

# Boo Sin, Yay Forgiveness!

• Good for 8-12 year-olds •

**Main Point:** God's forgiveness is the ultimate cure for sin.

**Bible Story Suggestion:** David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11), along with Isaiah 1:18, Psalm 51 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.

## **Object Lesson**

Use two white t-shirts and a tube of black or red acrylic paint for this one. The video demonstrates the object lesson; in short, one shirt is marked and ruined by the paint much as sin ruins our purity before God (and therefore our relationship with Him), the other shirt remains spotless, representing God's forgiveness of our sin.

**Note:** This object lesson covers sin and forgiveness. Not mentioned are the topics of repentance nor the consequences of sin that don't always cease to exist when we repent and are forgiven. You may wish to build those into this lesson.

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: https://youtu.be/h9YSXD9OXAw

### **Instructions**

We suggest the story of David and Bathsheba for this lesson, but there are many others you can choose from.

- Begin by retelling the story of David's sin: He slept with another man's wife and, on top of that, ordered the murder of her husband. The chapter is long; if time is short or your audience is young you may wish to summarize the main details.
- If you do have time, read the highlights of Psalm 51. This is the passage David penned as he turned to God in sorrow and repentance. His statement really brings to light the tragedy of sin and the damage it does to one's relationship with the Lord.
- Paint the t-shirt as demonstrated in the video.
- Read Isaiah 1:18; it speaks of being purified from our sins. At the same time, put on the clean white t-shirt over your clothes. 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 would be a good one to read at this time: "And so, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come! The old has gone, the new is here!"
- Have kids work separately or in pairs on the Activity Page.

# **Activity Page:** My Favorite T-Shirt!

This time around, your audience dreams up thoughts about sin or God's forgiveness (or both) that would make good t-shirt slogans.

# My Favorite T-Shirt!

Ever worn a t-shirt with a printed slogan? Now that we've brought up the dangers of sin and the damage sin can do in a person's life, and the wonderful news that God forgives our sins when we come to Him, think up a good slogan about sin or forgiveness. Put it on the shirt!

