



Thomas & Friends – Rebuilding



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Thomas & Friends - Henry's Forest

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Henry loves the forest on the island of Sodor. He transported the saplings (baby trees) that grew into many of the great trees in that forest. One night there is a violent storm and Henry is very upset that lots of the trees are damaged and torn up in the storm. Henry helps clear the fallen logs and takes them to the timber mill but knowing the wood would be put to good use isn't enough to cheer him up. Sir Topham Hatt sends Toby, with new saplings to the forest for planting, so that the forest can once again be a place of happiness for Henry.

In the Bible, Nehemiah, a servant of the King of Persia, was sad. He was sad because the temple in Jerusalem needed to be rebuilt. The King allowed Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem, so that he and others could work together to rebuild the temple.

Henry and Nehemiah both felt sad, to feel sad is understandable, but they both found ways to help themselves feel better. When we make mistakes and ask for God's forgiveness we are 're-built' through His grace and love, to become better people.

'They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated.'

Isaiah 61:4



Prayer

Dear God, we make many mistakes as we grow and learn. Thank you that you will always forgive us, for our mistakes, if we say we are truly sorry and try not to do them again. Help us to remember that you are never too busy to listen to our us confess our sins. Amen.

A story about forgiveness can be found in the Bible
watch this animation here:
<https://youtu.be/ndETu4bzWAY>

Things to think and talk about and do:

- How often do you tell someone if you make a mistake? Do you wait to see if you get found out?
- How often do you say sorry but not really think about it or mean it?
- Thomas's friends helped him when he got into trouble. How do you help others?
- How often do you really forgive someone by completely forgetting about their mistake?

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