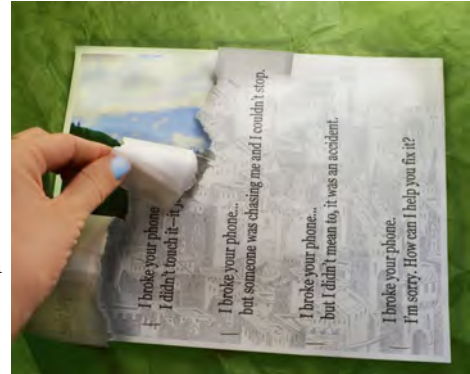


Utterly Destroy the Cities Rip-off | Joshua 12

The Lord commanded the children of Israel to utterly destroy the cities where their enemies lived. This may seem harsh but remember, stories in the Word have a hidden inner meaning. Enemy cities picture false ways of thinking we must completely destroy to inherit the kingdom of heaven. For example, thinking we are apologizing for something we've done, but really making excuses or blaming others. In this activity you will read ways you could apologize for breaking a friend's phone. Rip off each statement that is a false apology to discover a picture of heaven.



Materials

- copy of the “*I broke your phone*” apology rip-off page
- copy of “*Heaven*”
- stapler

Directions

1. What should we do if we make a mistake and break something that is not ours?
2. There are many ways to apologize. Which of these is a good apology? “I’m sorry, but it wasn’t my fault” or “I’m so sorry. How can I help you fix this?”
3. A true apology might say something like:
 - “I’m sorry”
 - This is what happened
 - I want to make amends
 - I’ll try not to do it again
4. A false apology may include something that sounds like an apology but doesn’t say what really happened, look to making amends, or trying not to do it again. False apologies are like the bad cities we must get rid of to enter heaven.
5. Start by setting up the activity. Place the “*I broke your phone*” rip-off page on top of the “*Heaven*” page. Staple the pages together together along one side.
6. Read each statement on the “*I broke your phone*” rip-off page. Every statement admits that someone broke a friend’s phone—but which also offers an apology. Rip off the statements that are not true apologies. Are there any left?
7. Were any parts hard to tear off? Which ones? Why?
8. The Lord created each of us to live to eternity in heaven. In order to live there we must get rid of false ways of thinking—just as we ripped the statements off the “*Heaven*” page.



I broke your phone...
but it's YOUR fault—you left it in a stupid place!

I broke your phone...
I didn't touch it—it just fell and broke!

I broke your phone...
but someone was chasing me and I couldn't stop.

I broke your phone...
but I didn't mean to, it was an accident.

I broke your phone.
I'm sorry. How can I help you fix it?

