



# Lesson 1

## check it out!

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them everything they needed. They were in a perfect place that was heaven on earth. God also gave them some instructions. They could eat from any tree in the garden except the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. They had the ability to choose to do what was right or do what was wrong. They were tempted to do the wrong thing, they disobeyed and it cost them everything. Just like Adam and Eve, we have a choice to do right or wrong. We must understand that when we really look at sin, we realize how dangerous and destructive it is. In our Bible story today we see that God gave instructions to the Children of Israel when they came to Jericho. They were not supposed to take anything from the plunder of Jericho. But Achan gave in to temptation and took some things. Because of His sin, he and his family died. Sin is dangerous and destructive and we must run from it.

## DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

### ABOUT SIN

#### MAIN FOCUS

*SIN IS DANGEROUS*

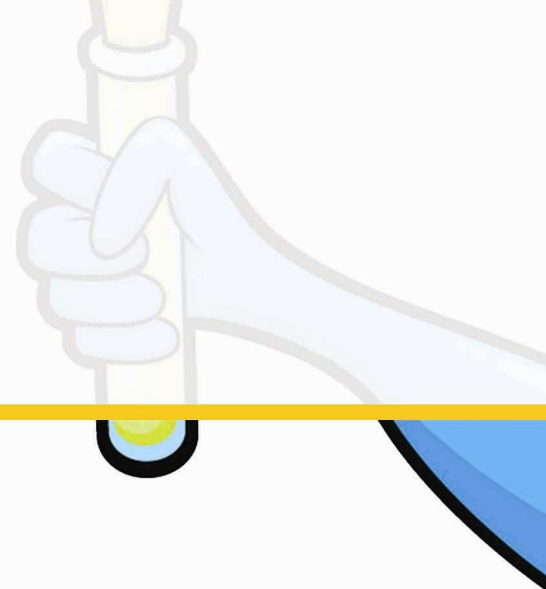
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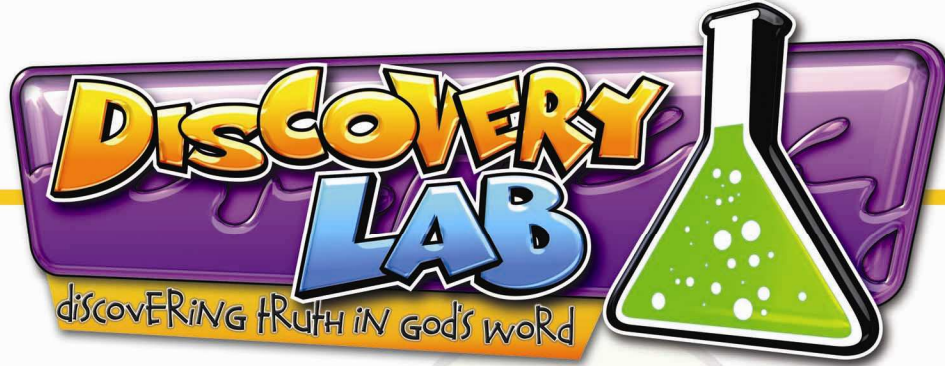
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*Romans 6:23*





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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### COUNTDOWN VIDEO

