

# Rock City Church Unoffendables Curriculum

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## RCC Unoffendables: Lesson 1 “A Clean Heart”

*This Lesson adapted from Bait of Satan by John Bevere*

**Age:** Elementary 6-8

<b>Lesson Topic: A Clean Heart</b>			
<b>LESSON</b>	<b>WHAT CHILDREN DO</b>	<b>SUPPLIES NEEDED</b>	<b>PREPARATION OVERVIEW</b>
<b>1 Getting Started</b>	Introduction/Ice Breaker: Sing and celebrate/welcoming Song: <a href="https://youtu.be/oZhwagxWzOc">https://youtu.be/oZhwagxWzOc</a> Deep Deep Deep  Your Love is Deep by Jami Smith  Deep Cries Out, Bethel, Kids	Device to play music from YouTube	These songs remind us that God wants us to know him and to forgive. Our hearts are happy or clean when we forgive.
<b>2 Bible Exploration. Key Verse Activity.</b>	<b>Key Verse:</b> Psalm 119:165  <b>Bible Story:</b> Christians living in Asia Minor. (commentary from the NKJ Spirit Filled Life Bible) 1 Peter 1:6-7  <b>Bible Activity:</b> Heart and feelings sticky note faces.	Props or puppet for teacher to dress like Peter.  Large heart cut out or drawn on a board. Sticky notes and writing tools.	The Bible promises peace and that nothing will offend those who love the law of God.  Draw a large heart on a board. Children write on sticky note.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <b>Faith Into Life</b></p>	<p><b>Craft/Make and Take:</b> Google Eye Puppets</p>	<p>4" pipe cleaners, medium to large google eyes, foam shapes a little larger than the eyes, glue dots.</p>	<p>Prepare enough pipe cleaners to have 1 per child.</p>
	<p><b>Object Lesson/Game:</b> <b>Tarnished Penny Trick</b></p>	<p>Tarnished pennies. Baking soda, salt, vinegar</p>	<p>Put equal amounts of baking soda and salt and vinegar in a dish and stir to dissolve.</p>
	<p><b>Other Activity:</b> <b>Decorate a letter f page. "F" is for forgive.</b></p>	<p>Coloring upper case letter "F" Various art materials to decorate with, glue</p>	<p>Google letter F coloring page and pick one that will be easy to decorate.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <b>Lasting Impressions</b></p>	<p><b>Daily Challenges:</b> Choose a daily challenge to apply God's word.</p>		<p>Pray a prayer to forgive someone who offended you.</p>
	<p><b>Prayer Points:</b> Invite the Holy Spirit to remind them of the truth of God's word.</p>		<p>When I am offended I will forgive.</p>
	<p><b>Faith at Home:</b> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>	<p>Finger Puppet</p>	<p>Use puppet to say Bible verse or act out what to do when someone does or says something hurtful.</p>

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**Lesson Background/Foundation for Teachers:**

A clean heart means you are not staying mad or offended. Offended as defined by Mirriam Webster means angry or annoyed because of feeling like someone or someone insulted you. Strong's concordance defines offended as cause to feel upset, annoyed, resentful.

**Introduction Activity:** Play the suggested song or one like it that reminds children of the love God has for them.

**Praise & Worship:** Choose songs the children are familiar with and that may remind them of God's love.

- Song 1: Deep Deep Deep
- Song 2: Your Love is Deep by Jami Smith
- Song 3: Deep Cries Out Bethel, Kids version

**Key Verse:** Psalm 119:165. Great Peace have they that love your law and nothing shall make them stumble. (AMP) or offend them. (KJV)

**Bible Story:**

- Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 1:6-7
- Narrative of Story: The new Christians in Asia minor are suffering rejection because they followed and obeyed Jesus. Peter writes a letter to encourage the Christians in Asia minor that even though others are giving them a hard time for following Jesus that they have a better inheritance in Jesus.

**Bible Activity: How to:** Get the children to think about the opening song and about how God's love makes them feel. Then have them think of a time when someone did or said something to them that made them mad or angry or hurt.

**Heart Activity**

Teacher asks children to think about when someone made them mad etc. Children circle or draw that emotion on a post it. Students place their heart papers on larger heart poster. Being offended hurts our feelings. Children may share some of their experiences. Teacher models with the puppet an example or acts out one example of being hurt or offended from the children's examples.

Introduce Peter, the apostle. This can be done with a puppet or the teacher dressing and pretending to be Peter etc. Explain the scripture in 1 Peter 1:6-7. Teacher discusses Psalm 165:19. Ask Children how God wants them to respond. Children can be challenged to memorize the scripture by creating a song, drawing a picture etc.

Discuss and pray with children about keeping a clean heart free from staying angry, mad and hurt over what has happened to them. Explain how forgiveness helps bring peace.

#### **Craft/Make & Take:**

- Title: Google Eyes puppet.
- Supplies: See overview sheet
- Directions: Children make google eye finger puppets. Use 4 inches of pipe cleaner. Place glue dot on one foam shape. Place one pipe cleaner end on top and then place a google eye on top of the pipe cleaner. Press firmly. Repeat with the other side. Bend pipe cleaner puppet around the middle or ring finger.

#### **Game/Object Lesson:**

- Title: Tarnished Penny Trick
- Supplies Needed: See overview Tarnished pennies, vinegar, baking soda
- Directions: Use a mix of baking soda and vinegar. Give child a tarnished penny. Ask them how they think the penny was tarnished and what will happen when it is placed in the solution. Let children use a tooth brush to dip in the solution and scrub the penny.

#### **Additional Activity:**

- Title: F for Forgiveness Decorating
- Supplies Needed: See overview.
- Directions: Have children decorate letter F and write the word or glue on preprinted word "forgive."

#### **Closing Activity & Prayer:**

- Call to Action: Ask children if they want to pray about forgiving someone.
- Prayer: When I am offended I will forgive. Pray scripture and invite the Holy Spirit to remind them of the truth of God's word.

#### **Faith At Home:**

**Description:** Have children share their center activity and practice acting or saying Bible verse.

