



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE®

Session 10: God's Forgiveness

Suggested Week of Use: August 3, 2025

Core Passage: Psalm 32:1-11

### News Story Summary

Blessing Buckets and Play Pails arrived in trucks for the devastated areas in and around Kerr County, Texas, a region that has experienced tragic flooding in recent weeks. The five-gallon Blessing Buckets, sent by God's Pit Crew in Danville, Virginia, are filled with a Bible, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, a flashlight, a first aid kit and a handwritten note. The three-gallon Play Pail is filled with similar items, along with a coloring book, crayons, a blanket and a toy. Volunteers came with these buckets, ready to serve alongside partners in Kerr County to help clean and remove debris as the ravaged community begins the rebuilding process. Slow moving rain from two tropical storms caused the nearby Guadalupe River to rise thirty feet in just forty-five minutes. The floods came in the early hours of July 4 and destroyed homes, parks, and camps along the river. The floods claimed the lives of at least 135 people.

For more information on this story, search "Blessing Buckets in Texas."

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, ask: *Where have you seen the word "blessed" recently? How was it being used?* Discuss responses. Summarize the information about the Blessing Buckets delivered to survivors of the recent floods in Texas. Suggest that many in Texas probably felt blessed by these relief packages. Share that David began Psalm 32 with the word about blessing. Explain that he felt blessed because his sins had been forgiven. Say: *He knew the misery of unconfessed sin and rejoiced that God forgave him.* Ask: *What does it mean to be forgiven of our sin? Why is being forgiven a blessing from God?* Point out that today's session examines David's response to God's forgiveness in Psalm 32. Urge adults to reflect on God's forgiveness of them—and their response to Him—as they dig into these verses.

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, ask: *How would you describe the blessing of God's forgiveness to an unbeliever?* Remind adults about the Blessing Buckets sent to Texas. Point out that David used the image of not being swept up and overwhelmed by a rush of great waters, similar to the flooding of the Guadalupe River. Ask: *Why do we wait until sin and its consequences overwhelm us like a flood before we ask to be forgiven? Why is David's response a challenge to us to come clean with God?* Lead adults in praying for the victims of the floods in Texas. Pray that even in great sorrow God will be their hiding place and refuge.