

# Big Sin - Little Sin

## PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** Jesus died for our sin

**Scripture:** Romans 3:23

**Memory Verse:** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. - Romans 3:23

## The Children's Sermon

In Old Testament times, according to Leviticus 6:24-30, when people did things the Lord told them not to do, they had to kill a goat or a lamb as a sin offering. And they had to do this over and over, day after day. Hebrews 7:27 tells us that when Jesus died, he offered his sacrifice once and for all time. So let's look at our examples again...wouldn't you agree that ...a LIE, big or small is still a LIE ... and stealing something small or LARGE is still stealing and according to the 10 Commandments that's WRONG!!!. So any sin is the same. They're not BIG or small... they're SINS! And Jesus would still have to DIE to overcome that SIN.

So, what is sin? Sin is when we do something that God says we shouldn't do. It's like when your parents tell you not to eat cookies before dinner, but you sneak one anyway. That's doing something you know you're not supposed to do. And just like your parents want you to say sorry when you break the rules, God wants us to say sorry for our sins too. That's where Sin Offering and Forgiveness come in.

Long ago, people had to give a sin offering, like a goat or a lamb, to say sorry to God. They couldn't just say "I'm sorry" and be done. They had to show they were sorry by giving up something important to them. But here's the amazing part: when Jesus

came, he became the ultimate Sin Offering. He said, "I will be the last lamb you'll ever need to offer because I'm going to take care of all the sins, big and small, once and for all." And that's exactly what he did.

When Jesus died on the cross, he did it for every single person in the world. He did it for me, for you, for everyone. That means, because of Jesus, we don't have to offer lambs or goats anymore. We have something much better. We have Forgiveness through Jesus.

But what do we do when we sin now? The Bible tells us in 1 John 1:7-10 that if we're sorry for the things we do, we can confess our sins and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from those sins and He will be our Helper in God's presence. It's like having the best friend who is always there to help you clean up your messes, no matter what.

Now, you might wonder, "How do I confess?" It's simple. You just talk to God. You can say, "God, I'm really sorry I lied to my friend," or "God, I'm sorry I took something that wasn't mine." It's like telling your parents you're sorry. God already knows what you did, but He wants to hear it from you. And the most wonderful part? He forgives you every single time.

Remember, Sin Offering and Forgiveness aren't just old stories in the Bible. They're lessons for us today. Jesus being our Sin Offering means we can have Forgiveness anytime we mess up. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

So, let's say you're playing with your friend, and you accidentally break their toy. You feel bad, right? You say sorry to your friend, and maybe you even help fix the toy. That's

a bit like what Jesus does for us. We break things, like rules or promises, and Jesus helps fix it by forgiving us.

But, just because Jesus forgives us doesn't mean we should keep doing things we know are wrong. Imagine if you kept breaking your friend's toys on purpose because you knew they'd forgive you. That wouldn't be very nice, would it? In the same way, we should try our best to follow God's rules because we love Him, not because we're scared of getting in trouble.

Thank you, dear Heavenly Father, for being faithful to forgive us of our sins and for sending Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins and to be our Helper. Amen.

So, kids, next time you're about to do something you know you shouldn't, remember the story of the Sin Offering and Forgiveness. Remember how much Jesus loves you and how He's always ready to forgive. And don't forget to say sorry, not just to God, but to anyone you might have hurt with your actions.

Sin Offering and Forgiveness are big words, but they're really about something very simple: love. God's love for us is so big that He made the ultimate sacrifice. And our love for God shows when we say sorry and try to do better. It's a beautiful thing, and it's something we can all be thankful for every day.

## Bible Memory Verse

**For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. - Romans**

**3:23**

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.
- Write 'Romans 3:23' on each heart with a marker.

Do This:

1. Give each child a heart and some markers or crayons. Explain that the heart represents each of us, and we all make mistakes or 'sin' which means we need Jesus.
2. Ask the children to decorate their hearts with markers and stickers. As they work, remind them that even when we do wrong, God loves us and sent Jesus to make things right.
3. After they finish decorating, gather the children and recite the memory verse together. Encourage them to take their heart home to remember that Jesus loves them and died for their sins.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Red and white heart-shaped paper cutouts (one of each color for every child)
- Washable markers
- Glue sticks
- A simple cross made from cardboard or paper

Get Ready:

- Cut out the heart shapes from the red and white paper. Ensure there's one red heart and one white heart for each child.
- Prepare the simple cross and place it in the activity area where all children can see it.

