

"Repent"  
Advent 2  
December 5, 2010  
By Rebecca Enney

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Repent means to be sorry for what you have done wrong.

You might remember that last week there was a big fight between Barabas and Haman. Haman "found" the Peace necklace that Uncle Floyd had given to Barabas and claimed it by saying "Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers!" That's when the fight started and by the end of the fight, Uncle Floyd's old necklace was broken.

Barabas is still angry! And Haman still feels badly about what he did. Mr. Potato Head made Haman apologize to Barabas, but it seemed there were still bad feelings. Sometimes, when a friendship gets broken, it is hard to repair.

"I'm really sorry for what I did," Haman told his father last week. "I don't know what to do."

And then Mr. Potato Head had a brilliant idea. "Let's go to the flea market on Saturday. Maybe we will find a replacement there for Barabas!"

And so, yesterday Mr. Potato Head and his little Tater Tot went off to the flea market. There were lots of stands and many of them had jewelry, but not one of them had a Peace necklace. Haman was very disappointed.

When they got home Mr. Potato Head said to Haman "We could look online for a replacement for Barabas." So they spent several hours at the computer, and found some nice Peace Necklaces, but they were not like the one Uncle Floyd had given to Barabas and besides, they were too expensive.

Later that day, when their Grandmother was visiting, Haman told her the whole sad story about the fight and about the flea market and about searching online. "But we couldn't find one," said Haman. "I'm sorry I took it. I'm sorry we had a fight. I'm sorry the necklace got broken." And big tears hung in the corners of Haman's eyes.

"You know, I have some old jewelry from your grandfather. Let's go look through that box." And she brought out an old box and they sorted through the jewelry.



And lo and behold they found one, just like the one that got broken last week!

"Oh, thank you, thank you!" said Haman to his grandmother.

So this morning before Sunday School started Haman walked up to Barabas and said apologetically "Hello."

Barabas ignored him by looking the other way.

Haman persisted by saying "I'm sorry that I took your Peace necklace and I'm sorry that we had a fight and I'm sorry that the Peace necklace got broken."

Barabas turned towards Haman. He could see that Haman really meant what he was saying. And in his heart, Barabas forgave Haman. "Thank you for your apology," said Barabas solemnly.

"Here," said Haman as he gave the bag to Barabas. "I know it is not the one you had from Uncle Floyd, but my grandmother said it used to belong to my grandfather. She said she would like for you to have it."

Barabas's heart skipped a beat as he opened the bag and saw the Peace necklace! "It even has a green string like the one from Uncle Floyd!" And he put it on right away! "Thank you Haman!"



Repent and say you are sorry. It is a very important step in preparing the way for Christ to come at Christmas time.

THE END