

# The Sin Problem

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 3:23, "...For all have sinned and fall short of the

glory of God." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE: All Men Have Sinned

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#### TO THE TEACHER:

We want to
establish several
things in this lesson:
what sin is, who has
sinned and what is
the cure for sin.

#### 1. What Is Sin?

There is much debate today over what is a sin and what is not. The bottom line is that sin is disobeying God. Sin isn't always doing something bad. The Bible says, "To him that knows to do good, but doesn't do it, it is sin." Anytime that you know you should do something and you don't do it, it is sin.

### 2. Everybody Has Sinned (Including Kids)

God gave Moses a list of Ten Commandments, so we would know for sure what is a sin and what is not. Billions of people have lived on this earth in the 3000 years since Moses received the Ten Commandments and only one person has ever been able to keep all of the Ten Commandments – Jesus. Sometimes people will not talk to kids about sin because they think they are too innocent. The Bible says, "all men have sinned" and that includes kids.

### 3. Jesus Is The Only Cure For Sin

Since Jesus is the only one who has never sinned, He is the only one that can help us get free from sin. Everybody needs Jesus because everybody has sinned.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE	Today's Date:
	Lead Teacher:

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
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	1. Participation Award	ds
	2. Praise & Worship	
	3. Announcements	
	4. Offering	
	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #4
	6. Motion Comic Follo	ow-Up
	7. Bottom Line:	All Men Have Sinned
	8. Memory Verse:	Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (NIV)
	9. Drama:	Dr. Rubenstein: "Sin Extractor"
	10. Object Lesson:	What Is Sin?
	11. Short Film:	"The Refrigerator Adventure"
	12. Short Film Applicat	ion
	13. Inter-Active Lesson	: Untangle It
	14. Altar Call	
	15. Digital Review Que	estions
	16. Small Groups	



## **MOTIONCOMIC**

## The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Episode #4

## TO THE TEACHER:

- According to
   Johnny, what
   was the story of
   the Professor?
- Johny's story is

   a little crazy, but
   the truth is that
   all men have
   sinned.
- Let's talk about the bottom line...All men have sinned.



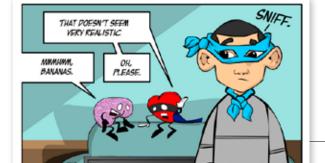
Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA Dr. Rubenstein: "Sin Extractor"

TAKE HOME POINT: Get Rid of Sin

CHARACTERS: Dr. Rubenstein

Dr. Rubenstein's Nephew (dressed like Dr. Rubenstein)

An unsuspecting adult volunteer

WHAT YOU NEED: • A bike pump with a jug taped to the front.

### **DRAMA SCRIPT:**

Dr. Rubenstein (DrR) enters the room. With him is his nephew Jr. Rubenstein (Jr.). Jr. has brought an invention to show to the class. The invention is a "sin extractor" (bicycle pump with a plastic jug taped to the front).

Teacher: Today we have one of our favorite guests visiting. Dr. Rubenstein,

everybody.

DrR: Thank you. Thank you very much. Today boys and girls I have

brought somevone very special to meet you. He is my protégé, and my nephew. Meet Jr. He vants to be an inventor, isn't that

cute?

Jr.: Hello everyone, and thank you Uncle for that less than mediocre

introduction. Yes, I am going to be an inventor, but not just an

inventor, the greatest inventor of all time. Whahaha.

Teacher: Oh that's...uhm...exciting isn't it kids?

Jr.: Yes exciting is right. You see my Uncle has always tried to come up

with ways to help people...how would you say it Uncle? Grow up

spiritually?

DrR: Yes. Vhat vould be more exciting than coming up vith ways to

help people find Jesus, and grow to their maximum potential.

Jr.: Ah, but Uncle that is where you are wrong. I think it is much

more exciting to find a way that people do not have to grow, but

instead have someone or something do it for them.

Teacher: I don't think you can do that. Can you Dr. Rubenstein?

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## **Dr. Rubenstein: "Sin Extractor"** Drama Script — Continued

DrR: I have never heard of such a thing.

