

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Erasing Mistakes

These pencils are all different shapes and sizes, colors and lengths. They all are pencils and they all have one other thing in common. Do you know what they all have in common? Yes that's right they all have worn out or missing erasers. Whoever used these pencils must have made a lot, I mean a lot of mistakes, right? Some of these pencils are mine. I make a lot of mistakes and have to erase a lot. The rest of the pencils belonged to other people. They made a lot of mistakes as well.

That reminds me why Jesus had to come and live for us and die for us on the cross. We all made mistakes every one of us - pastors, teachers, moms and dads, and you children. Jesus didn't make any mistakes though. He was perfect. And even when people treated him badly he forgave them. He erased their sins. He erased all our sins - yours and mine - by his death on the cross. All our sins have been erased. All our mistakes have been taken away. All because Jesus' love erased them all.

Now Jesus asks us not to keep track of our mistakes or the mistakes of others. He wants us to forgive other people as he forgave us. He wants us to erase other people's mistakes too. No not like him on the cross. He already did the hard part. He simply asks us to forgive others and be nice to them even though they make mistakes. Since Jesus completely erased all your mistakes, do you think you could erase and forgive other people's mistakes? Remembering what Jesus did for us, I know you can too. Let's pray to Jesus for help.

Lord Jesus, we praise you for loving us all so much and thank you for erasing all our sins by your life and death for us. Help us to remember every day that you erased all our sins so we can erase the mistakes of others every day. In your name we pray. Amen.