

# A Little Bit Of Sin

## PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** In God's eyes, even A LITTLE BIT of sin is too much.

**Scripture:** James 2:10

**Memory Verse:** For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. - James 2:10

## The Children's Sermon

Today, we're going to talk about something really special and important. It's called the forgiveness of sins. Do you know what that means? Well, let's dive in together and find out.

First off, let's understand what sin is. Sin is when we do something that is not good, something that God doesn't like. It could be telling a lie, being mean to someone, or not listening to our parents. We all make mistakes and do things that are wrong sometimes.

But here's the amazing part: God loves us so much that He forgives us for our sins. Yes, every single one of them! It doesn't matter if it's a big mistake or a small one; God's forgiveness is so big and so wide that it covers them all. Isn't that wonderful?

Now, you might wonder, how do we receive this forgiveness of sins? It's actually quite simple. We just need to talk to God, tell Him what we did wrong, and ask Him to forgive us. This is called praying. And guess what? God always listens and He always forgives. That's how much He loves us.

But there's something really important we need to remember. When God forgives us, He wants us to learn from our mistakes. He wants us to try our best not to do the same wrong things again. It's like when you're playing a game and you make a mistake; you try to do better next time, right? It's the same with God. He helps us to grow and be better.

Now, let's talk about how we feel when we know we've done something wrong. Sometimes, we might feel sad or upset. That's okay. It's normal to feel that way. But the great news is, when we ask for forgiveness and God forgives us, we can feel happy and free again. It's like when you're carrying a really heavy backpack and then you take it off. You feel so much lighter, right? That's how our hearts feel when God forgives us.

But forgiveness isn't just something we get; it's also something we give. Yes, that's right. Just like God forgives us, He wants us to forgive others too. If someone says something mean or does something that hurts us, we can choose to forgive them. It might not be easy, but with God's help, we can do it. And when we forgive others, it makes our hearts happy and light, just like when God forgives us.

So, why is forgiveness of sins so important? Well, it helps us to be close to God. It keeps our hearts clean and happy. And it teaches us to be kind and forgiving to others too. It's like a beautiful circle of love and forgiveness that goes around and around.

In conclusion, remember that God's forgiveness is a wonderful gift. It doesn't matter how big or small our mistakes are; God is always ready to forgive us. All we have to do is ask. And let's not forget to forgive others too, just like God forgives us. This way, we can all live happily, love each other, and be close to God.

Let's pray together: Dear God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Help us to always remember to ask for forgiveness when we do something wrong. And help us to forgive others, just like you forgive us. We love you, God. Amen.

Remember, friends, God's forgiveness is always there for us, and it's one of the most beautiful things we can have in our lives. Let's cherish it, share it, and live our lives full of love and forgiveness.

## Bible Memory Verse

**For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. - James 2:10**

You Will Need:

- Colorful building blocks (like LEGO)
- Stickers with different 'sins' written on them (e.g., lying, stealing, not sharing)
- A large tray or flat surface

Get Ready:

- Write or print out different 'sins' on stickers and stick them on some of the building blocks.
- Place all the blocks in a pile on one side of the tray or flat surface.

Do This:

1. Ask the children to build a tower using the blocks. As they pick each block, read out the 'sin' if it has a sticker on it and briefly explain that even small sins are wrong in God's eyes.

2. Once the tower is complete, discuss how the tower might look nice on the outside, but the 'sin' blocks show that there are things not pleasing to God in it.
3. Explain that just like in the tower, in our lives, even a little bit of sin is too much for God. Encourage them to ask for God's help to do what is right.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A clear jar filled with clean water
- A small bottle of food coloring
- Paper hearts (one for each child)

Get Ready:

- Fill the jar with clean water and place it where all the children can see it.
- Prepare the small bottle of food coloring by ensuring the cap is easy to open.
- Cut out paper hearts from construction paper, one for each child in the class.

