

# Repentance Box (one per household)

## Directions

1. Get a box.
2. Create a slot on the side of the box large enough to slip half an index card through.
3. Look up the Bible verses on the sheet provided.
4. Pick your favorite excerpt, and write it down on a card.
5. Tie the card with the excerpt to a large nail.
6. Tie the nail with the excerpt to the box, wrapping the string around the box a couple times to tie it shut (be sure the string does not cover the box's slot).



## Explanation

The excerpt from the Bible and the nail you attached to the box remind us of God's unconditional love for us—on the cross, Jesus paid the price for OUR sin just so that we may be forgiven and have eternal life. Once your Repentance Box is made, bring it home with you. Keep a stack of index cards cut in half next to the box with a pen. Each day, confess a sin (or two, or three, etc.) to God by writing on half of an index card, and slip it inside the box. If other family members live with you, encourage them to participate too (small children who don't know how to write may draw a small picture of their sin). Your confessions do not have to—and are encouraged not to—take place at the same time as other people in your home. Please do not criticize family members if you see them slip a confession into the Repentance Box. These confessions are between the individual and God; the box is to remain tied shut throughout the duration of Lent.

**On Easter**, bring your Repentance Box to church. After the service, we will go outside and open them. **WITHOUT READING THEM**, we'll empty each box of sins into a fire pit or fireproof container and burn them.

*"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."*

—Isaiah 43:25 (NIV)

# Bible Verses

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Look up and read each of these verses from your favorite Bible. If you don't have a physical Bible handy, [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) is an excellent website that has every version of the Bible online for free—it's mobile-friendly too! Pick your favorite excerpt, and write it on a card. Refer to the Repentance Box directions for more information.

1 John 1:9

Romans 3:23-24

Acts 10:43

1 John 1:7

Acts 2:38

Romans 6:23

Acts 3:19

Hebrews 10:17

Ephesians 1:7

Colossians 1:13-14

Isaiah 1:18

Isaiah 53:5

Micah 7:18-19

Romans 5:8-9

Matthew 26:28

Isaiah 43:25

Psalms 103:12

Daniel 9:9

Proverbs 28:13

1 John 2:2