

SE!KIDS

WHAT TO PREPARE: Print a copy of the next page or write the word “SIN” on a piece of paper. Also get enough blank sheets of paper so everyone in your group has a piece.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show kids the “sin” paper
- Explain that sin is the bad stuff we do: Disobeying, lying, stealing, being disrespectful or selfish, and saying or doing mean or unkind things. Sin breaks our relationship with God and others.
- Set the “sin” paper on the floor and line everyone up about six feet away from it.
- Take turns crumpling up your paper and tossing it at the “sin.” As a group, see if you can get your paper wads to cover up the “sin.”

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Were we able to completely cover the sin? (Pause.) No! No matter how much we tried, we couldn’t cover it up. It’s like that in life, too. We all mess up and sin sometimes. And when we mess up, we might feel bad about it and try to cover up what we’ve done. We might tell lies to hide what we did, or we might try to do good things to make up for it.”

This is a great spot to insert a personal story about a time you messed up and tried to cover it up but failed. Let your kids see that you’re human and that you’ve made mistakes too.

“You can talk to God and tell Him the truth about what you did wrong, too. You can tell Him that you’re sorry. And you know what? The Bible promises us that when we follow Jesus, God will forgive us! So, when you sin, don’t try to hide it. Talk to God and tell Him that you’re sorry. He loves you. When we are truthful with God, it keeps us close to Him!”

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