



OBJECT LESSON

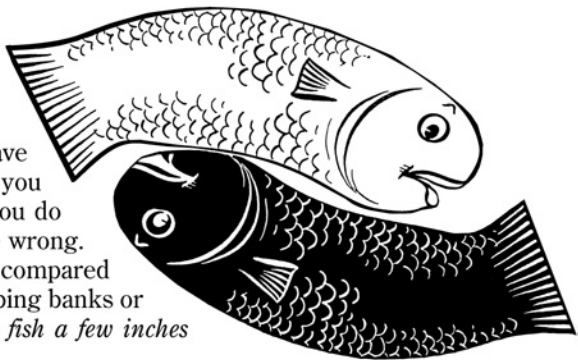
Primary/Junior

**BIG SINS,
LITTLE SINS?**

Objects: Enlarged photocopies of the two fish below on card stock.

Scripture: Romans 3:23

Lesson: How many of you have ever told a little lie? Maybe you think you're not very bad if you do only teeny-tiny things that are wrong. Look how small little lies look compared to big sins like murder or robbing banks or stealing cars. (*Hold the white fish a few inches above the black fish.*)



Maybe you think that as long as you never do any *big*

sins, God will go ahead and let you into Heaven. Do you know what God says about that? In Romans 3:23, He says, "... *all* have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Even if you are good most of the time, you cannot go to Heaven with even one sin in your heart because God is holy—He cannot overlook sin.

God sees all sin the same. (*Place the two fish on top of each other to show how both are actually the same size even though one looks bigger than the other.*) Whether your sin seems big or little, it's all the same to God. The payment for sin is death—separation from Him forever.

But God has good news for you! He sent Jesus, His own perfect Son, to die on a cross to take the punishment for your sin. It doesn't matter if your sins seem big or little. The Bible says the blood of Jesus has power to get rid of them all—1 John 1:7 (*Put the fish away.*) If you believe Jesus died for you and that God made Him alive again three days later, He will take away *all* your sins. Jesus will be your Savior forever and you will be able to go to Heaven someday! (*Give invitation to receive Christ.*) —Adapted from an idea by Susan Haglund