

# THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



## Small Sins

- Good for third grade through Middle School •

**Main Point:** Even small sins can cause big trouble.

**Note:** The inspiration behind this object lesson was the story of David and Bathsheba, a story of monstrous sins: adultery and murder. But those are not sins common to the kids we teach. Instead, they commit “small” sins. So let’s teach our kids to understand that so-called small sins can add up to big trouble.

**The Object Lesson:** Ask your listeners if they’ve ever stepped barefoot on a Lego - it can hurt! Spread a bunch of Legos on the floor (or clean gravel for a cheaper alternative). Have the kids walk barefoot on the objects. Once everyone takes their seats, hold up one Lego or rock and describe how something so small can cause so much discomfort. If any one says they didn’t feel pain, ask how their feet might feel after ten miles!

Compare the Lego or gravel you’re holding to so-called “little” sins. Like walking on small, sharp objects, little sins can lead to big troubles.

**Scripture Passage:** Galatians 5:22,23.

**Discussion:** Have kids tell sins common to people their age. Hopefully the kids will have some good responses. If not, suggest things like gossip, not returning something borrowed, unfairly teasing a sibling, not finishing a chore, blaming another, and so on.

We recommend you read Galatians 5:22,23; the Fruit of the Spirit. Have the kids suggest the opposite of each of the nine key words: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The opposite of each could be a “small” sin. Point out that while the opposite of love can be hate, it’s more common that a *lack* of love or concern is the opposite of Spirit-filled love. Have your listeners describe how other people could be hurt if we committed these small sins.

To wrap up this portion of the lesson, talk about the fact that committing small sins over time can lead to very bad habits later in life. For example, being mean to little brother can lead to years of resentment and disfunction. Not making your best effort at homework assignments can lead to a life of laziness and failure to reach one’s full potential. And don’t forget: even a small sin is a sin in God’s eyes. Let’s honor God by avoiding even the small sins.

**Activity Page:** Follow the Strings.

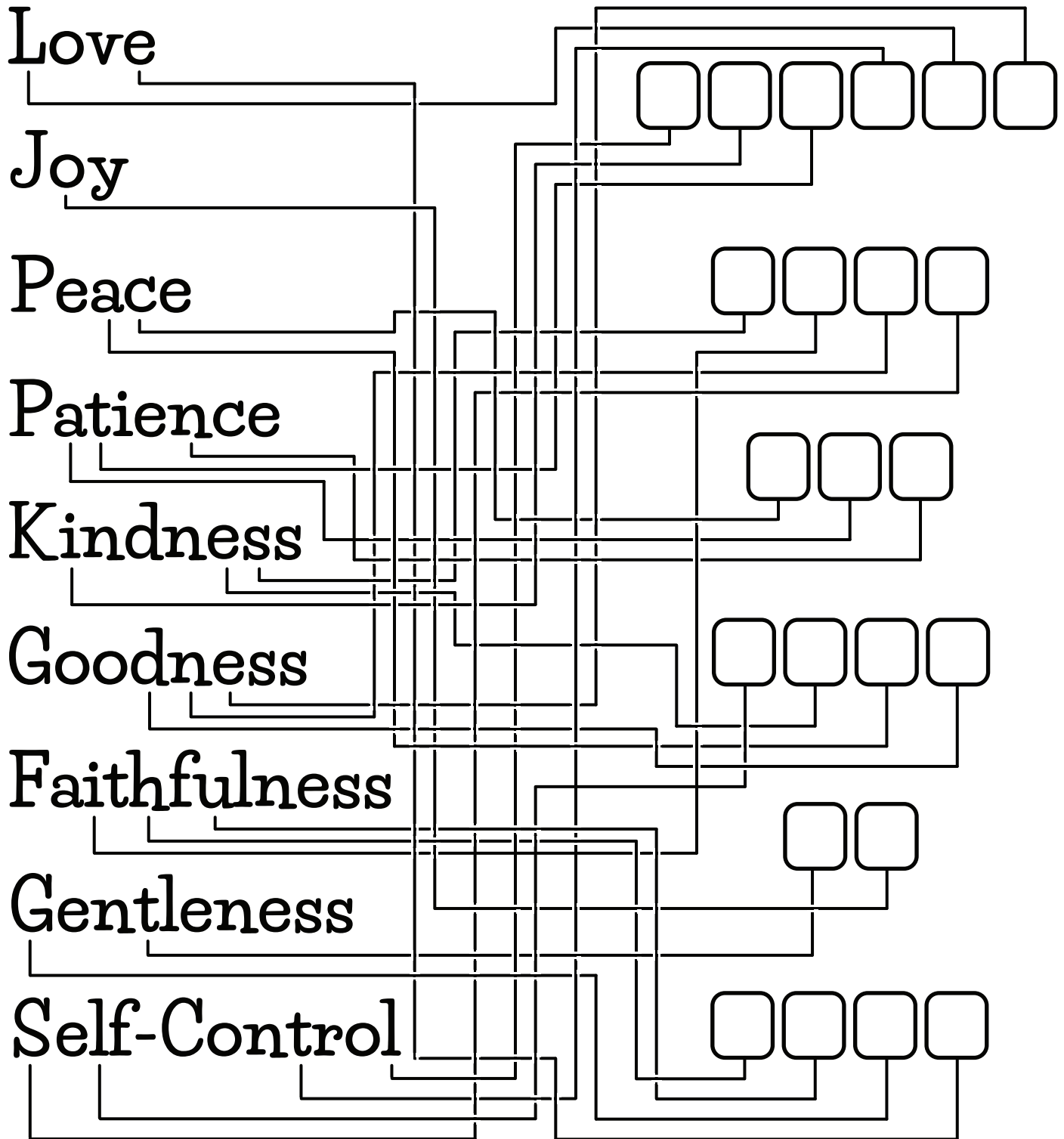
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# Follow the Strings

The nine words below are from Galatians 5:22,23 and are called the Fruit of the Spirit. These things can be ours when we walk with the Lord. But the opposite of each could be a sin. Follow the strings, writing the letters in the attached boxes. You'll find a sad truth about sin.



What word would you use to finish the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_