



What Is Sin?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life...." (KJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Sin causes separation from God.

TO THE TEACHER:

- Many teachers today will not talk about sin to children. They feel it is too strong of a message.
- The problem with this is that children do sin (if you don't believe this, then you have never been a parent).
- If children continue in sin it will eventually separate them from a loving Heavenly Father.
- The purpose of this lesson is to define what sin is and teach what the fruit of sin is.

If God is all powerful God, and He loved us and wants to get close to us, then why does He seem so far away sometimes? The best way to explain this is to tell a personal story.

At the time of this writing, my son, Mark, is 25 years old, but I still remember the day he was born. Mark was born two months premature and only weighed 3 lbs., 11 oz. I could not believe how tiny he was. He spent the first month of his life in an incubator at the hospital because his lungs were not fully developed.

I can remember looking at my son inside the incubator with all kinds of IV's and tubes stuck into him. I can remember wanting to pick him up and hold him but I couldn't. All I could do was just look at him. I can still remember feeling something I had never felt before. It was the love of a father.

I had experienced different kinds of love in my life. Love for my parents, love for my friends, I remember falling in love with my wife. I love the children that I preach to every Sunday. But this child was different. He was my son. I was standing there looking



at Mark and this love was flowing out of me toward my son. But there was this glass box separating me from him.

That is how it is with the Father God. He loves us and wants to get close, but there is a separation between us. It is called sin. God can't remove our sin. We need to do something about our sin. We need to do self-examination and remove anything in our lives that is keeping God away.

There is nothing that we can do that would make God stop loving us, but our Heavenly Father wants to do more than love us from far away. He wants to draw close to us. He wants us to really know the love of Christ, the length and width and depth and height of the love of Christ. No matter how close you are to God right now, you can draw closer to Him if you choose to.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic	Adventures of the Masked Hero #3
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	Sin causes separation from God.
_____	8. Memory Verse	Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life..." (KJV)
_____	9. Drama	"Running From Mom"
_____	10. Object Lesson	God Resists The Proud
_____	11. Short Film	"Suzie & Abby"
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson	Cookie-Eating Contest
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Finding God: Episode #3

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- Looks like Johnny finally made it to summer camp.
- What happened when the dinner bell rang? Did Johnny eat his dinner?
- Then what happened in the middle of the night?
- Is Johnny thinking about sneaking out and getting some food? What do you think?
- Will Johnny disobey the rules or will he stay in bed?
- Today we are talking about sin. Sin is the one thing that separates us from God. What is sin?
- The bottom line says, "Sin causes separation from God." It is when you know what God wants you to do and you don't do it.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4

**DRAMA*****“Running From Mom”***

TAKE HOME POINT: Don't run from God when you sin.

CHARACTERS: Mom (apron, dishcloth & wig)
Stevie (adult dressed as 10 year old boy)
Adrian (adult dressed as 10 year old boy)

PROPS NEEDED: Video controller, coloring picture almost all colored, black magic marker, jar of cookies, camouflage apparel (could be as simple as a small branch and some black smudge face paint).

DRAMA SCRIPT:

(Place cookie jar, picture and magic marker on table in front of class. Skit opens with Stevie and Adrian walking in with their video controllers.)

Adrian: That was awesome, Stevie. You really showed those guys who is the king of “Lost In Adventure Land.”

Stevie: It's nothing. I just have it, don't I?

Adrian: Yeah!

Mom: (Greeted Adrian and Stevie.) Hi, kids. How is it going?

Stevie: Great, Mom. You are looking at the current champion of “Lost in Adventure Land!”

Mom: Well, isn't that nice. Oh, see kids. (Holds up picture.) This is my prize art project I have been working on. I'm entering it into a contest today. I know I will win.

Adrian: Nice, Mrs. Stevie's Mom.

Stevie: Yeah, cool, Mom. We're gonna go play now.

Mom: Okay, boys.

(Stevie and Adrian walk out of room. Mom puts picture down on table after admiring it for a moment and then leaves also.)

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“Running From Mom” Drama Script — Continued

Scene 2

(Adrian and Stevie enter back into room.)

Stevie: Hey, let’s get a snack. (Heads toward cookie jar.)

Adrian: Okay. I am getting a little hungry. Some cookies would be great

Stevie: Oh. Look. Here is my mom’s picture. She didn’t finish it. I think I will help her out.

