



Erasing Meanness

It's back to school time! Time for kids to hunker down and learn. What a great time to present kids some important principles and lessons! Break out this object lessons for back to school and get kids excited about returning to the classroom. All you need are some erasers for each student and a willing teacher. Ready to give this object lessons a try?

Hand out an eraser to each student. (You can also use a pencil with an eraser on it)

Ask the students, "What do I have in my hand boys and girls"? (Hold up a pencil and an eraser) A person can write with a pencil, he can draw lines and shapes, he can sketch a picture.

What if the person using the pencil makes a mistake? What if that person writes something he/she wishes they had not? What if the person drawing lines and shapes wants to change something he/she drew? What if the person who is sketching a picture decides that he needs to change a part of it to make it look better or more correct? What can a person do? (Invite responses from the students).

You're right! He can use the eraser to correct the mistake. He can erase what he drew.

Sometimes you and I make mistakes in our lives which we wish we could change. At times we do not behave ourselves. We may yell at each other, hit each other, refuse to share, or say we'll do something and then not do it. Then we realize what has happened and we are sorry. We wish we had not done it, and we wish we could change everything to make it better. What we need is a big eraser that will correct our mistakes.

DISCUSSION

As the students use the erasers this year, they should keep in mind:

- The eraser should be a reminder to erase meanness in the classroom, on the playground and at home. Use our good character all the time!
- We can always try to correct our mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes. You have to erase them and let go of the mistake.
- We have the power to adjust to situations and make good decisions, we do not have to always follow the crowd.
- Erasers are like a safety net, and remind us that problems aren't as great as we might think.
- Erasers invite us to edit and try again. We can put problems with others in the past and focus on what's next.