

WEEK FOUR

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READ MATTHEW 7:1-2

DAY 1

Rank the sins below in order of how bad they are, from the least to the worst.

- LYING
- BEING MEAN
- STEALING
- TALKING BACK
- TALKING ABOUT OTHERS
- DISOBEDIING
- FIGHTING
- BEING JEALOUS

Did you look for an answer key? There wasn't one, because this was kind of a trick question! Sin is sin, and ALL of it is wrong. Sometimes we look at the wrong things that others do, and we judge them. It's especially easy to judge people when the things that they do wrong are things we don't struggle with. But if you've EVER sinned (and everyone has), then you can't judge others for messing up too.

THANK God that He forgives ALL our sins!

READ JAMES 4:11-12

DAY 2

Laughter is infectious. With a parent's help, hop online and check out this silly video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP4abiHdQpc> BUT ... here's the challenge: watch the video with a frown on your face the whole time. Whatever you do, don't even crack a smile while you're watching it.

Could you do it? If so, congratulations! Many people can't do that. We get so caught up in watching what the cute baby is doing that we can't pay attention to our own actions. The same thing happens when we are too busy watching others and judging their sins—we forget about our own actions and how they might be wrong too. So keep watching the cute baby laughing, but when it comes to sin, just focus on yourself.

ASK God to show you areas where you might be judging others.

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READ ROMANS 2:1-3

DAY 3

It's easy to point out the things that others are doing wrong. But do you know what happens when you point your finger at someone else? Try it. Point your finger at something. When you do, count how many fingers are pointing back at you. Three, right? So it doesn't do any good to point out the things others are doing wrong, because unless you're perfect (hint: you're not), you're judging yourself too.

LOOK in the mirror before pointing your finger.

READ JOHN 8:7

DAY 4

Jesus challenged the group surrounding the woman, ready to kill her for her sins. Only someone who was perfect could throw a stone. So everyone had to leave, because no one was perfect—except for Jesus! But even He refused to judge her, and instead forgave her.

Go outside and look for a stone or small rock (if you can't find one, ball up a sheet of paper into the shape of a rock). With a marker, write the word "forgive" on the stone. The next time you're tempted to judge someone for something they've done wrong, remember that you can't throw a stone of judgment—forgive instead!

KNOW that you've been wrong too, so you must forgive.