Sin?

**Teens**

**Level 4 Lesson 9**

* Materials Needed

Good Reference Bibles

Dictionaries

Bible Dictionaries

* Introduction

What is sin? How do we know what sin is? Who invented sin? Is sin really bad?

There are so many questions concerning sin. What we learn about sin must come from the Word of God. Let’s start at the beginning…

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*Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

*2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*

*3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

Throughout the Bible, God has revealed to mankind what He expected out of them, what the reward would be for obeying, and what the reward would be for going against His wishes. He doesn’t always explain why, but He does make it clear what He expects. From the beginning, we have become experts at trying to skirt around God’s laws and justifying doing things our way.

*4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

*5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

And, of course, our adversary shows up and twists things around to convince us that we are ok doing what we want to do!

*6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

Most people don’t just get into disobedience to God by themselves. They like to drag others down with them. It helps us not to feel so bad about ourselves.

*7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

*8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*

Then, our disobedience causes us to avoid God. Have you ever done something your parents didn’t approve of? When you came home from school did you want to go hang out with the family, or would you rather go hang out in your room?

You would just as soon not go on outings with your parents either. It is common to want to avoid your pastor when things aren’t right in your walk with God. We also will avoid our Bibles and the prayer room because we don’t want to have to face our sins. Well, this is where Adam and Eve found themselves.

*9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

*10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

*11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

*12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

*13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

You ever heard of “passing the buck”? Well, this is where it first got started. It is nice if we can blame someone else for our disobedience.

*14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

*15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

*16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

*17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;*

*18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*

*19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

*20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*

*21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

*22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

*23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

*24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

God covered their sin by the shedding of the blood of an animal to make skins to cover the evidence (their nakedness). Ever since the record of the first sinners, there has had to be the shedding of blood to cover sin.

*Heb9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

*Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

Adam and Eve had never aged until this point in their lives. When the punishment was given, age started working in their lives. They were never allowed to eat from the tree of life again. But the other consequences of their sin were brought on by their getting kicked out of the garden.

*Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

The Adam and Eve story is the beginning of sinners. God made up what sin is. When you go against Him and His plan, it is sin.

*Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

*20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:*

*21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

Since we are all sinners, we need to know what God expects us to do, and how to get out of our sinful predicament.

How do we know what sin is?

*Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

The Word of God is our guidebook. All we need to know about sin is in this book. If we will study the Word, listen to our pastor preach from the Word, and listen to our conscience, we can climb out of the sinner’s hole. We need to be redeemed (bought) out of our sin. God does not want us to stay in our sinful condition. He has made a wonderful plan to fix our problem.

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in*

*the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of*

*the Holy Ghost.*

Obeying Acts 2:38 will make you a born-again child of God. You will be redeemed from your sins by the blood of Jesus Christ.

*1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

You are not fooling anyone, but yourself, if you think that you don’t have any problems. We must admit our faults to be able to get out of the mess we are in.

*I Cor 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?*

*Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate*

*nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

*10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall*

*inherit the kingdom of God.*

*11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are*

*justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

* Activity

*(It is good to look up these specific sins in a dictionary or a Bible dictionary. You would be shocked to know how few of your students really know what these words mean. In fact, you might even be surprised to learn what some of these words really mean. This is a great class exercise. These students are old enough to be searching some of this out for themselves.)*

Wow! That is a lot of weird stuff! But we can’t go to heaven with these things in our lives.

You will find God’s ideas all through the Bible. These are only a few. Learn to fall in love with His Word. It will steer you clear of the hazards of the life ahead of you. It really helps to know what God thinks about a subject when you are faced with a decision. Ignorance is no excuse. If you don’t know what the Bible says, you will still be held accountable for what is written and how your life measures up to it.

*Rom 14:23*

*23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

God hates doubt and unbelief!!! We must continually fight this spirit. If the enemy can trick us into doubt, he really has us in a chokehold. We must counter every negative thought with a positive thought, or a verse from the Bible that counters that negative idea.

*Prov 24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.*

Think about this verse the next time you think about doing one of your favorite pranks!!!! I don’t know if it is talking about a prank, but I do know that it is talking about not obeying God. That is foolishness!

*John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin*.

The only way that sin is not your boss, is for you to rebel against it!!! Yay!!! Something you can be rebellious to! There is no law against rebelling against the devil.

*1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

*3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

*4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

*5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

*6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*

*7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

*8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

So many people forget that there is no grey area with God. You are either doing right or you are doing wrong. You can be right, and really right. And you can be wrong, and really wrong. But there is no in-between.

Search the Bible and find other verses that give us direction as to what we should or should not be doing. Sometimes we don’t want to read our Bibles or pray because we don’t want to hear what God has to say.

*Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

The only way to get out from under this judgment is to kill the old man ourselves. We must repent of our sins. We must get those sins erased by getting baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then we can receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

This means that we are born again of the water and of the Spirit. *John 3:5*

So, what if I sin after that?

You mean, what do we do WHEN we sin again? We get to go back to repentance to kill the old man trying to push his way up. We don’t have to be re-baptized. When we repent again, our sins go back to our baptism. Then we just get prayed through in the Holy Ghost. Simple as 1, 2, 3!