



What is Sin?
I John 3:4

LESSON SUPPLY LIST

- Bible w/ Marked Scripture
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Copies of "What is Sin? Illustration Page
- Copies of Coloring Page
- Copies of lesson overview for children to take home

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Objective of Lesson:

Find out what the Bible says about what sin is and what Christ did to save His people from it.

Lesson Instructions:

1. Today we are going to answer two questions from the Bible. What is sin, and once a man breaks God's Law (sins) can God forgive that person?
2. Do you have rules your parents gave you to follow? What are some of the rules you have to follow in your house? No jumping on the furniture, no hitting, no yelling, share your toys, etc. (Have them name some rules of the house). If you follow these rules, do your parents consider you good? Yes. You are obedient to your parents and are considered good for following the rules they put in place.
3. The Bible tells us that sin is when you break the Law (a set of rules) that God gave men and women to follow. (I John 3:4 ⁴Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law.)
4. God called a man named Moses up to a high mountain and gave him a set of rules that we call the Ten Commandments. These rules are probably very close to the rules your parents are trying to teach you at home, because your parents know the commandments God gave us to follow are good.
5. Some of the commandments God gave to us are: worship and love God with all your heart and mind, do not steal, obey everything your parents tell you, do not speak the name of God for fun or as a joke, and always tell the truth.
6. God told us that the person who followed His Law (all His commandments) is considered good. Have you ever heard the word righteous? Do you know what righteous means? It means good. It means to be without sin. The Bible tells us that those who break God's Law are sinners. That is what sin is: it is to break the Law of God.
7. Have you ever lied about something? Have your parents ever asked you a question and you did not tell them the truth? Yes. Can you remember something you have lied about? We have all lied about something. The Bible tells us as soon as we are born we start to speak lies - (Ps. 58:3 "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.")
8. Since we have all told a lie, does that mean all of us have broken God's Law? Yes. Always tell the truth is one of God's commandments. If you break even one of the rules you are guilty of

breaking all of God's Law. (*James 2:10 - ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*)

"What is Sin" Demonstration here

- Hold up the Illustration of the 10 Commandments.
 - Pick out one of the commandments your students can understand (thou shall not bear false witness) and ask them how they have broken that commandment.
 - Once they understand they have broken that commandment, have one of the students rip the page in half demonstrating that breaking one of God's commandments is to break all of God's Law.
9. What happens when you break one of your rules at home? Do you get punished? Yes. It is the same with God's Law. Those who break God's Law must take the punishment. Since we all have broken God's Law, can we go back and fix it? No. Once you tell a lie you can't take it back or change it.
10. Someone took our punishment for us. His name is Jesus Christ and He is the Son of God. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to follow all the rules of God AND take the punishment for His people's sins. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died to pay for our sin (our Law breaking), and all those for whom he died will be forgiven for breaking the Law of God. (*Romans 5:8 ⁸But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*)

Activity:

- "What is Sin" Demonstration: Hold up the Illustration of the 10 Commandments. Pick out one of the commandments your students can understand (thou shall not bear false witness) and ask them how they have broken that commandment. Once they understand they have broken that commandment, have one of the students rip the page in half demonstrating that breaking one of God's commandments is to break all of God's Law.
- "What is Sin" Coloring Sheet - Once they have colored it have the students rip the illustration in half as a visual to show we have broken God's Law. Remind them God sent His Son Jesus Christ, to follow all *the rules of God AND take the* punishment for His people's sins. Jesus Christ, the Son of God died to pay for our sin (our Law breaking), and all those for whom He died will be forgiven for breaking the Law of God.

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Take Home Overview Sheet



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Overview of Lesson:

To sin means to break the Law of God. If you break just one of the commandments you are guilty of breaking all of God's Law. (*James 2:10 - ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*)

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Law of God

Do not have any other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not kill/murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Breaking of God's Law Demonstration:

Hold up the illustration of the 10 commandments. Pick out one of the commandments they can understand (thou shall not bear false witness etc.) and ask them how they have broken that law. Once they understand they have broken that law, have them rip the page in half demonstrating that breaking on part of God's law is to break ALL of God's law. It is one whole law. Not a bunch of laws.

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