

# Key Information Page



**Key Thought:** As Apostolics, we must not be afraid to name sin as sin. Nor, can we patty cake around and think that God will somehow overlook sin if it is done by a child. This is a deep subject but one that has to be faced head on even for a child.



**Key Verse:** Revelation 21:27 “And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.” We, the writers, realize this is heavy, but sin is sin! And sin can't enter in!



**Key Teaching Point:** We, the writers, are un-apologetically telling you to name sin for what it is. This age group is well aware of what sin is. This age group also, typically, has a problem with making fun of others and knows full well when they are telling a lie. When you, an adult, sins, you want a place to get it right; your students have this same need! DO NOT do this lesson and not give an altar call.



**Key Materials:** Two white shirts: one will be starched with one stain on the front, the other will be dirty and wrinkled; a sign with one side saying... “Sin is sin” ... and, “no sin will enter in heaven”; on the other side... Revelation 21:27; Cards for “is a sin” and “is not a sin” game; a stick and a stone and cards with words like big ears, fat, skinny, and so on; a jar with a lid that has half water and half oil. You may want someone to play music at your altar call



**Key of making it your own:**

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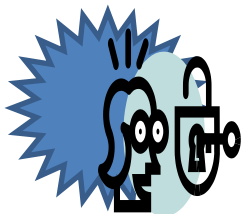
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## LEVEL 3 LESSON 9

### What is Sin? / Doctrine



Unlock their minds by seeing! And  
Unlock their minds by thinking and feeling!

#### **The dirt and stains of sin**

Before class this week go to a secondhand store and buy two white shirts or blouses. Press and starch one shirt, but place a large stain on the front of it and come to class wearing the shirt with one stain. Then, bring in the other shirt, but make sure it is filthy and wrinkled.

Read Ephesians 5:27 “That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

Tell your students...Do you realize one sin can send a person to hell? Do you realize one lie is a sin? Sometimes, people think a little sin won't hurt. Hold up the filthy and wrinkled shirt, some people think it take many sins to keep a person out of heaven. But what does the Bible say...

Then read: Ephesians 5:3 “But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;” Ephesians 5:4 “Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.” Ephesians 5:5 “For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.” Ephesians 5:6 “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” Ephesians 5:7 “Be not ye therefore partakers with them.”

Then, tell your students, whether your sins are like this shirt (hold up the filthy and wrinkly shirt) or like the one you are wearing with only one stain... sin is still sin. Hold up a sign, one side says...Sin is sin... and no sin will enter in heaven, on the

other side... Revelation 21:27 “And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”



Unlock their minds by doing!

### A game of... Is or Is not sin.

The object of this game is to help your students see what sin is. Make sets of index cards with words similar to the list below and mix them up. The words we chose and put together are negotiable. We strove to pick words and concepts that would link together and make them think. As an example, we would agree that nakedness is a sin, but, not all video games have nakedness on them, but some certainly do have scantily dressed men and women on them, so that is where the thing becomes a sin. So, with this game, you are trying to get them to see what sin is for themselves. Developmentally, at this age your students want to reason and have a voice, so for them to be able to make their own choice of what is and is not it a sin, helps them internalize this very deep concept.

#### Is

Nakedness

Cussing

Disobedience to authority

Sneaky

Inappropriate clowning

Joking at someone's expense

#### Is Not

Video Game

Arguing

Asking why

Being quiet

Having fun

Joking around

When they are done matching the cards, hold up your sign... Hold up your sign that says...Sin is sin... and no sin will enter in heaven. On the other side... Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.



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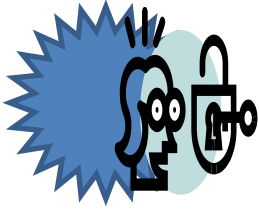
“Sticks and stones may break my bones....”

Teacher comes in with sticks and stones and says, “Have you ever heard this saying”...

It is not in the Bible and it is not true, because words can hurt you. Have words on cards like: Fat, skinny, big ears, big nose, big feet, etc. Would you feel hurt if someone said this to you? Of course you would! Furthermore, did you know that when you make fun of someone, it’s like you are telling God He was a fool for making them like they are. Read: Proverbs 17:5 “Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.”

Get preachy here! Break your stick in half, act like you are going to throw your stone. Tell them plainly, “Making fun of people is a sin! God made that person you are making fun of! You do not want to reproach or criticize God!”

Teaching Tip: This is a big problem for children of this age group. It is a sin. However, be sure to use wisdom when you show the cards to the class that you do not make eye contact with the child who may have a problem. But, preach, teasing and making fun of others, out of them!



Unlock their minds by seeing!

**Half a lie is still a lie.**

For this object lesson you will need a clear jar with  $\frac{1}{2}$  Oil and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Water. The teacher should shake it in front of the children and start talking. The teacher asks students something like....Have you ever told a lie to get out of something like trouble or work? Or, you tell your mom your room is clean, and you just shoved everything under the bed? Or, you tell your parent half the truth to play your mom against your dad, or told your mom and dad something that is half-truth to get them against one of your teachers. **If it's half-truth, it is a lie.** By the time you have said all this, the mixture should be separated again. Show the jar again and hold up a sign that says...Sin is sin... and no sin will enter in. On the other side... Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." We, the writers, realize this is heavy, but sin is sin! And sin can't enter in!



Making the connection to the Word

**Jonah/ they didn't know their left from their right**

Ask kids what they know about the story of Jonah. Let them talk and tell you what they know about the story. Then ask..... Do you know why God wanted to destroy the children of Nineveh? If you read the story, they didn't know why either. The Bible says in Jonah 4:11 that the people didn't know their right hand from their left. They didn't understand what sin was! Then, when Jonah came and preached to them, they cried and repented and fasted. They even had their animals fast.

You know what sin is. We've been talking about what sin is all morning. Have you lied, or called names or made fun of others, or seen filthy things, or spoken bad words? You know this is sin. Right now, is your opportunity to repent and make things right.



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ALTAR CALL

Hold up a sign that says...Sin is sin... and no sin will enter in. On the other side... Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Emphasis- **sin is sin! And sin can't enter in!**

Don't let them go home without a way out of their sin. If you have done your job right, they should flock to the altar!