

~~HIDDEN~~ *Things*

Small Group Guide

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Hidden Sin

ICE BREAKER

What is the greatest breakfast item of all time?

Overview

"Today, we're talking about sin, but not just any sin; hidden sin. But, what is Sin? Sin is when we do things our way instead of God's way. Did you know that God has a certain way he wants us to live? He does and he gives us the Bible to know how to do it! God gives us the rules and our job is to obey them. This is something that scripture talks a lot about. The major problem with hidden sin (or secret sin) is that it usually lives in the dark. When sin gets left unconfessed, it begins to grow bigger and bigger until it's something that we can no longer control - then it begins to control us. Sin separates us from God and the people we love. Today, we're going to discuss the power in confessing our sins to God and to trusted Christians. Not only does God forgive us when we repent and are honest about our brokenness, but He also gives us the strength to overcome. We have the ability to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to living for God.

Anchor verse

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

Questions

1. What is sin?
2. Why do you think sin grows best in the dark?
3. Why do you think confession is so important? *Read 1 John 1:9 again and discuss.*
4. Why do you think it's important to confess to fellow Christians? *Read James 5:16 and discuss.*
5. What scares you the most about confession?
6. Do you think conviction by the Holy Spirit is good? *Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 and discuss.*

Prayer - Pray with your students - Encourage a student to lead the prayer.

Sample prayers

Dear God, when I have a choice between doing what is right and what is wrong, I want to choose to do right. Amen.

Dear God, I want Your way, not mine. Amen.

Dear God, sometimes I'd rather do wrong than right. Please send Your Holy Spirit to show me how to make choices that please You. Amen.

Dear God, right now I am feeling _____ (*name the emotion, such as mad, hurt, upset*). Please show me how to manage these emotions in a way that honours You, not me. Amen.



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Hidden Power

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Jesus promised that his Father would send a helper — the Holy Spirit — to live inside of those who follow him. He promised that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.

“Today we are talking about Hidden Power; the Holy Spirit and the power He provides. The Holy Spirit is more than just speaking in tongues. Tongues is just one of many powerful things the Holy Spirit provides. Acts 1:8 shows us His help in being a witness; John 14:26 shows the Holy Spirit as a Helper who teaches and reminds; John 16:7-8 shows us that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of Sin. These are just a few examples of what the Holy Spirit provides.”

Anchor verse

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Questions

1. How do you see the Holy Spirit helping you live a life God's way? Acts 1:8
2. What are some ways you feel the Holy Spirit in your life?
3. With the help of the Holy Spirit what are some ways you can tell others about Jesus?
4. What can you do this week and, in the future, to listen and follow the Holy Spirit? 1 John 3:24
5. What attributes of the Holy Spirit do you feel you have or don't have? Galatians 5:22-23

Prayer - Pray with your students - Encourage a student to lead the prayer.

Sample Prayers

Dear God, thank you that You are wise and know what is best for me. Please help me to be willing to listen to You. Amen.

Scripture-guided prayer for children

Read through the selected Scripture and help your children pray based on the verse you read. Encourage them to listen to God and allow His Spirit to guide them as they pray.

Ask God to help you depend on Him to help you live righteously. - Galatians 5:22-23



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Hidden potential

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Greatest super hero and why?

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Today we are talking about potential and calling, all throughout scripture it talks about your potential, each one of us has a Specific call meant for only us. But, in order for our kids to hear God's voice, they need to know who God is. When our kids come to know who God is, you'll begin seeing them discern His voice above all others. This is step one to hearing a calling from God. Even when we know God, a lot of times we let the outside world keep us in fear and we keep our calling/potential locked behind closed doors. Every locked door is different. Fear, depression, anger, insecurity, doubts whatever it may be. Let's let God unlock those doors and step out into our potential!

Anchor verse

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you!**" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "**Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**"

John 10:19-21

Questions

1. What is your locked door?
2. Do you believe you have purpose? (We ALL have purpose) If they know what theirs is, encourage them to share. Read Jeremiah 29:11.
3. How can you use that purpose to serve God right now?
4. What scares you the most about your future?
5. What excites you the most about your future?
6. Are the people you hang out with helping your walk with Christ according to Proverbs 13:20 & Proverbs 18:24? (Read and discuss)

Prayer - Pray with your students - Encourage a student to lead the prayer.

Sample Prayers

Dear God, thank You that Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Amen.

Dear God, You are faithful. I have not been faithful today. Please forgive me and help me to have Your love and faithfulness in my heart. Amen.

Dear God, thank you for creating me with a purpose to serve you. Help me to have courage to unlock my door and follow your will in my life. Amen.