Do this:

1. Show the children the jar of clean water and explain that it represents our hearts when we make good choices and listen to God.
2. Talk about how sometimes we make mistakes or choose not to listen, which is like adding a drop of food coloring to the water. Add a single drop of food coloring to the jar and gently stir. The water will change color, showing how even a little bit of sin can affect us.
3. Give each child a paper heart and ask them to think of a time they made a mistake or didn't listen. As they share (if they're comfortable), lightly touch the edge of their heart with a damp finger dipped in the colored water, showing how sin affects our hearts. Explain how God wants to help us clean our hearts and make good choices.

4. Conclude by reassuring them that God loves us and forgives us, helping us to make better choices. Encourage them to ask for God's help when they need to make good decisions.

## Snack Activity: Pure Heart Cookies

You'll Need:

- Plain cookies (preferably large, round ones)
- White icing
- A small amount of black icing or a food coloring pen
- Small bowls and spoons for spreading icing

Get Ready: Before the activity, prepare a clean workspace and place all materials within reach. Make sure each child has access to a plain cookie and a spoon for spreading icing.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that the white icing represents a pure heart, clean and good in God's eyes. Spread the white icing over the entire top of the cookie to cover it completely.
2. Talk about how even a little bit of sin, like telling a lie or being unkind, makes our hearts not pure. Use the black icing or food coloring pen to add just a tiny dot somewhere on the white icing.
3. Discuss how James 2:10 teaches us that breaking even one of God's laws is like breaking them all in His eyes. Just like the cookie now has a spot, our hearts are not pure with even a little sin. But also remind them that God loves us and forgives us when we ask, making our hearts clean again. You can choose to leave the cookie as is to

remind them of the lesson, or allow them to add more white icing on top to 'clean' the heart again, symbolizing forgiveness and a fresh start.

## Game Activity: Clean Path Challenge

You'll Need:

- A roll of blue painter's tape
- Small paper plates
- Markers

Get Ready: Use the blue painter's tape to create a simple winding path on the floor, wide enough for the children to walk on. Write different small 'sins' (like 'not sharing', 'telling a lie', 'being unkind') on the paper plates and place them sporadically along the path.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that the path represents our journey with God, and the paper plates are small sins that can make us stumble. In God's eyes, even a little bit of sin is too much.
2. Have the children start at the beginning of the path. As they walk along it, they should try not to step on the plates. Discuss how avoiding sin keeps us on the right path with God.
3. At the end, talk about how James 2:10 teaches us that breaking even one of God's laws is like breaking them all, and why it's important to ask for forgiveness and help to do better.

## Craft Activity: Clean Heart Craft

You'll Need:

- White paper plates (1 per child)
- Washable markers
- Stickers (heart-shaped and others)
- Wet wipes

Get Ready: Write 'Even a little sin is too much in God's eyes' on the rim of each paper plate before class.

Do this:

1. Tell the children that the white plate represents our heart and it's very clean when we follow God's way. But when we make bad choices (sin), it's like making a mark on our clean heart. Let them draw or scribble a little bit on the plate with markers to represent sin.
2. Explain that in God's eyes, even a little bit of sin is too much. But the good news is, God can make our hearts clean again through forgiveness. Give them wet wipes to clean their marks off the plate, showing how God forgives us and cleans our hearts.
3. After cleaning the plate, let the children decorate their 'clean hearts' with heart-shaped stickers. Remind them that keeping our hearts clean is important to God, and we can ask for forgiveness when we make mistakes.

## Prayer Activity: Tiny Sins, Big Prayers

You'll Need:

- A clear jar filled halfway with water
- A small container of black pepper
- Dish soap

Get Ready: Place the jar of water on a table where all the children can see it. Have the black pepper and dish soap within reach but not in the hands of the children.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that the clear water in the jar represents our hearts when we are living in a way that pleases God—clean and pure.
2. Sprinkle a little bit of black pepper into the water as you talk about how even a little bit of sin, like not sharing or telling a lie, makes our hearts not clean before God. The pepper represents sin.
3. Dip a finger into the dish soap and then into the water and pepper mixture. The children will see the pepper (sin) move to the edges of the jar, showing them how asking God for forgiveness through prayer cleans our hearts from sin. Conclude by leading the children in a simple prayer, asking God to help keep our hearts clean from even a little bit of sin.