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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about sin. Sin is when we do things our way instead of God's way. Did you know that God has a certain way he wants us to live? He does and he gives us the Bible to know how to do it! God gives us the rules and our job is to obey them. Sounds easy enough. Well, think about your day today. Did you lose your cool and yell or hit your sibling for taking your stuff? Did you disobey your parents by not taking out the trash? Did you sneak a cookie when your Mom said no dessert? All of those examples are sinful because they go against what God wants for us. He wants us to obey our parents, to be kind to our siblings and not take stuff that doesn't belong to us. So, maybe you haven't done those things today but you probably have in the past. Well, here's the good news. We can beat sin in our lives because of Jesus! Jesus came to defeat sin by dying on the cross to pay for our sins. So, with Jesus, we have the ability to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to living for God. Kids, watch out for sin in your life. Do things God's way and you'll save yourself a lot of trouble!

Big Idea

Sin is doing things our own way instead of God's way.

Key Question

Why is sin such a bad thing?

Memory Verse

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What are some rules your parents have for you to obey? What are the consequences if you disobey?** (Tip: Parents have rules for the home. Maybe it's keeping your room clean or rinsing the dishes. If you don't do them, you might get grounded. God has some rules, too.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Sin breaks our relationship with God and encourages us to do bad things.** (Sin is the worst. Sin is doing the opposite of what God wants for us. When we sin, it's like we're telling God we don't care about him. The Bible says that sin keeps us from having a relationship with God. That's why he sent Jesus. Jesus came to fix our relationship with God by dying to pay for OUR sins, not his.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why is sin such a bad thing? How does sin affect our attitude toward God? **4-5th** What should our attitude be towards God's rules?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Colossians 1:13-14. What are the kingdoms that Paul is talking about? Who saves us from darkness?** (Answer: Life without God would be terrible. It would be lonely, sad and dark. But, when we trust in Jesus, we get to have a relationship with him, now, and we get to live with him in heaven some day. And, heaven will be the coolest most awesome place ever!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JESUS FORGIVES OUR SINS CROSS CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Cross template (page 5). Have them cut out each item.
- Allow kids to color and decorate their cross. Then, have them glue the phrase and the verse on their cross.
- As they work, remind the kids that Jesus came to die for our sins. With Jesus, we can say “No” to sin and “Yes” to living God’s way.

Supplies needed: Cross template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid) Scissors, Crayons, Glue

OPTION 2: GOD’S RULES OR OUR RULES GAME

Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Game template (page 6) and place in a bowl or basket. And write “God’s Rules” and “Our Rules” up on the whiteboard.
- Have kids take turns coming up and pulling a card from the bowl. Read it out loud. Then read the Bible verse attached to it.
- As a class, decide if it represents God’s rules or our own sinful rules. Tape it under the correct column on the board.

Supplies needed: Game template (pg. 6, pre cut, 1 set per class) Bowl/Basket, Tape

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BIBLE BASICS

What Is Sin?

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Sin is something that is inside of all of us, but lucky for us we've got a way to fight it.

Key Points:

- Sin is doing things _____ own way instead of _____ way.
- Sin started with the _____ people, and it's still around today!
- Sin separates us from _____ and the people we _____.
- _____ took care of our sin problem when he went to the _____.

