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### **Have Fun**

These sessions are set up for you to have fun leading your family into the truths of the Bible. If you're not having fun, then your children won't either.

### **Be Positive**

Maybe you've had a rough day and all you want to do is curl up in a cave and vegetate for a little while. Then just take a deep breath, take a few moments to relax, commit this time to the Lord, and then jump in with a positive attitude. After a few minutes, a special time with your family can change how you feel.

### **Be Willing**

Your children will only go as far as you go, which means, if you only do the activity halfway, they'll only do it halfway too. Be willing to get down on the floor, to get inside the tent, to throw a pillow or make a paper airplane. They may not remember all the things you tell them, but you're making memories that will last a lifetime.

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Don't preach. This should be an interactive time where the whole family can talk and discuss.

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A magnet

Some paper clips or something else that is small and metal.

A Bible marked at Matthew 4:3-11

### STEP 1

Try to pick up the paper clips by touching them with the nail. It won't work.

### STEP 2

Now hold the magnet to the head of the nail and touch the point to the paper clips. What happened? What changed?

POINT: Just like the magnet gave the nail the ability to pick up the paper clips, God gives you the ability and the strength to say no to doing wrong things. The magnet became a tool to help the nail pick up the paper clips and God has given you a tool to help you say no to temptation.

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I'm still eating. I'm not done.

Beans, beans, pour me more, dad.  
And if I don't get them, I'll be mad!

Beans, beans, bring 'em while their cold.  
Bring 'em while they're fresh. Bring 'em when they're old.

Beans, beans, I'm ready to eat.  
Give me my beans. They're a treat!

Beans, beans, bring 'em on bread  
I'll eat them on chips. I'll eat them in bed!

Beans, beans, I'll take them in a stew.  
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Someone who has self-control is able to control their thoughts and appetites. For example, if the boy in the story would have had self-control, he would have been able to control his desire for more beans. But self-control goes far beyond the dinner table. God wants you to have the kind of self-control where you resist bad thoughts, wrong desires and temptations and always do what is right instead.

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*Try to figure this out:*

How can one piece of paper hold up an entire book?

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The paper did something you might have thought was impossible at first. But just remember that with God all things are possible and the Lord will never call you to do anything that He will not also give you the strength you need to do it.

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### *Contentment*

Someone who is content realizes that true joy doesn't come from what you own or wear or even what you can do. When you've given your life to Jesus and are walking with Him, He'll always take care of you—you'll never lack for what He desires to give you and the life you'll find in Him is beyond anything you could have ever imagined. God will always give you everything you need to do anything that He calls you to do. The Bible says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Remember: Only Jesus satisfies and true joy comes only from Christ.

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**ASK: Which was easier—having a guide or not having a guide?**

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### Clean Pennies, Clean Hearts

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Some hot sauce

A Bible turned to 1 John 1:9

**NOTE: If you don't have these items**, you can do the following to make the same point: Make a mess and clean it up. There are number of fun ways to do this—Play in the mud outside, have a shaving cream fight, have a paper-wad fight, fix a meal together or cookies (it always makes a mess in my kitchen!) or just jump in when someone accidentally spills their milk. Then begin at the DISCUSSION section below.

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Wait about four minutes and then wipe and wash them off.

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Compare the pennies to the one you didn't put hot sauce on. Do you see the difference?

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Plop. Splash. What's this?  
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Whoa! Look out!  
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Is the fly in your eye,  
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And a hopper in your drink?  
These things don't belong.  
Don't you see?  
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*Read Matthew 14:22-33*

Make a tower or house out of dominoes. Then make a tower or house of cards. Trying blowing them down. Which one fell easier? Why?

A house of cards falls easily. The smallest touch and down it comes. This is like a Christian who doesn't keep his eyes on Jesus. He starts looking at the things of the world or tough situations or what other people say and before long, just like Peter, he starts to sink.

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**SAY:** The blind man followed Jesus and praised Him after he was healed.

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And then went a roll.  
Then he slurped up his soup.  
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The tablecloth he ate.  
This may seem unreal,  
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But next he ate--believe it or not,  
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## Week 8—Special Time Rolled Away

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Something that can be easily blown like a balloon, a ping-pong ball, a leaf, etc.

A rock or stone or something that cannot be blown.

Something like string, thread, or yarn to make a circle on the floor. (If you don't have any of these, then use several pairs of shoes stretching the shoelaces around in a circle.)

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## Week 8—Special Time Rolled Away

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You should've seen it.  
Today I said, "Have a good day,"  
But I didn't really mean it.

Today I said, "Johnny, I like your shoes,"  
Then I laughed under my breath.  
Then I laughed out loud to my friends,  
Right after he left.

Today I said, "Sue, I'll keep your secret,"  
Then I listened real close,  
But after she was gone,  
It's what I said the most.

