

**Theme:** Re:boot, Re:imagine Regret

**Bible Story:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Wonder:** I love Halloween. Halloween is a fun time of year where you get to be anyone or anything you want to be. How do you choose your Halloween costume? Is it someone who is just like you or someone really different? Do you wish you could be the person? Or is it purely fun? Halloween is a great time of year to play pretend trick-or-treating or at parties.

Sometimes, things happen that make us wish we were different at other times of year. Where we close our eyes and pretend to be someone else. We can re-invent ourselves by changing the clothing we wear, the food we like, the video games we play, picking a new favorite super hero, etc. etc. But when we do that, we might find we regret the change. I remember getting rid of most of my stuffed animals because a friend said having so many stuffed friends was baby-ish and later I felt so sad they were gone. And to this day, you should know I have some stuffed friends at home.

Other times, change is really important, but that change is less about what's on the outside and more about who we are on the inside. Today we are going to hear from another letter of Paul's where Paul talks about the person he was before believing in Jesus. He was a mean person who did things that hurt others. And he was so sorry about that. So, Paul worked really hard to become the person he wanted to be on the inside and he changed how he treated people and how he lived in love.

Inside or outside it's okay to re:imagine who we are and how we live—but we should always try to make good choices that won't lead us to be sorry we made the choices we made and live in God's love.

**Do:** On the next page you have 2 people waiting to be created. Draw yourself as 2 different people. This could be you in different costumes, you when you feel different ways, or anything you can imagine to make yourself different. And think about how who you are can show God's love to others.

