



Small Group Notes

## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### BREAK THE CHAIN OF SIN

PROPS: Stapler, 25 strips of paper (5 sheets of paper cut into 2" strips)

You will make a chain out of the strips of paper. You can do it before small group or during the lesson.

#### LESSON:

- This is a paper chain, but today it is going to represent sin.
- Sin will separate you from God, but it will also hold you back like a weight and it will tie you up.
- For instance, lying is a sin. If you tell a lie one time but then repent, you are free from that.
- But let's say you say a lie, and then another lie and another and another. Now it has become like a chain that holds you back from God.

#### POINT TO MAKE:

- Sin is not always some big, bad thing.
- Sin is disobeying God. And sin separates us from God.

#### DISCUSS:

- We have to learn to notice temptation and run from it.
- We need to learn to repent and turn from sin.
- When we learn how to keep our heart clean and run from temptation, we win over sin and break the chain.
- Have someone rip the chain apart.

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What separates us from God? (sin)
2. What is sin? (disobeying God)
3. How do we not let sin control us? (resist temptation)

### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

### FINDING GOD 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.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions:

#### Question #143:

- What is your favorite cookie?

#### Question #813:

- How many cousins do you have?
- Where do they live?

### ICE BREAKER Game:

#### “I’ve Never”

- Have the children sit in a circle.
- Pick one child to start by saying their name and then saying something they have never done.
- For example, “My name is Joseph and I’ve never been to the ocean.” If anyone in the group has done what Joseph says he’s never done, they stand up and it becomes their turn to share something they have never done.
- Continue until everyone in the circle has named something they haven’t done and they are all standing.

## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: The Snake (page 4 & 5)*

*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Genesis 3*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

*The Snake*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*God created everything including Adam and Eve. He told them to take care of the garden and they could have anything they wanted to eat except fruit from one tree. A snake (really the devil) tricked Eve and she ate from the tree and so did Adam. When they both did this, they disobeyed God and sin entered in and they were separated from God.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Who tricked Adam and Eve? (devil)
2. Why was it wrong that they ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil? (because God told them not to)
3. What separates us from God? (sin)

**Point To Make:** *Sin separates us from God. But we can stop sin by obeying God.*