Jr.: True, but that does not mean it is not possible. There are many

things possible today that were impossible a thousand years ago.

DrR: Through science yes, but through Jesus you must remember that

all things are possible.

Jr.: So you admit it.

DrR: Not exactly.

Jr.: Then let me prove it to you. I have here the "SIN EXTRACTOR."

Teacher: What is it?

Jr.: As my Uncle has told me we are all born with sin, and since that is

the case, we must be cleansed of our sin. Right?

DrR.: That is correct, and the only way to cleanse sin is to ask Jesus for

forgiveness.

Jr.: Hahaha until now that is. You see if we are all born in sin it must

be part of our genes, and if that is the case then I can isolate that "sin gene," and simply create an antibody that destroys the said

gene.

Teacher: That sounds dangerous.

Jr.: It is completely safe I assure you. I have brought with me a test

specimen - a man who is not a Christian.

(The man enters.)

Jr.: Sir? Are you at this time a Christian?

Man: No.

Jr.: Now, when I use the device.

(Hook the pump up to the man's arm.)

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### **Dr. Rubenstein: "Sin Extractor"** Drama Script — Continued

Jr.: This plastic container should fill with a thick dark substance that

we all will know instantly to be condensed sin matter.

(Jr. Begins to pump. Nothing happens.)

Jr.: Uhm I seem to be ...uh...oh hold on I just need to.

(Jr. Switches to the other arm, and begins to pump again.)

Jr.: Oh, I'm not sure why ahhh.

DrR: Hahaha you are so funny. You cute little guy you.

Jr.: Please Uncle, I am trying to make my invention work.

DrR: Try. Try again, hahaha.

Jr.: Uncle.

DrR.: Try all you vant it will not vork.

Jr.: How can you possibly know that?

DrR: Same vay I know many things, because Jesus said so.

Jr.: What?

DrR: You see Jr., Jesus is the only way to God, and without God there

is no getting rid of sin. Yes. Ve are all born vith sin inside of us because of Adam's sin, and that is unfortunate, but God had a plan. He sent Jesus to save us from that sin, and we don't need a machine or formula to be free. All ve have to do is accept that ve

can't do it vithout Jesus, and ask vor His help.

Man: Is that true?

Teacher: He wouldn't lie.

Man: Uhm...Do you think you could tell me a little more about this?

DrR. Of course vhy don't ve head back to my lab and I will tell you all

about it.

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## **Dr. Rubenstein: "Sin Extractor"** Drama Script — Continued

Man: Great.

Teacher: Jr., looks like your machine works. Only not exactly like you

thought it would.

DrR: Yes. Yes. Very Good. Isn't he cute.

Jr.: Stop calling me cute. I will prove it to you yet Uncle.

DrR: I can't wait to see what you come up vith next. You funny little

guy. See you next time kids.

The End



## **OBJECT LESSON** What Is Sin?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Romans 3:23, "...for all have sinned and fall short of the

glory of God.."

TAKE HOME POINT: Every one of us has sinned and broken God's commandments,

therefore everybody needs a Savior.

WHAT YOU NEED: • Ten Commandment Tablets (made from Styrofoam)

### **OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

There is much debate in the world today over what is sin. Some people believe that there is no such thing as sin that you can make up your own rules to live by. The bottom line is that sin is disobeying God.

God gave Moses a list of Ten Commandments. These were rules that God wanted us to live by. In fact, these ten rules are so important that God actually wrote them in stone with His own finger.

Here are God's list of rules or the Ten Commandments:

- 1. Put God First
- 2. Don't Worship Idols
- 3. Don't Take The Lord's Name in Vain (Don't Cuss)
- 4. Remember the Sabbath (Go To Church)
- 5. Honor Your Father and Mother
- 6. Do Not Kill
- 7. Do Not Commit Adultery

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### What Is Sin? Object Lesson — Continued

- 8. Do Not Steal
- 9. Do Not Lie
- 10. Do Not Covet

Since God gave Moses the Ten Commandments billions of people have lived on the Earth. How many of them do you think have obeyed these Ten Commandments? Only one. Jesus is the only one who was able to obey all these commandments. Sometimes it seems like as soon as we hear the words "Do Not" that something makes us want to do it. What is that? That is sin.

