



Sunday, March 21, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Psalm 51

### **READ**

Psalm 51:1-12

### **LISTEN**

Psalm 51 by The Sons of Korah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RnDuwbz5UI>

### **REFLECTION FOR CHILDREN**

Have you ever thought of God as your mother? King David, the writer of Psalm 51, had done some very bad things with his life. He didn't think there was any way God could ever forgive him. Sometimes this happens to us, too. Maybe we cheat on a test, or hit someone on the playground, or tell a lie about our friend. And maybe we think God won't love us anymore. Psalm 51 reminds us that God isn't happy when we do these things. But just like our mom (or grandma or aunt), God is always ready to welcome us home with hugs and kisses, no matter what we've done.

### **DISCUSSION WITH CHILDREN**

- Can you think of some ways God is like your mother?
- Have you ever done something you were ashamed of doing? How did it make you feel?
- How does it make you feel when you remember that God loves you and will always forgive you?

### **GOING DEEPER**

- Is it a stretch for you to conceive of God in feminine terms? Why or why not?
- How does it change the way you approach God when you think of God as *mother*?