

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



All have sinned and fall short of God's glory. Yet all are made right with God by His grace through the redeeming salvation that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23,24

Falling Short of God's Glory

- A good one for kids 8-12 •

Main Point: Our problem is sin. God's grace is His answer.

Bible Story Suggestion: The Road to Damascus, Acts 9:1-20.

Read the passage to your listeners. Explain that Paul, before his conversion, truly detested the followers of Jesus and sought to arrest and jail them for their newfound hope in Jesus. Paul believed that the way to heaven was to strictly obey the laws that God told to Moses centuries before. But Jesus got hold of Paul, and Paul changed from one who depended on his own goodness to get to heaven, to one who understood and rejoiced that God gives the gift of heaven to all who believe in Jesus, not those who put their faith in their own goodness.

Object Lesson: Falling Short of God's Glory

Purpose: This object lesson shows that no one can meet God's standards, and sets the stage for a discussion of God's unmerited kindness—His grace—to those who believe in His Son Jesus.

Materials Needed: Large-diameter plastic drinking straws, cotton swabs, a paper target on the wall. Each kid gets one shot with the straw 'blow gun' to hit the target with a cotton swab. Stand the kids well back from the target to ensure their attempts will very likely fall short.

Once every one has had a turn, explain that the main New Testament Greek word for sin is *hamartia*, literally 'to miss the mark.' Thus, aiming at the target and missing is a sin—a missing of the target.

Remind your listeners that Romans 3:23 makes it clear that, like someone who misses a target, all of us have fallen short of God's best. None of us, on our own, can ever live up to God's standards—we will always fall short. But Romans 3:24 reveals God's solution: His grace. What is God's grace? It's His kindness toward us, His kindness that we don't deserve. He loves and accepts us even with all our failings. We can't reach Him, but He reaches to us.

To get the kids involved in a discussion of a number of Bible verses about sin and grace, hand out copies of the Sin or Grace activity page.

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/Mz4785k2mGg>

Activity Page: Sin or Grace?

Materials Needed: None

Extra Fun: After everything is done, give the kids some time to have fun with target practice. Everyone gets a chance to fire three swabs at the target on the wall. Note that it can be hard to tell if a cotton swab hits or slightly misses a target, so station a referee next to the target.

