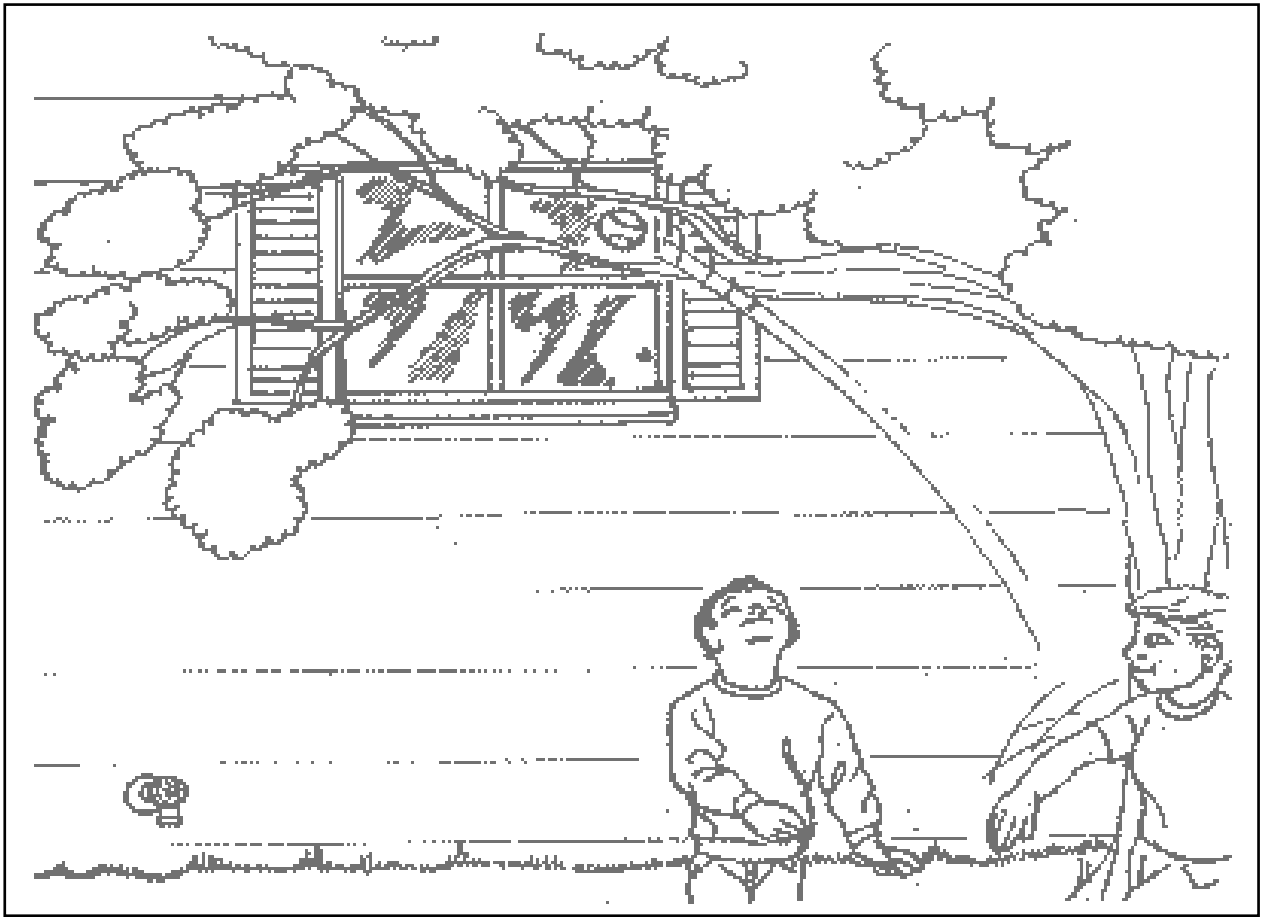
"We will give you extra chores to do around the house to earn the money needed for the window," said Tom's mother.

Tom's mother then called the neighbor, whose window had been broken and explained what had occurred. She told them that Tom would gladly pay for any repairs needed. Tom and his family went on to have a pleasant supper. They discussed the importance of always being honest and not hiding mistakes that are made.

