"Who Can Wash Away My Sins?" Science Experiment



Sin entered the world through one man's choice, and through that sin death spread to everyone. The good news is that because of God's enduring love, He sent a solution to save us from this deadly sin problem! To uncover how we can be saved, we first must understand the truth that there is only ONE way. Scripture tells us that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and no one can come to the Father except through Him.

Talk about GOOD NEWS! No more death and no more bloodshed. Only faith and living for Jesus remain.

Need some help explaining this to your kids? We have a simple, handson science experiment that will help demonstrate that Jesus washes away our sins when we put our faith in Him.

This resource and guided conversation will walk you through the experiment and guide you through inviting your child to put their faith in Jesus through prayer. Have fun!







MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 2 Glass Jars
- lodine
- Bleach
- Water
- **Masking Tape**
- Bible, for reference





If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9







PREPARATION:

- Put a piece of tape on one jar and label it "US." Fill it with water and add several drops of iodine.
- Put a piece of tape on the other jar and label it "JESUS." Fill it with water 34 of the way, then add bleach to make a full jar.
- Place the 2 jars side-by-side so the words are shown.
- Optional: Put a piece of tape on the iodine bottle and label it "SIN."

INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDED CONVERSATION:

Start by asking your child, "What is sin?" Allow them to respond.

Say, "Sin is doing something that goes against what is considered right or good, like not following the rules or hurting someone's feelings. We ALL sin, because we are human. But, instead of punishing us for our sins, God sent a solution for our sins — JESUS! God sent Jesus to cover our sins, isn't that amazing? We're going to do a fun science experiment to show HOW Jesus can wash away our sins and make us clean."

Hold up the "JESUS" jar and say, "This clear jar represents Jesus, who has no sin. He is perfect, right?"

Hold up the "US" jar and say, "This dirty jar represents us when we make bad choices. We all sin, and sin stains our hearts. Even the good things we do are filthy like rags when compared to God's goodness."







INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDED CONVERSATION (continued):

Say, "On our own, we can't remove these stains from our hearts and we can't be in heaven with God! But God loves us so much that he sent a solution! He sent his son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins, so that all the wrong things we have done can be forgiven."

Slowly pour the "JESUS" jar into the "US" jar and watch it turn clear.

Say, "See, when we place our faith in Jesus, He cleans our stained hearts by washing away our sin!"

Say, "Placing our faith in Jesus means:

- Confessing we have sinned and asking God to forgive us
- Believing that Jesus died on the cross to be punished, instead of us
- Asking Jesus to help us turn from sin and live for him

When we do these things sincerely, our hearts will be made clean. When our hearts are made clean, we can be with God forever in heaven!"

Invite your child to place their faith in Jesus. Lead them in prayer, encouraging them to pray with you if they'd like to affirm their decision to follow Jesus. Use this prayer as a guide:

"Dear God, thank you for loving me. I'm sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins. I want to follow you. Please forgive me and be a part of my life forever. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."







INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDED CONVERSATION (continued):

EXTRA CREDIT: Just for fun, you can add the iodine — labeled as "SIN" back into the now cleansed "US" jar, and watch it steadily disappear! This is a fun way to show the ongoing process of a Christian life. We will sin, but we can turn from our sin, ask forgiveness, and Jesus will always forgive and wash away our sins. If we let Him, Jesus will redirect our steps to do what is good. The iodine can be added one drop at a time as the child gives examples of sins they have committed.

SCRIPTURE TO REFERENCE:



God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- 1 John 4:10

The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- 1 John 1:7

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

- Acts 3:19