(Stevie takes black magic marker and colors rest of picture and pretty much messes it up.)

Adrian: What are you doing?

Stevie: I’m helping out my Mom.

Adrian: Didn’t you hear her? This is her prize picture. She was entering it into a contest, Stevie. You just ruined it.

Stevie: What do you mean?

Adrian: Look at it. It’s not the same color as the rest of the picture. Your Mom is really going to be upset!

Stevie: Really?

Adrian: Yeah. You just messed up her picture.

Stevie: Man. What should I do?

Adrian: Hide the picture. Maybe she will forget about it, and let’s get out of here.

(Both boys run off, just as Mom is coming back in.)

Mom: I thought those boys would have scarfed down these cookies by now. Where are they? Hmmmm. I thought I put my picture in here. Where did they sneak off to?

(Mom leaves.)

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“Running From Mom” Drama Script — Continued

Scene 3

(Stevie and Adrian enter room wearing camouflage gear.)

Stevie: It sure has been hard avoiding my Mom all afternoon.

Adrian: Yeah. She almost found us a couple of times.

Stevie: I hate being separated from my Mom. She makes good cookies and we can't even get in the kitchen.

Adrian: Well, at least she didn't find her picture yet.

Stevie: How do you know?

Adrian: Come on. If she did we would have heard her.

Stevie: What do you mean?

Adrian: Like yelling!

Stevie: Oh. Yelling. Well, no I guess she didn't find her picture.

(Suddenly Mom jumps upon boys.)

Mom: Aha! I found you.

Stevie: (Very guilty looking.) Mom. What are you doing?

Mom: That is what I should be asking you.

Stevie: What? What do you mean, Mom?

Mom: You have been avoiding me all day.

Stevie: No I haven't.

Adrian: Hey. Mrs. Stevie's Mom. I think my mom wants me home now.

Mom: Oh, Adrian. Well, be a good boy then and get home.

Adrian: Bye, Stevie. I hope I can see you tomorrow.

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“Running From Mom” Drama Script — Continued

Stevie: Yeah, tomorrow?

Mom: Tomorrow? Oh, well. I don't understand. I baked these cookies just for you and you haven't even touched them.

Stevie: I know. I love your cookies.

Mom: Well, then why haven't you had any?

Stevie: Well. It's about this. (He pulls out picture.) I ruined your prize picture.

Mom: (Starts laughing.) Oh, Stevie. That's not my prize picture.

Stevie: It isn't?

Mom: No. It is just a copy of my prize picture. I wanted to show it off to you, but I wasn't finished, so made a copy for you to see.

Stevie: Oh.

Mom: So you have been running away from me all day because you thought I would be mad at you?

Stevie: Yeah! I thought I wrecked your picture. And here I could have been enjoying cookies all day, but instead I kept running from you. I separated myself from you and your cookies because I thought you would be mad at me.

Mom: Now where did you get a silly idea like that?

Stevie: Adrian.

Mom: That boy doesn't know me very well does he? I could never be mad at you no matter what you do, Stevie. You're my little pumpkin.

Stevie: Awww, Mom. Can you make me my favorite?

Mom: Already have. Pizza with no sauce or cheese.

Stevie: Let's eat!

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

God Resists The Proud

TAKE HOME POINT:

God wants to be close to us, but we need to be humble before Him.

WHAT YOU NEED:

One glass filled with water, one empty glass, one pitcher of water.

PREPARATION:

Place items on table in front of class.



OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

In the book of Luke, chapter 18, there is a story of two men who went to church to pray. One man was a Pharisee (a preacher in Jesus' day). He stood up and talked to God about how good he was.

(Hold up the glass that is full of water.)

"I'm so glad I'm not a sinner. I fast twice a week and I pay my tithes. I am a very good man." This man was so full of himself that there was no room for God. The Bible says, "God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble." This man thought that because he did good things that he had no sin, yet his heart was full of pride and God couldn't get close to him.

The second man was a publican (a tax collector). Tax collectors were considered scum of the earth because they collected taxes for the Roman government and many times they overcharged people. The Tax Collector went to pray also. His

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God Resists The Proud Object Lesson — *continued*

prayer was different. He wouldn't even lift his eyes toward heaven. He beat his chest and simply said, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

(Hold up the empty glass.)