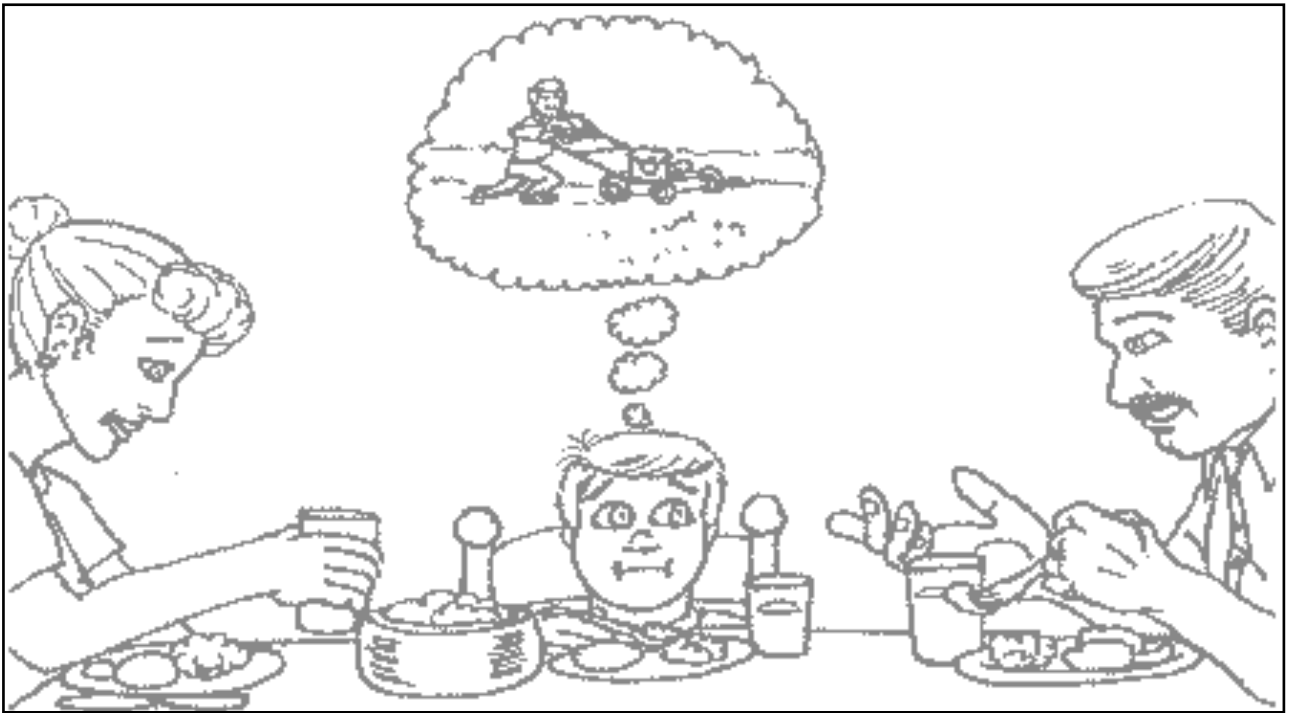
"When we hide the mistakes that we make it makes us look untrustworthy or dishonest," explained Tom's father. "Telling the truth is always the best choice to make. Even if we are afraid. Do you understand?"

Tom nodded his head yes and felt much better for telling the truth.