Do this:

1. Give each child a red heart and a washable marker. Explain that the red heart represents our hearts with sin, things we do that are wrong. Have them draw or scribble on the red heart to represent sin.
2. Show the children the cross and briefly explain that Jesus loves us so much He died on the cross for our sins so we can be forgiven.
3. Give each child a white heart and a glue stick. Have them glue the white heart over the red heart. Explain that the white heart represents how Jesus makes our hearts clean from sin when we believe in Him.

## Snack Activity: Cross Cookies

You'll Need:

- Graham crackers
- White frosting
- Red fruit roll-ups
- Plastic knives or spreaders

Get Ready: Lay out all materials on a clean table where each child can reach them.

Do this:

1. Help each child break a graham cracker in half to form two squares. Explain that the square represents the world, and everyone in it makes mistakes or sins. Romans 3:23 says, 'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'

2. Spread white frosting over the graham cracker using the plastic knife. The white frosting symbolizes Jesus's purity and His love for us, covering our sins.
3. Cut the red fruit roll-ups into small strips. Assist the children in arranging them on the frosted graham cracker to form a cross. Explain that the red represents Jesus's blood, which He shed for us on the cross to forgive our sins.
4. As they enjoy their snack, remind them that Jesus loves them very much and died for our sins so we can be with God forever.

## Game Activity: Cross Hop

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- A wide, open space (like a driveway or a patio)
- Small stones or beanbags

Get Ready: Draw a large cross on the ground with the sidewalk chalk. Divide the cross into sections (like a hopscotch board) and number them from 1 at the bottom to the highest number at the top.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that just like we all make mistakes or 'sin', Jesus loves us so much that He died for us to give us a chance to say sorry and be with Him forever. Romans 3:23 says, 'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'
2. Have the children line up at the start of the cross. Each child takes a turn tossing a stone or beanbag onto the cross. They must hop through the sections to get to their stone or beanbag, but they can only step in the numbered sections, avoiding the section where their marker landed. This represents avoiding sin and following Jesus.

3. After reaching their stone or beanbag, they pick it up, hop back to the start, and say, 'Thank you, Jesus, for loving me.' This helps them remember Jesus' sacrifice and love for us.

## Craft Activity: Cross of Love Craft

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Glue stick
- Safety scissors
- Markers or crayons

Get Ready: Cut out a large cross shape from one piece of construction paper. This will be used as the base for the craft.

Do this:

1. Help the children cut small pieces of different colored construction paper. These pieces will represent our sins being forgiven because Jesus died for us.
2. Encourage the children to glue the small pieces onto the large cross shape, covering it completely. Explain that each piece represents our different mistakes and how Jesus' love covers all our sins.
3. Once the cross is covered, allow the children to use markers or crayons to decorate around the cross or write 'Jesus Loves Me' on it. This will help them remember that Jesus died for our sins because of His great love for us.

## Prayer Activity: Jesus Loves Us

You'll Need:

- A small cross (can be made from sticks or cardboard)
- Heart stickers
- A simple picture book about Jesus

Get Ready: Prepare a comfortable, quiet corner with cushions or a rug for the children to sit on. Place the cross in the center where everyone can see it.

Do this:

1. Gather the children around you in the prepared area and show them the cross. Explain that the cross helps us remember that Jesus died for our sins because He loves us very much.
2. Read the picture book about Jesus to the children, focusing on the part where it talks about Jesus' love and His sacrifice for us.
3. After reading, give each child a heart sticker. Tell them that the sticker represents Jesus' love for them. Encourage them to place their heart sticker on the cross as a way of saying 'Thank you, Jesus, for loving me.'
4. Close the activity with a simple prayer, thanking Jesus for His love and asking Him to help us love others the way He loves us.