Even though this was a man who had done bad things, God was closer to him than to the preacher man, because he was humble and he knew he needed God's help. This man has room for God in his heart, so Father God is going to draw close to this man.

(Pour water from pitcher into empty glass.)

Be careful about pride. Some people in church are prideful about their good works - how often they read the Bible, go to church and pay their tithes. These are all good things to do, but if we get into pride it pushes God right out of our life. It pushes Him away and we want Him to draw close to us.

**SHORT FILM****APPLICATION:** ***“Suzie & Abby”***

Think about all the pranks Suzie played on her brother and her parents. Did Suzie’s actions help her relationship with her family? No, it caused separation. When you disobey your parents it causes a separation with your parents. When you disobey God, it causes a separation between you and God.

The best example of how sin separates us is the story of Adam and Eve. God created Adam and Eve and He placed them in a perfect place called the Garden of Eden. Everything in the Garden was created for Adam and Eve because He loved them so much.

God was close to Adam and Eve. He would walk and talk with them in the Garden. There was only one thing Adam and Eve could not do. He told them not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they did they would die. We all know the story. Adam and Eve ate from the tree. I remember the first time I heard this story. I expected Adam to fall over dead right there, but he

didn’t. I thought then that God had exaggerated the story.

When God said to Adam, “You will surely die,” He wasn’t talking about physical death. He was talking about spiritual death. What is spiritual death? Spiritual death is separation from God. After Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, God was looking for them in the Garden. Adam and Eve hid themselves. Why? Because they had sinned and were afraid of God.

Do we need to be afraid of God? No, God loves us, even when we sin. When we sin, our sin separates us from God. God loves us and He wants to draw close, but sin is standing in the way.

We can do something about our sin. Jesus did His part - He died on the cross. We need to do our part - repent of our sin and allow God to draw close to us. Don’t run from Jesus when you sin, run to Him.

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Cookie-Eating Contest***

- WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** Sin causes separation.
- WHAT YOU NEED:** Glass cookie jar filled with vanilla wafer cookies
Timer
High energy music
- PREPARATION:** Place cookie jar on table in front of class.
- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Pick 4 contestants.
 - Set the timer for two minutes.
 - The contestant who eats the most cookies in 2 minutes wins.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Have you ever asked your Mom if you could have a cookie and she said, "No?" Why did she say "No?" Mom wants you to wait until dinner so you don't spoil your appetite. If you fill up on cookies you won't want to eat your dinner. Have you ever eaten a cookie when you knew your mom didn't want you to? (Allow for response.) The cookie might taste good in your mouth, but what does it feel like when you disobey? It feels yucky doesn't it? What happened? Your disobedience created a separation between you and your mom. The same thing happens if you disobey God. You create a separation between you and God. Does God still love you? Yes, He does. How do you get close to God again? If you simply repent, ask God to forgive you and stop disobeying.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is _____;”
 - a. time out
 - b. prison
 - c. death**
 - d. money
2. What is sin?
 - a. Disobeying God.**
 - b. Wearing dirty socks.
 - c. Drinking too much Pepsi.
 - d. Flunking a test.
3. Why is sin a problem?
 - a. It is really dirty.
 - b. My mom doesn’t like it.
 - c. It is really stinky.
 - d. It separates us from God.**
4. What should we do if we sin?
 - a. Run away from God.
 - b. Keep it a secret.
 - c. Run to Jesus.**
 - d. Don’t go to church.
5. The Bible says that God resists the _____.
 - a. ugly
 - b. bad
 - c. proud**
 - d. good



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Drama: "Running From Mom" — Pages 5-8

Characters

_____ Mom (apron, dishcloth & wig)

_____ Stevie (adult dressed as 10 year old boy)

_____ Adrian (adult dressed as 10 year old boy)

Props

_____ Video controller

_____ Coloring picture almost all colored

_____ Black magic marker

_____ Jar of cookies

_____ Camouflage apparel (could be as simple as a small branch and some black smudge face paint)

Object Lesson: God Resists The Proud — Pages 9-10

_____ One glass filled with water

_____ One empty glass

_____ One pitcher of water

Inter-Active Lesson: Cookie-Eating Contest — Page 12

_____ Glass cookie jar filled with vanilla wafer cookies

_____ Timer

_____ High energy music

Small Group: Break The Chain Of Sin

_____ Stapler

_____ 25 strips of paper (5 sheets of paper cut into 2" strips)

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?