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GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Mirror Mess Up

Say: In today's lesson, we learned that God's grace is a free gift. There is no amount of money that you can pay to get it. There is no amount of good things you can do to earn it. The only thing that can wash our sins away is believing in Jesus. We're going to do an activity that will help us think about that.

Directions: Place a small mirror in the middle of the circle. Ask your group for examples of different sins that a kid might commit. For each sin that is shared, use the permanent marker to color a small circle on the mirror. After everyone has had a chance to share, allow each kid to hold the mirror and look into it. It will appear as though they have spots on their face.

Say: When you look into the mirror, you see what Naaman must have seen. But instead of leprosy, the spots you see are caused by sin. Sometimes people think they can get rid of their sin by being really good. (Try to rub the "sin" spots off with your finger. Allow kids to try too.) But the sin won't go away. Sometimes people think they can get rid of their sin by giving lots of money to the church or poor people. (Try to rub the "sin" spot off with a paper towel or cloth. Allow kids to try too.) But the sin still won't go away. There is only one thing that can wash away our sins.

Directions: Hold up the red dry erase marker. Tell the kids that the red reminds us of Jesus' blood. Tell them the only thing that can wash away our sins is believing that Jesus died for us and rose again. Use the dry erase marker to color over the top of the permanent marker, making it disappear. Allow some of the kids in the group to color over the remaining "sin" spots. When all of the spots have been colored over, wipe over the mirror with the paper towel or cloth. All of the marker will wipe away so that the mirror is clean again. When finished, share with the kids in your group when and how you became a Christian. Try to keep it around a few minutes and use age-appropriate details.

Question: Did any of you pray to become a follower of Jesus for the first time today? (If yes, be sure to celebrate that kid.) What was that like?

Question: Have any of you ever prayed in the past to become a follower of Jesus? When did you do it? How did it happen?