Memory Verse:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What are some rules your parents have for you to obey? What are the consequences if you disobey?*
3. *What is sin? Who were the first people to sin?*
4. *Who came to fix our sin problem?*
5. *Read Colossians 1:13-14. What are the kingdoms that Paul is talking about? Who saves us from darkness?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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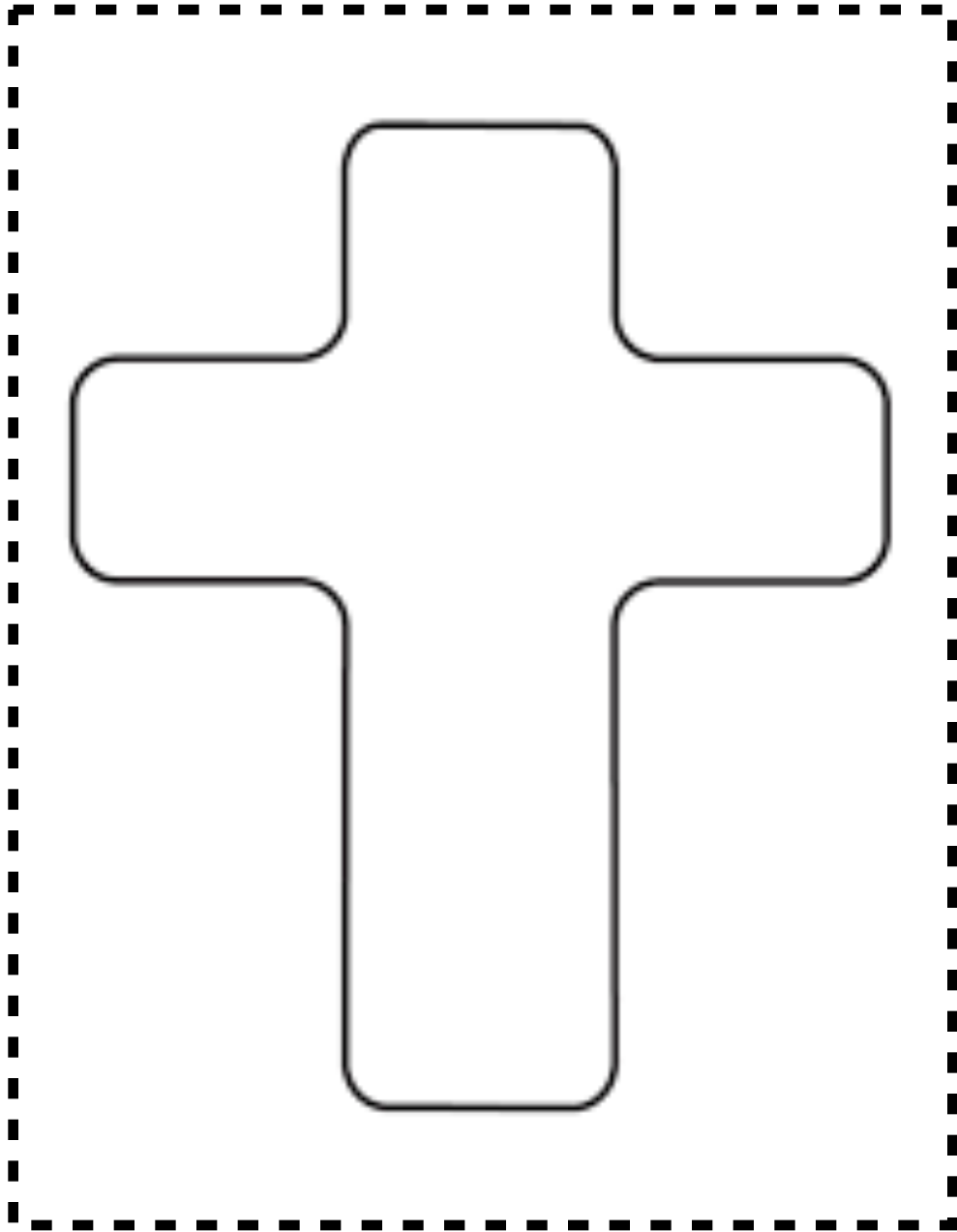
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DON'T
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Proverbs 12:22

IT'S OKAY TO
STEAL

EXODUS 20:15

DON'T
GOSSIP

Proverbs 11:13

OBEY
SOMETIMES

JOSHUA 22:5

BE
KIND

EPHESIANS 4:32

BE
GREEDY

MATTHEW 6:24

BE
LOVING

1 JOHN 4:7

LEAVE PEOPLE
OUT

MATTHEW 7:12