



Know, Grow & Go!

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The Jackson Five singing “I Want You Back” in 1969!

Today’s message is “I Want You Back”. This was a song about a young man who rejected His girlfriend. Later when he saw her with another boyfriend, he realized he still had feelings for her and wanted to come back to her and have a relationship with her again. That’s why he sings, “Oh baby give me one more chance to show you that I love you...I want you back!” Although this song was not written about God, the words, “I want you back” express the way God feels about us.

#1 - Even when we do bad things, God still wants us to talk to God

#2 Even when we run away from God, God wants to be in relationship with us.

#3 Even when we disobey God, God will forgive us of our sin.

In the book of Hosea in the Bible, there is a story of a prophet who marries a woman who is unfaithful to him. But God tells the man to go and find his wife and bring her back home. And God says that He feels the same way about Israel; even though the people started to worship different gods, God told the people of Israel, “I Want You Back”.

Reading & Activity

Hosea 2:19-21

John 3:16

These scriptures speak about the love that God has for us, even when we are disobedient or try to run away from God. God wants us to be in a relationship with God.

What does it take to have a relationship or a friendship with God?

#1- Having a friend means spending time with them. Perhaps at school, or playing sports or at church or maybe playing video games.

#2- Having a friend means having conversation with them. It means talking and listening to them.

Activity - Make time to spend with God, even if you only have 10 minutes.

Decide if you will do this in the morning or in the evening. **Just tell God how you feel by praying or singing or drawing or writing a letter.** Make sure you also include time to listen to God too. It may seem strange to listen for the voice of God who is invisible but God does talk to us. God doesn't always use a voice, you may feel God's presence as you go to sleep at night or enjoy the sunshine of a beautiful day. You may feel God's calming presence when you are anxious, or perhaps you may experience encouragement when you are feeling a little bit down. Sometimes you will know that God is speaking to you because a person will do something kind for you and that too will be God showing you love.