

A Flood Covers the Earth

Genesis 6:9–9:17

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.”
(Ephesians 3:18)

God always loves us... and gives us do-overs.

Jesus knows we do bad things. Think mean thoughts. That sometimes we’re selfish and disobedient. He knows that’s true about us because it’s true about everyone.

So when we make lousy choices, let’s talk with Jesus about it. It isn’t as if he’ll be surprised—he already knows all about what happened.

If we’re truly sorry, he’ll forgive us. And he’ll go with us when we try to make things right. When we say “I’m sorry” to that friend whose feelings we hurt. Or when we return something we took that wasn’t ours to take.

As we become closer friends with Jesus, we’ll grow to be more like him. More patient, kind, caring, and forgiving.

We’ll still mess up sometimes. And he’ll still be our friend when we do. Because he’s not our friend only when things go well; he’s our friend *all* the time.

Talk-Starters

Tell about a time Jesus helped you bounce back from a hard thing in life.

Try This @ Home

Time to give the kitchen sink a do-over! Find out how it’s usually cleaned, and then clean it. Sweep the kitchen floor, too. You’ve just given your kitchen a “do-over,” the chance to look fresh and new again! When Jesus give us do-overs, we get to feel fresh and new again, too!



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It’s true—Jesus gives you do-overs! Read 1 John 1:9.



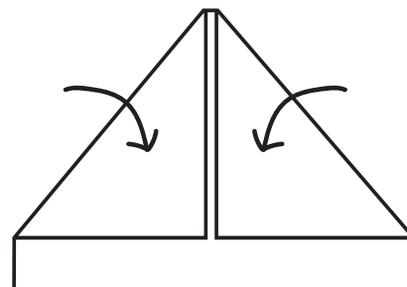
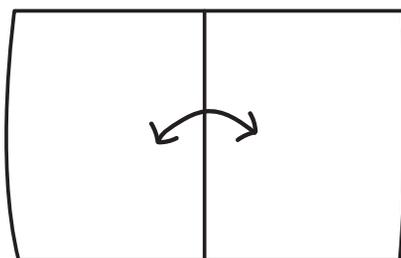
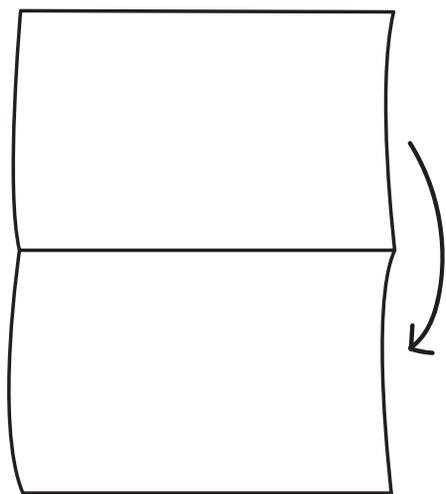
Wear this page home!

Create a sailor's hat. When you get home

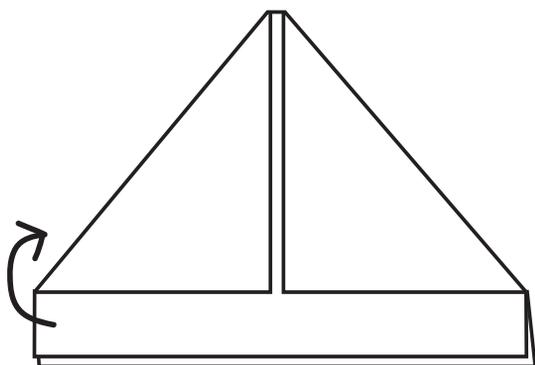
...have family members take turns wearing the sailor's hat and answering the Talk Starter question.

Here's how:

- 1 Fold the paper in half as shown.
- 2 Fold in half again, then unfold.
- 3 Fold each upper corner to the center of the paper.



- 4 Fold both bottom strips up.



- 5 Voila—a hat!

