

Cut ups for helping children understand sin. When I was in the Peace Corps I visited a very remote village where white men had never been seen before. They had all heard that white men were part God and they believed it. One morning I was showing off my swimming skills and swam a very wide river and then back. I could not understand why none of the young people in the village could swim and was just beginning to teach them when a very very old man hobbled down to the river to talk with me. He said “It must be wonderful to have magic white skin”. I assured him that white men were the same as he and that there was nothing magic about us. *He said “White skin must be magic, if a man with brown skin had swum in the river the crocodiles would have eaten him halfway across.* That experience taught me that swimming with crocodiles is a lot like sin. The water looks cool and inviting but in time Satan will find you and crunch your bones and eat you alive. Sin destroys your soul and leaves you dead inside. **It is my prayer that you tell this story to your children and explain that most old people warn you about sin not because they are against you living your own life but because they know about crocodiles and other bad decisions.** For another great help in teaching a child about sin visit www.homeword.ws and click on week seven of the scripture list.

Shall we go on sinning that grace may increase? Romans 6:1	Sin when it is full grown gives birth to death. James 1:15	For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14
Lead us not into temptation. Matt. 6:13	count yourselves dead to sin. Romans 6:11	If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves. 1 John 1:8
No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. 1 John 3:6	Our old self was crucified with him. Romans 6:6	My dear children I write this to you so that you will not sin. 1 John 2:1
Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25	There is no one righteous, not even one. Romans 3:10	Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin and in this way death comes to all men. Romans 5:12
the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6	In your anger do not sin; Psalm 4:4	They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the creator. Romans 1:25
Do not drag me away with the wicked. Psalm 28:3	who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:3	Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners. Psalm 1:1
Surely I was sinful at birth. Psalm 51:5	Overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21	An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. Proverbs 29:23
sinners will turn back to you. Psalm 51:13	Then you will call and the Lord will answer you. Isaiah 58:9	Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Psalm 32:1
Encourage the young men to be self controlled. Titus 2:6	count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God Romans 6:11	Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self controlled.... Titus 2:2