*2 min. Video*

#### INTRO VIDEO

*Dr. Chin*

#### PHRAZE CRAZE

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#### WORD DROP

*Romans 6:23*

#### Video

*Vinnie Buddafinga*

#### SERMON

*"The Sin Problem"*

#### TIME BLASTER SKIT

*"Joshua"*

#### TIC TAC TOE

*Review Game*

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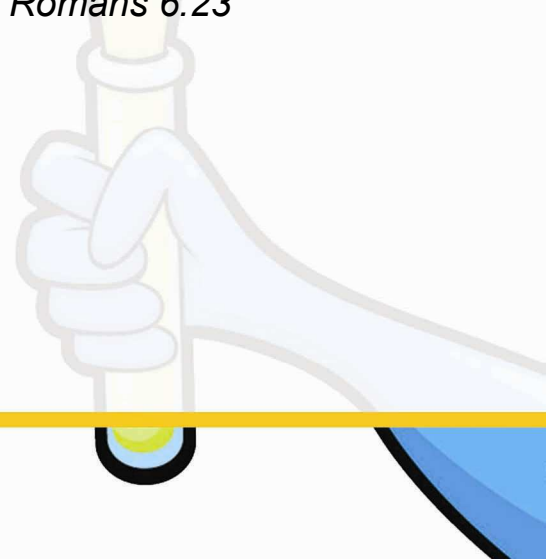
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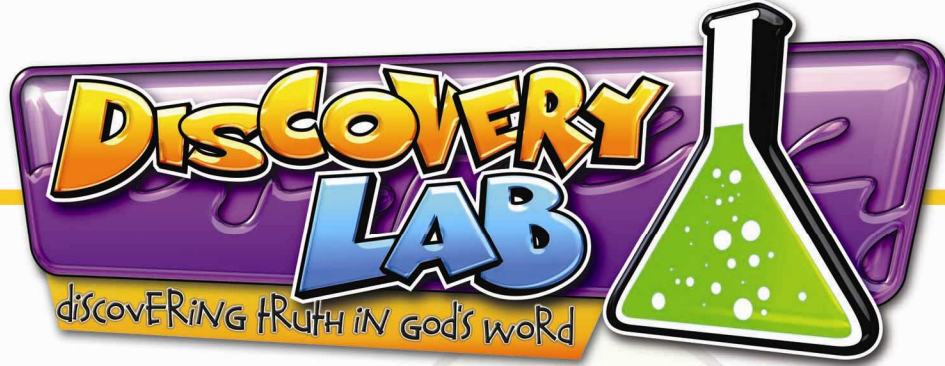
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## Illustrated Sermon

*"The Sin Problem"*

**Materials Needed:** 1 cup vegetable oil, glass jar, water, rat trap, piece of wood, some silver coins, a pretty garment, paper money, a glass of water, red food coloring, Dissolvo paper (found on [www.gospelmagic.com](http://www.gospelmagic.com)), binoculars

**Preparation:** Read Joshua 7. Cut a 2x4 18 inches long and spray paint it gold. Put red food coloring in glass of water until it resembles blood. Write the word "SIN" on the dissolvo paper.

### The Message:

Intro- Sin! We all know what it is. We've all done it too. It's the bad things we think (*point at head*), say (*point at mouth*), or do (*point straight out toward audience*), that breaks (*act like you are breaking something*) God's laws. It all started with Adam and Eve. They disobeyed God and it cost them everything.

### Object Lesson 1

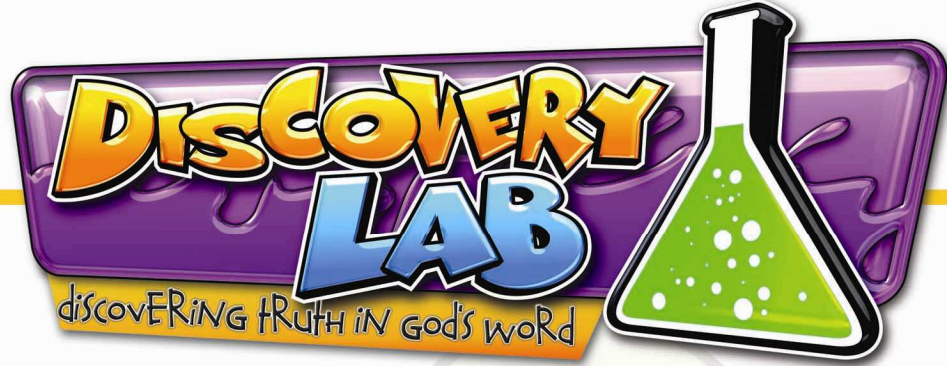
Sin is like this oil and God is like this water (*Take out oil and water*). If I pour the oil into the water you will quickly see them separate (*Slowly pour oil into water jar but do not shake up*). God and sin do not mix! He can not stand it! He cannot be where sin is. Just like with Adam and Eve, they made a choice to sin by disobeying God's directions and they had to leave the garden.

### Object Lesson 2

Sin is also a very dangerous thing. The Bible says that sin will lead to death. Sin is a trap just like this rat trap. (*Bring out trap and begin carefully snapping it by hand*). What makes the rat come near the trap? (wait for kids to respond) That's right! The bait! The rat smells the bait and thinks, "free food". But then...WHAM!! It's all over for that poor rat. What he thought was going to be a good thing ended up killing him. That's exactly what sin does. It seems really good, then it ends up costing us everything. The Bible says that sin is fun for a season. That means it might start out fun but it won't take long for you to have to pay for that sin. Sin will always cost you something.

When Joshua and the children of Israel went into the promised land, the first city they came to was Jericho. God gave specific instructions on what to do. They did everything God said. But there was one person named Achan, who decided to take some things for himself. He knew it was wrong but he did it anyway. He figured no one would see him. He took some silver, some gold, and a beautiful Babylonian robe. (*Pull out the gold, silver,*





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(Sermon continued...)