I say, "You can trust me,"  
To each of my friends,  
But it keeps proving false,  
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## Week 9—Special Time

### Sink or Float

#### You will need

A non-diet can of soda

A diet can of soda

A Bible marked at John 14:1-3

**NOTE: If you don't have these items**, you can do a different activity that is explained in the *Other Option* section below:

STEP 1: Fill up the bathtub so that the cans have enough room to sink.

STEP 2: Consider these questions...

What do you think will happen when you put the cans into the bathtub?

Will they both sink?

Will they both float?

Will one sink and one float, and if so, which will do what?

STEP 3: Put both cans in the bathtub. What happened?

POINT: The difference between these two cans is about half a cup of sugar.

KEY: Just a little makes a big difference. In the same way it takes just a little sin to drag a Christian down. According to the Bible, there's no room for sin in the Christian's life. So, have you been doing anything you know is wrong? If so, then stop doing it (repent), ask God to forgive you, and turn to follow Jesus again.

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There's one thing you should know,  
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You've heard of tater tots before,  
And the mashed potatoes that I adore,  
But have you heard of a later tater?

You've heard of a demonstrator,  
Maybe a reconciliator,  
Perhaps you've filled a radiator,  
But have you heard of a later tater?

What's a later tater, you say?  
It's someone who's late every day.  
That's what we call a later tater.

But I'll tell you something that's really fine,  
Someone who is always on time.  
So please don't be a later tater.



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### Make Them Disappear

You will need

Coffee Filter

Lemon Juice

A highlighter

A Bible marked at 1 John 1:9

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#### STEP 1

Use a highlighter to write different sins on a coffee filter.

#### STEP 2

Put a few drops of lemon juice on the filter and watch your sins disappear.

*Read 1 John 1:9*

**SAY:** Sin always makes a mess in our lives but if we confess our sins and tell God we're sorry for the wrong things we've done, He'll forgive us. We can't clean ourselves up; We can't forgive our own sins—we need a Savior. This doesn't mean that we won't have to deal with the consequences of the wrong things we've done, but when God forgives a sin, it's gone for good.

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*Read Galatians 6:7-8*

(The point of this verse is simply: what you plant in your life is what will grow in your life. If you plant the things of God, you will grow things that last forever. If you give in to sin, however, the hurt of that sin will destroy the life that God intends for you to have.)

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I'll slam the door,  
If I don't get my way,  
I'll fall to the floor!

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And the doctor's office too.  
I'll even do it,  
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I'll have a tantrum.  
I'll have a fit.  
I'll fling my arms and scream,  
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People can look.  
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### *Obedience*

"Pick up your mess."  
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Liquid starch  
A spoon

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#### STEP 1

Mix two parts glue with one part liquid starch. Stir well.

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Keep adding starch one spoonful at a time, while working it with your fingers, until it becomes a putty-like mixture.

#### STEP 3

Put the putty onto an old comic book or newspaper. Press down and then peel it off. What changed?

