

# SIN IS GROSS!

*A bubble bath has no effect on sin, it's only Jesus that can make you truly clean.*

## TOPICS:

Sin, Salvation

## MATERIALS:

Syrup, crushed crackers  
Dirt, water, bar of soap  
Water based paint  
Paper towels, newspaper  
One bucket, four bowls



## DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Before class, crush crackers into fine pieces and place them into a bowl. Place a water-based paint in one bowl, syrup in one bowl, dirt in a bowl, and water in the bucket. Cover the tabletop in newspaper and place the bowls and bucket on top of the newspaper, in the above order.

## WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Today we will be talking about a very important subject, that subject is sin. Simply put, sin is gross! It is not cool, cute or something you want to see how close you can get to before falling in. Sin is vile, unholy and deadly!

*(Put your hand in the bowl containing the paint, ensuring that you get a good amount of paint on your hand and then display your hand to the class.)* What would happen if we never washed our hands or took a bath? *(Allow a few kids to answer the question.)*

*(Put your hand in the bowl containing the syrup, ensuring that you get a good amount of syrup on your hand and then display your hand to the class.)* Our bodies would become dirtier and dirtier. Soon we would begin to smell really bad.

*(Put your hand in the bowl containing the crushed crackers making sure that the crackers stick to the syrup on your hand. Then display your hand to the class.)* Before long, germs would begin to breed and disease would set in. It would be very unhealthy and we would begin to contaminate others.

*(Put your hand in the bowl containing the dirt and once again display your hand to the class.)* Our condition would continue to worsen until the final outcome would be death. Did you know that sin affects our spiritual lives in much the same way? We can take a bath to wash the dirt off our bodies, but what can we do about sin? We all sin. A bath cannot remove sin, so does that mean we are all doomed? By the grace of God there is an answer to our sin problem. God sent His only son Jesus into the world to die for our sins. The blood of Jesus will wash away our sins.

*(Put your hand in the bucket of water and thoroughly wash the contents of the bowls off your hand using the bar of soap and water.)* In Isaiah 1:18 we read, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

*(Raise your hand out of the bucket and show the class that your hand is now clean.)*

# SIN REVEALED

*Even when we try to hide our sins, or pretend they never happened, they have a way of showing up, like buttons in a glass of cola.*

## TOPICS:

Confession, Forgiveness, Repentance, Sin, Truth

## MATERIALS:

Clear drinking glass  
Can of cola  
Several plastic buttons  
Spoon



## DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes

## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

To start the Object Talk, you will pour about 4 oz. of dark cola into a drinking glass. Then you will drop several buttons into the cola. The buttons will sink to the bottom where they will be out of sight, but in a few seconds, they will rise to the surface for all to see. Use a spoon to remove the buttons.

## WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Have you ever felt that after doing something wrong, if you just keep it a secret no one will ever find out? Do you know that no matter how hard we try to keep our sins a secret they have a way of becoming known? Let me show you what I mean.

(Pour the soda into the glass) This glass represents you, and this soda, well it represents a place where we hide our bad secrets, maybe deep inside our heart where we do not want anybody to know. Now these buttons here represent sin. (Point to buttons.) This button is that time you lied to someone, this button is that time you did not want to share with your friend, and this button represents that television show your parents told you not to watch, but you did anyway. I am going to drop these sins into this glass of soda, and they will be hidden from our sight, just like hiding our sins. (Drop all buttons into the cola.)

Can you see them? They are hidden. Nevertheless, we can only keep these sins a secret for a little while; eventually sin has a way of coming to the surface. Look, there they are. Sin cannot be hidden forever. Therefore, instead of trying to hide sin, we need to try our best to do what is right. When we do fail, we know that we can ask Jesus to forgive us, and he will. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1John 1:9) He will clean us of our sins, just like this.

(Remove buttons with spoon.) Now our heart (soda) is clean again.

# OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW

*In this Sunday school activity, children use colors and words to demonstrate the awareness of sin within their lives.*

## TOPICS:

Accountability, Discernment, Salvation, Sin

# GREEN

## MATERIALS:

Activity pages 1 [ATTACHED]

Activity pages 2 [ATTACHED]

*Note: Pages must be printed in color*

Large clock with second hand

Pencils

## DURATION:

Approximately 12 minutes

## PREPARATION

Before class, print or make copies of both activity pages for each child. Bring a large clock with a second hand so everyone in the class can count the seconds. Children can also use a wristwatch if they have one.

## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Pair up the children. Then give each child a copy of Activity Page 1 and read the instructions at the top. Have one child of each pair use the clock to time how fast his or her partner can name all of the colors in order. Then switch and have the second child time the first. Be sure to tell the children to write their name at the top, and record the number of seconds at the bottom of the page.

Next, give each child a copy of Activity Page 2, and read the instructions at the top. Have the children time each other as before on how fast they can say the color, not read the word.

Children will immediately see how much longer it took to complete the second page. You will compare how reading complicated the task, just as sin in our life gets in the way of our relationship with God.

## WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

When we were young, we could not read, but we could name the different colors. It was easy to tell our mom or dad something was red, green, or yellow. We even had fun naming the different colors. When we were young, we also did not know too much about sin. We knew when we did something wrong. However, we did not know the full consequences of our sin.

It is sort of like learning to read. After we learn to read, words take on meaning. They become important. With the second page, it was more difficult to say the color because our ability to read the words interfered with our ability to focus only on the color.

That is the way sin is. Now that we are older, we can feel sin as a real presence in our lives and not merely doing something wrong. We begin to see sin for what it really is: disobedience to God. We begin to see how sin affects our relationship with God. The Apostle Peter gave us a strong message: **"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance." (1 Peter 1: 14)**

# OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW - STEP 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start with the first color, and name them as fast as you can in order. Have someone time you to see how long it takes to name all twelve colors.



How many seconds did it take to name all the colors in order? \_\_\_\_\_

# OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW - STEP 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start with the first word, but do not say the word. Say the color instead. Name all the colors as fast as you can in order. Have someone time you to see how long it takes to name all twelve colors.

**GREEN**

**GREY**

**ORANGE**

**BLUE**

**BROWN**

**BLACK**

**RED**

**PINK**

**YELLOW**

**BLUE**

**PURPLE**

**RED**

How many seconds did it take to name all the colors in order? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

**Ephesians 2: 8, 9**

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**Proverbs 14: 12**

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**Romans 3: 23**

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**Romans 6: 23a**

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**Isaiah 59: 2**

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**Romans 1: 18**

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