



3. Small Group Lesson

THE SIN PROBLEM

PROPS: Index cards with specific "sins" written on them (lying, stealing, murder, pride, etc...)

LESSON:

Everyone has a card. What "sin" does your card say?

- (Allow children to tell what their "sin" is? Then have them say which sin is worse.)
- Interesting, the Bible says that "all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

POINT TO MAKE:

- Sometimes we think that if we tell a lie, it is not as bad as murdering someone.
- Every sin causes separation from Him.
- Sin becomes a barrier and that is why it is wrong.

DISCUSS:

- Discuss the "feeling of separation."

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What sin is the worst sin? (none, they are all bad)
2. What does sin cause? (separation from God)
3. Who has sinned? (all men)
4. Why have all men sinned? (because Adam gave dominion over to satan)



Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

THE CORE 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



Scan for additional lesson.



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 #743:

- What would you rather do? Go skiing or swimming?

QUESTION #213:

- Where does your grandparents live?

ICE BREAKER Game:

WHO AM I?

Props:

- Folded pieces of paper with Bible character names written on them.
- One for each child.

Directions:

- First child picks one of the papers.
- Everyone goes around and tries to guess who it is by asking questions that can be answered with a “yes” or a “no”.
EX: Are you a boy? Were you in the Old Testament?
- The person who guesses the correct answer then gets to pick a name.

2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE: Genesis 3:1-24

- *1st-2nd Grade:* Use picture Bible.
- *3rd Grade and up:* 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. We recommend the NIV Bible for 3rd to 5th Grade and a picture Bible for 1st to 2nd Grade.

BIBLE STORY:

Adam & Eve’s Big Mistake

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they gave their rights and authority over to satan.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What did God give Adam and Eve? (dominion/authority)
2. What did God tell Adam and Eve not to do? (eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil)
3. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed what did they pass onto all of us? (sin)
4. Who has sinned? (everyone, except Jesus)

Point To Make: *Adam and Eve made a big mistake. They gave satan their authority and at that moment “sin” entered and caused a separation between God and man.*