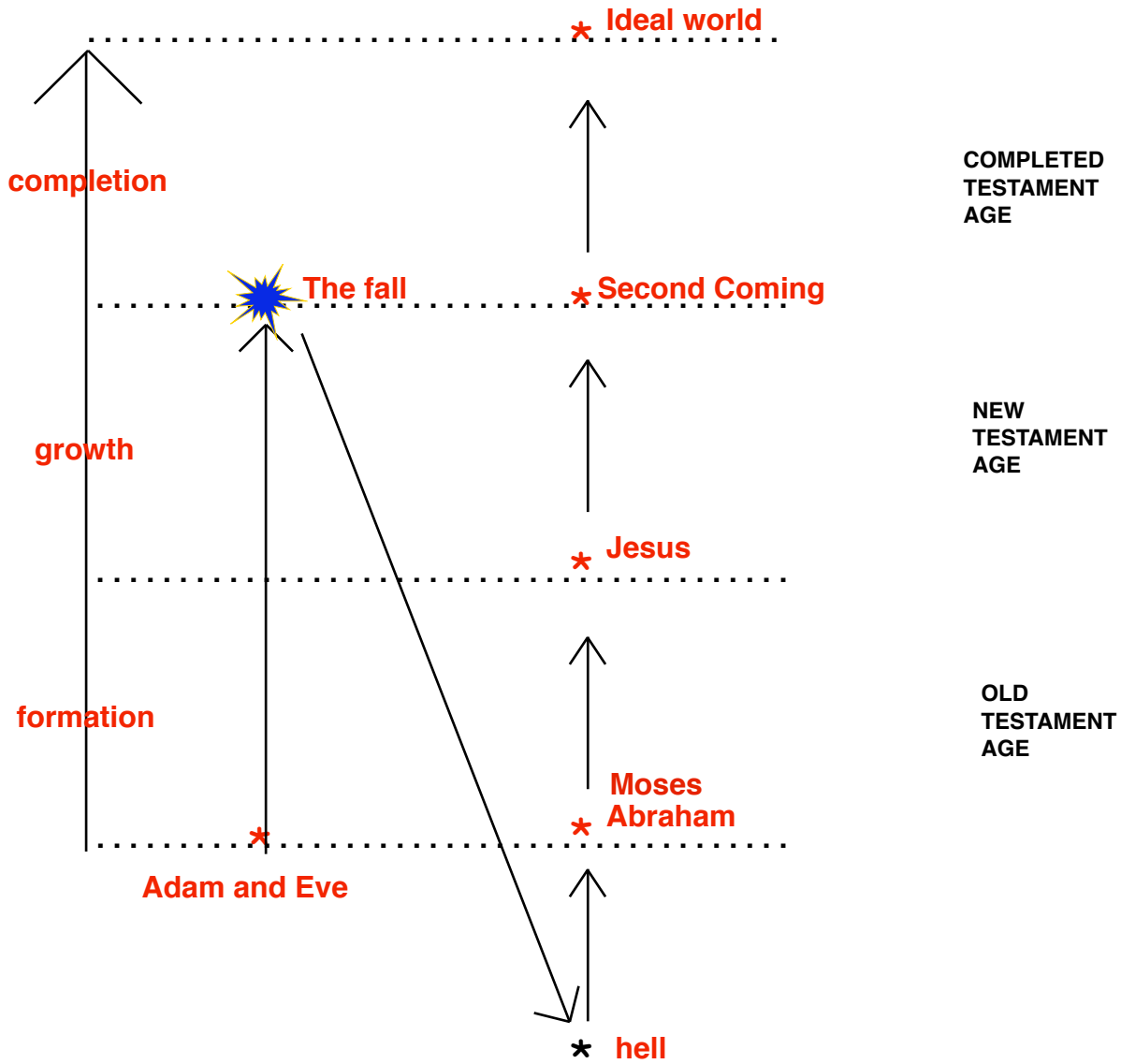








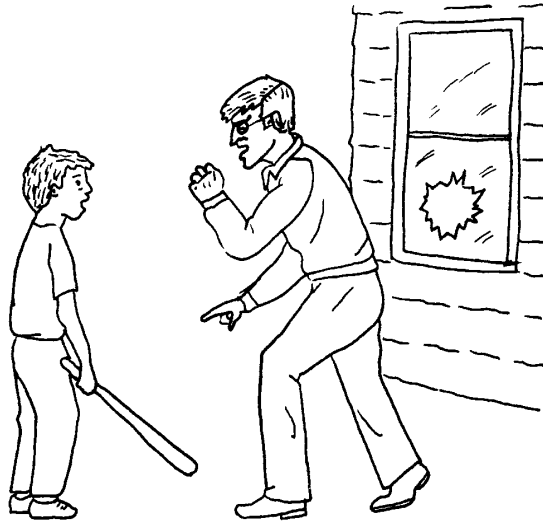
Restoration History



Restoring Mistakes

Fallen people have lost their original relationship with God. To restore this relationship God asks people to make indemnity conditions. When we do something wrong we have to correct the mistake. Then we can be forgiven and the original situation restored.

Can you think of indemnity conditions to restore these situations? Think of three kinds: lesser, equal and greater.



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4. Think of a situation when you made a mistake. Draw a picture. What did you do to restore the mistake? Write about it



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