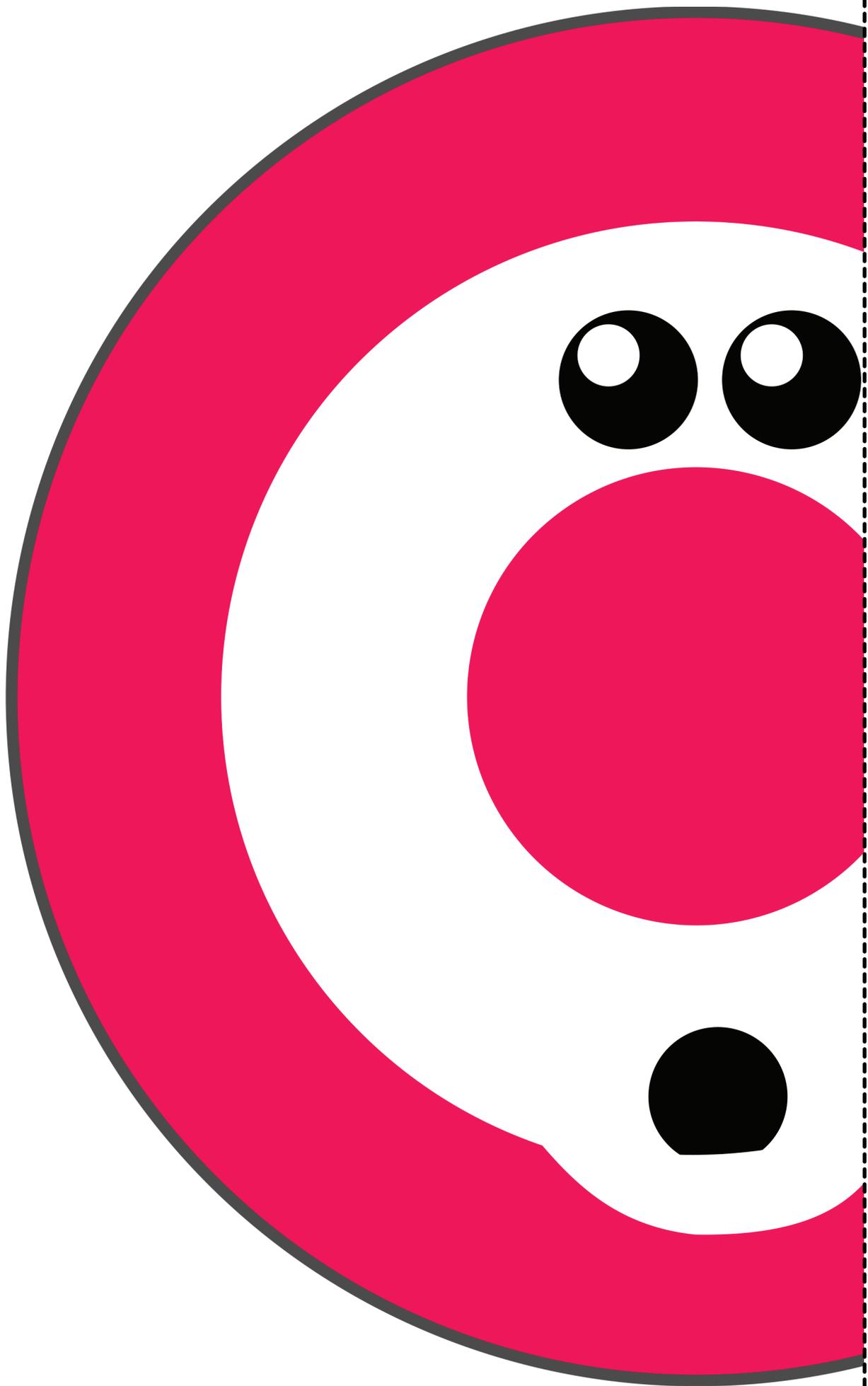
Sin or Grace? For Two or More Players

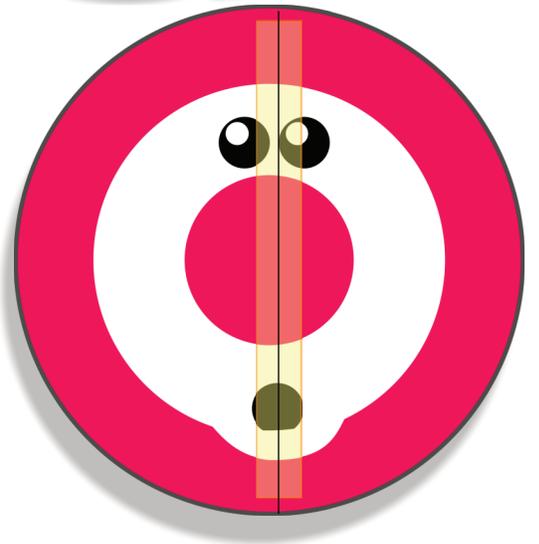
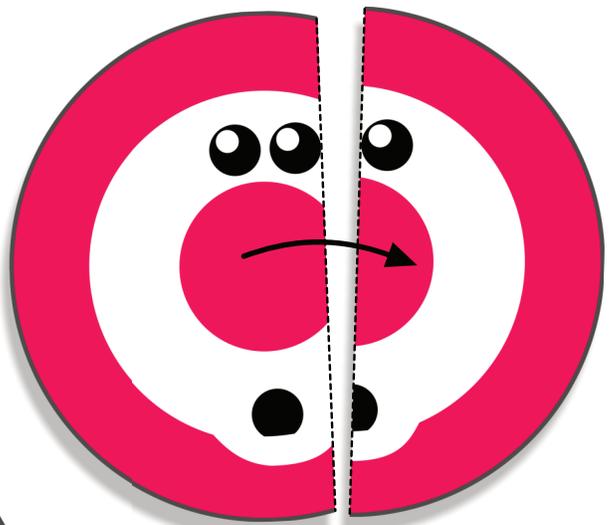
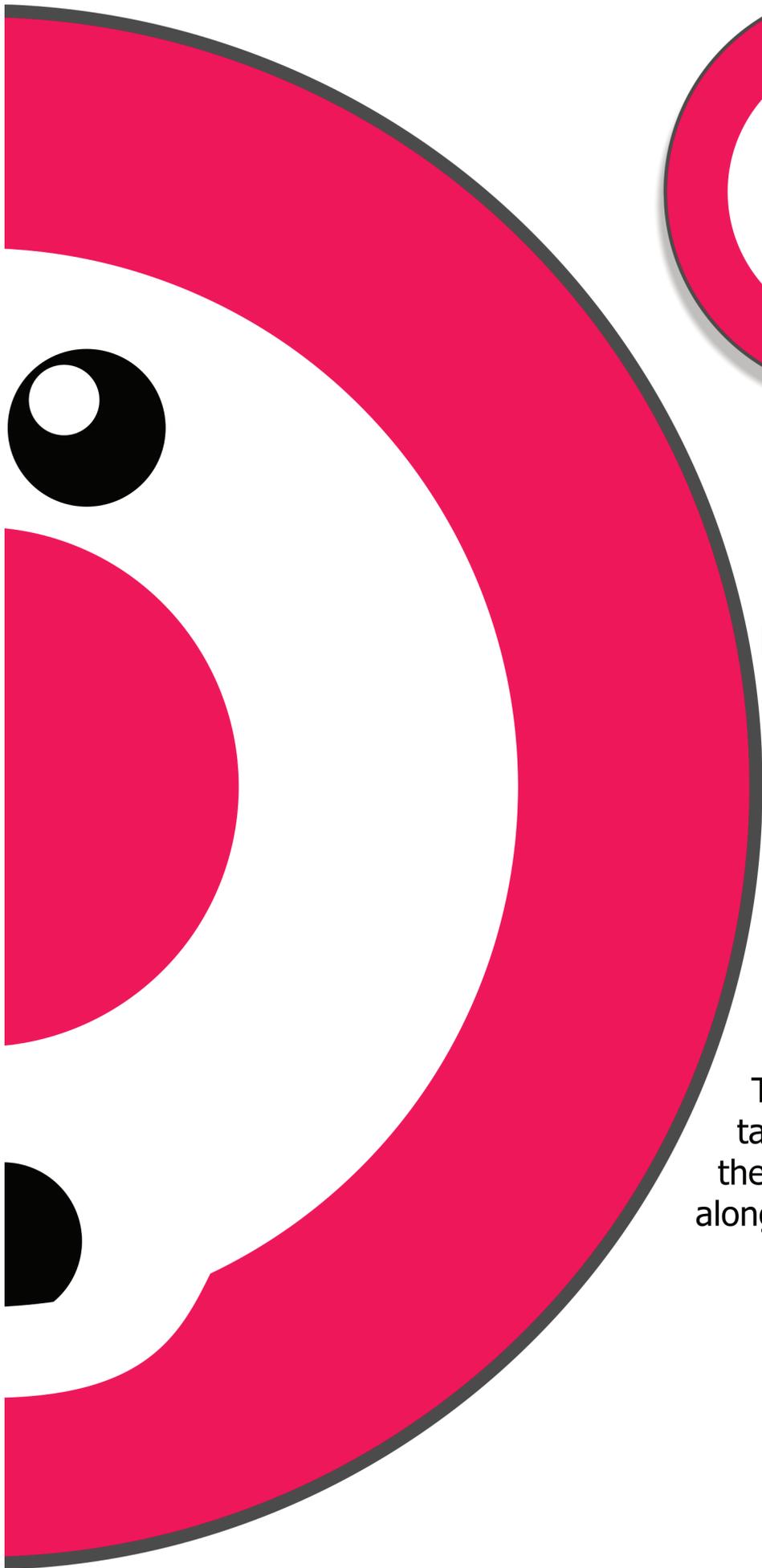
Purpose: This game is for use in the classroom to engage in discussion of key Scriptures.

Prep: Print one copy of this page for each small group of two to three players. Or if you prefer, print several copies and allow kids to play in larger groups. Cut apart the cards, shuffle and place them in a paper sack (otherwise, players will likely be able to read the cards from their blank side).

Play: Players take turns drawing cards from the sack, one card per turn. Grace Cards count 1,000 points, Sin Cards are worthless. Following the game, discuss the verses.

<p>It is by grace you have been saved, through faith. Ephesians 2:8,9</p>	<p>God...made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. It is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4,5</p>	<p>The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17</p>
<p>We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved. Acts 15:11</p>	<p>All are made right with God by His grace through the redeeming salvation that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24</p>	<p>Where sin increased, grace increased even more. Romans 5:20</p>
<p>Sin shall no longer be your master because you are not under the law; you are under grace. Romans 6:14</p>	<p>His glorious grace, which God has freely given us in Jesus, the One He loves. Ephesians 1:6</p>	<p>As for you, you were dead in your sins and transgressions. Ephesians 2:1</p>
<p>For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23</p>	<p>Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Romans 6:12</p>	<p>The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23</p>





Trim the two parts of the target. Overlap and align the two parts, then run tape along the seam.