There are three things we must know about sin:

### 1. SIN LOOKS GOOD (look into binoculars)

*Joshua 7:21 says, "I saw a beautiful robe from Babylonia among the things we had taken. I saw five pounds of silver. And I saw a gold bar that weighed 20 ounces. I wanted them, so I took them. I hid them in the ground inside my tent. The silver is on the bottom."*

Sin will look very good to you. (*Look into binoculars*). People steal so they don't have to pay with money. People cheat so they don't have to study. They lie so thinking they won't get in trouble. Sin may look good, but it is a trap from the enemy.

### 2. SIN WILL COST YOU EVERYTHING (take out cash)

*Joshua 7:24 says, "Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them."*

The Bible says the wages of sin is death. Sin is very dangerous and can lead to physical death. Sometimes people do very bad things like taking drugs or drinking alcohol, while driving and they can die from doing those things.

Sin can also lead to spiritual death. That is when we reject God and don't listen to him and don't read our Bible. Our spirit dies and we can no longer hear His voice.

### 3. SIN WAS DESTROYED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS (take out glass of red water, Dissolve paper with "SIN" on it)

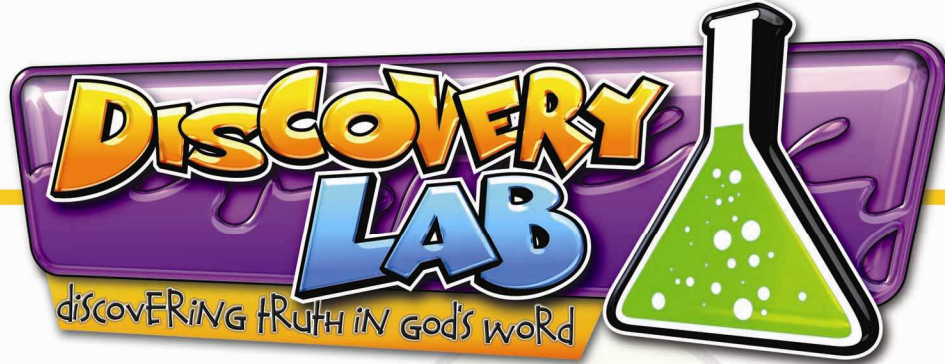
*1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."*

This represents the blood of Jesus. (*hold up the red water*). Watch what happens to our sin, when we allow the blood of Jesus to wash us. (*Dip the "SIN" paper into the glass and show the kids how it dissolves*).

### PRAYER TIME/ALTAR TIME

Let's ask God to search our hearts to see if we have sin in our lives. (Pray for forgiveness, salvation...etc.)





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## TIME BLASTER SKIT

*(The Time Blaster Skit can be used with a puppet or a live person. You can set the skit up as if you are bringing the character back from Bible times.)*

Hey! My name is Joshua. After Moses died, God chose me to lead the Children of Israel into the land God promised us. The first city we came to was Jericho. The walls around Jericho were so huge! It looked like there was no way we were getting into the city, but God told us that we were going to defeat them. Well, we did exactly as He told us and you know what happened? The walls fell down! That's right! They went straight down and we walked straight in! We ran right in and defeated them completely. Now, God told us not to take anything from the city for ourselves. But there was this one guy named Achan who saw a Babylonian garment, some silver and some gold. He was tempted to take it. Well, I hate to tell you this but he took it and hid it under his tent. After we destroyed Jericho we went right away to fight the people of Ai. They were a small country.....much smaller than Jericho. So we figured that we could go wipe them out real fast and that we would win. That didn't happen at! They won and we lost! I fell on the ground and cried out to God and asked Him why did he let this happen to us. He said that because there was sin in the camp, that's why we were defeated. We later found out that it was Achan that sinned by taking some of Jericho's stuff. What happened to him was horrible! Let's just say he won't be doing that ever again. After we dealt with Achan we went back to Ai and destroyed them big time! You see, sin is dangerous and it will mess you up bad every time! Run from it! Do the right thing. Well, I gotta go lead the people. Goodbye!





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## Review Questions

1. According to the lesson, Who was the leader of Israel?

*Answer:* Joshua

2. What city with huge walls did the Israelites destroy?

*Answer:* Jericho

3. Were the Israelites allowed to take anything from Jericho?

*Answer:* No

4. What city defeated Israel after Jericho?

*Answer:* Ai

5. Who took the plunder from Jericho?

*Answer:* Achan

6. Where did Achan hide the things he took?

*Answer:* Under his tent

7. What happened to Achan after he was caught?

*Answer:* He was stoned

8. The wages of sin is what?

*Answer:* Death

9. What should we do when we are tempted to sin?

*Answer:* Run

10. Where is the Main Verse found?

*Answer:* Romans 6:23