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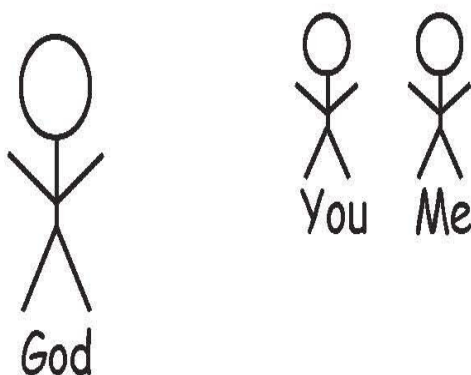
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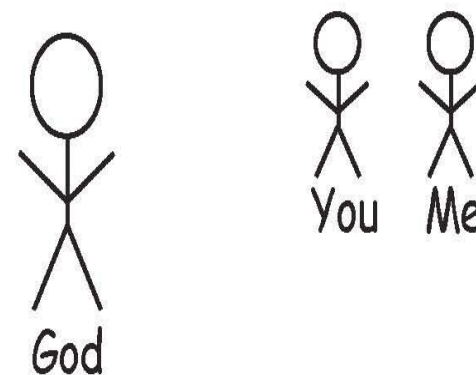
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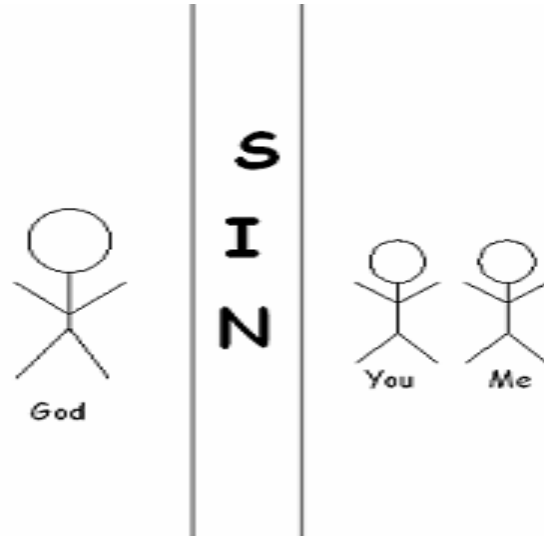
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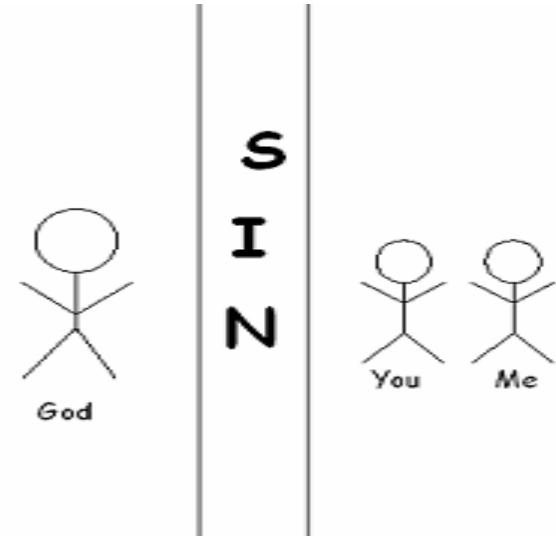
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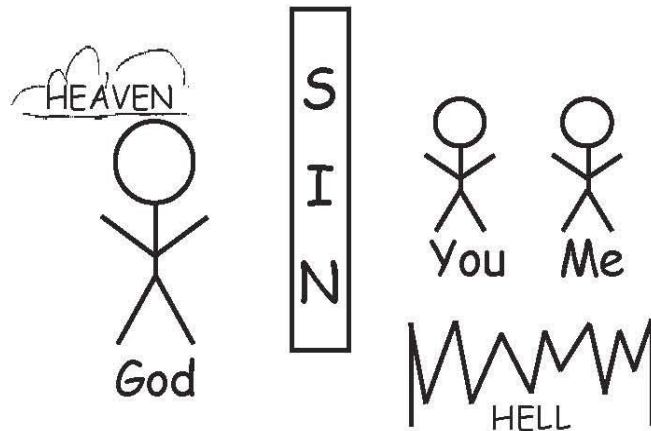
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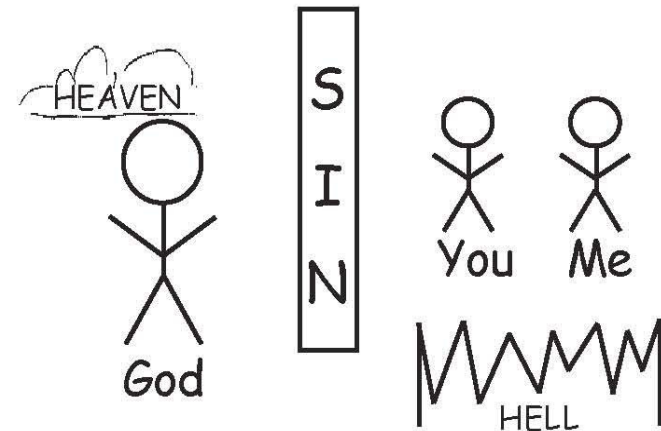
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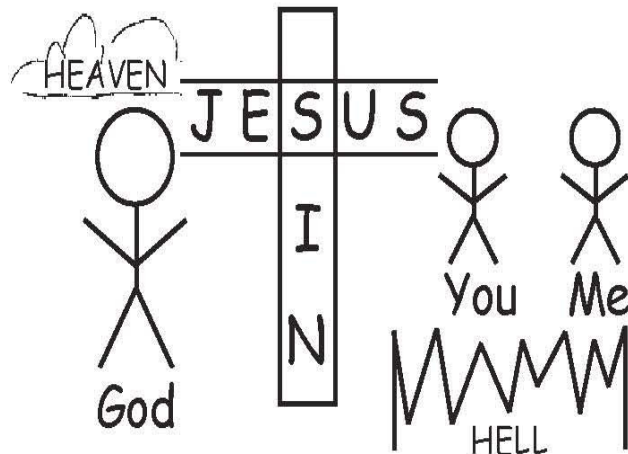
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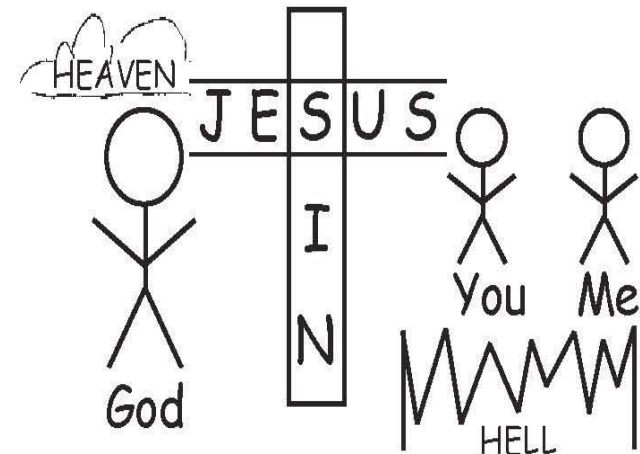
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