

Underwater gardens

All the kids at the camping ground held a sponge collecting competition. Esther won the prize for the biggest, Sean for the strangest and Brad for collecting the most. Sponges come in amazing shapes and sizes from microscopic to 2 metres across. They grow in gardens under the water but are really animals.

Sponges don't have a brain or heart. Made of tiny soft fibres called spicules and spongin, they do an important job of keeping water clear and clean by pumping it through their bodies and feeding on the impurities in it. Even after they die, some sponges keep working as cleaners. People use them in the bath or shower to wash themselves with.

Using a pencil, write inside the sponges some things you want to tell God you are sorry about. Then colour over your writing to show God has taken them away.



Listen to God!

Psalm 51:1-7

King David of Israel wrote these words after he had sinned. He took another man's wife and then had that man killed. But David was truly sorry he had done wrong. When he confessed, God forgave him and made him clean again.

The Bible says, "the blood of Jesus washes all our sins away."

Talk to God!

Loving father, thank you that when I do wrong, I can come to you and ask for your forgiveness. Thank you that you always forgive, and forget. Thank you that Jesus took the punishment for all my sins.

