

Family Devotion

“The Power Of Love”



Watt's Up:

“God Showed His Amazing Grace, His Son Jesus Took My Place!”



Power Verse:

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” - 1 John 1:9

For this devotion, you will need some cooking oil, soap, and paper towels. You may want to do it in the kitchen or bathroom since it's apt to get a little messy.

Read 1 John 1:8-2:1 to your children. Ask them if they can name some things that are sins. They may list some of the “big” sins like murdering someone or stealing something. Help them think of some other sins that they may be tempted to commit, like lying, cheating, gossiping, disobeying, etc.

Tell your children that when they sin, something comes between them and God. Ask them to hold out their hands over a sink, and then pour some cooking oil into their palms—enough to get their hands good and greasy. Have them rub the oil all over their hands. Then ask them if they can get all of the oil off without using anything but their hands. Give them a chance to try to get it off. After they try for awhile, point out that they can't get the oil off without help. Squirt some soap in their hands and let them wash their hands until they're squeaky clean.

Then tell your children that the oil on their hands is like sin in their hearts. Ask your children the following questions:

- If sin is like the oil, can we get rid of it by ourselves?
- If we sin, does God see a clean heart when He looks at us?
- According to 1 John 1:9, who can make our hearts clean again?
- According to 1 John 1:9, what do we have to do in order for our hearts to be clean again?

Explain to your children that before God can forgive us, we have to admit that we've sinned. Once we do, God will always forgive us.

Pray that God will help everyone in your family be quick to confess when they've sinned so nothing will come between them and their relationship with God.

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