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Title: Like New

Theme: Only the blood of Jesus can forgive our sins and make us like new.

Object: Dirty pennies for each child. Jar containing cleaning solution: 2 tbs white vinegar; ½ teaspoon salt. Shiny penny and old dull penny.

To begin this morning, I’m going to give each of you a penny. [Give a dirty penny to each child.]

Now look at your penny. Is it shiny and new or is it kind of dirty and dull and old?

Here is a shiny penny and here is a dull, dirty penny. [Show shiny and dull pennies.]

How many think the shiny penny looks better?

Would you like **your** penny to be shiny instead of dull and dirty?

So if you want a shiny penny, put your dirty penny in this jar. [Collect pennies in jar of cleaning solution.]

Now we’re going to leave these here while we think about what the Bible says about **you** being shiny and new.

I want to share with you a verse from God’s book, the Bible:

Text: 1 John 1:9 (NKJV) 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

This is a wonderful Bible verse.

It tells how our sins can be forgiven.

Who died on the cross for our sins? (Jesus)

God is able to forgive us for our sins because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins.

The penalty for sin is death, and Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

This verse tells us something very important: we have to **confess** our sins before God can forgive them.

The verse says “**If** we confess our sins” God is faithful and just to forgive us.

So how do we confess our sins?

We have to talk to God in prayer, tell Him what we have done that’s wrong, tell Him we are sorry for it, and ask Him to forgive us.

Let’s say you and your sister are having a fight over a toy and you whack her and make her cry.

Your mom makes you stand in the corner, and when your time is up you have to tell your sister you’re sorry., right?

When we break God’s commandments, He wants us to admit it and tell Him we’re sorry.

Let’s say you hit your sister first, and when you mom come in to see why she’s crying, you say, “She hit me first!”

That’s a lie. That breaks one of God’s commandments. And that’s sin.

So what you need to do is to pray and say to God: “Dear Jesus, I told a lie about who hit first. I know that was wrong and I’m sorry. Please forgive me.”

And the Bible says if you love Jesus and trust Him, He will forgive you and take away all your sins.

Sin is like the dirt on a penny.

When Jesus takes your sin away, you can have a shiny new life that shines for God.

Let’s check out our pennies to see if they got any shinier. [Get pennies out and dry them off. Give them to each child.]

How many want Jesus to forgive their sins and make them shiny and new?