I can remember when I was little we used to read the Ten Commandments out loud every Sunday at church. When I got to the one that said "Do Not Steal" I would skip that one, because every time I said that I remembered stealing a toy from one of my friends. My point is this, that everyone has sinned, even little kids.

Sometimes people won't talk to kids about sin because they think they are just cute little kids and they are innocent. But the Bible says that all men have sinned and that includes kids. Everyone needs Jesus, including kids.



## SHORT FILM APPLICATION:

## "The Refrigerator Adventure"

Has this ever happened to you? Your Dad told you "not to do something" and you couldn't get it out of your mind?

As soon as your Dad said not to do it, you wanted to do it. What is it that makes us want to disobey? The Bible calls it sin. There is a force in the world called "the law of sin and death" that is always here. Sin tries to get us to do the things we know we should not do.

All of us have fallen prey to sin. The Bible says that "all men have sinned."
This is why we all need Jesus. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.



# INTER-ACTIVE LESSON

## **Untangle It**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Proverbs 5:21-23, "Mark well that God doesn't miss a move you

make; He's aware of every step you take. The shadow of your sin will overtake you; you'll find yourself stumbling all over yourself in the dark. Death is the reward of an undisciplined life; your foolish

decisions trap you in a dead end." (The Message)

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN: Sin Makes a Mess

WHAT YOU NEED: • 4 baseball size wads of duct tape

Timer

4 volunteers

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

• Each volunteer gets a wad of duct tape.

• Have time set for 3 minutes.

• Each volunteer works at unraveling duct tape

• Goal: Be first to unravel wad of tape.

#### SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

As we have watched our friends here work at unraveling the duct tape, they were having a hard time. This reminds me of something else. Just as this duct tape was messy and hard to unravel, sin is exactly the same way. Sin is impossible to untangle without the help of Jesus. Sin will make a mess of your life and leave you trapped. Even if you did get the duct tape unraveled it would be useless to use. Sin is the same way, it has consequences and will leave its mark if left un-repented. There is a reason that God hates sin, because it can have harmful and devastating effects on us. I am sure that at the beginning, we all thought, "How hard can that be, to unravel the tape?" But as we saw, it is difficult. Sometimes we may think that cheating or lying (or my little sin) really won't hurt anybody. But it does. The best thing is to stay away from sin, or if you find yourself trying to unravel sin in your life — ask Jesus to help you.



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## **LESSON 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 Ouestions.

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

- 1. What is sin?
  - a. A theory
  - b. Disobeying God
  - c. Not real
  - d. A silly idea
- 2. Who has sinned?
  - a. No one
  - b. Only grown ups
  - c. Everyone
  - d. Dogs and horses
- 3. What is the cure for sin?
  - a. Take two aspirin and go to bed
  - b. There is no cure
  - c. First see a specialist
  - d. Jesus is the only cure
- 4. Who did God give the Ten Commandments to?
  - a. Moses
  - b. Noah
  - c. Jesus
  - d. Jonah
- 5. Why did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?
  - a. Moses needed something to carry around with him
  - b. The Ten Commandments define what sin is and what it is not
  - c. This story is only a fairy tale and not real
  - d. God thought we should have some rules to follow



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PROP LIST Teaching Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)
How many needed?
Review Prizes (penny candy)
Dr. Rubenstein: "Sin Extractor" — Pages 4-7
Characters
Dr. Rubenstein
Dr. Rubenstein's Nephew (same clothes as Rubenstein)
1 Adult Volunteer
Props
Sin Extractor: bike pump with plastic jug taped to front
Object Lesson: What Is Sin? — Pages 8-9
Ten Commandment Tablets (made from Styrofoam)
Inter-Active Lesson: Untangle It — Page 11
4 baseball size wads of duct tape
Timer
4 Volunteers
Small Groups: The Sin Problem
Index cards with "sins" written on cards
How many needed?
Activity page Small Group Notes
How many needed?How many needed?
Special Edition: Pastoring Your KidsHow many needed?