Illustrations

Dirty on the Inside

The Bible says that what comes out of your mouth shows what is in your heart (Matthew 15:18). It's like this...Who would like a drink of Dr. Pepper (or chocolate milk or another favorite drink)? It just so happens that I have that drink here with me today. Who would like a drink? Call up a volunteer. Then pull out a cup that is clean on the outside, but nasty on the inside. Show it to your volunteer and then explain that a person can be the same: They can look good on the outside, but be filthy on the inside. Give your volunteer the bottle or drink (not in the cup) and ask him to sit down and continue by discussing Jesus' comments in Matthew 15:18 or Matthew 23:25-26.