

Have you ever tried to hide something because you didn't want anyone to find out? Maybe you broke something, told a lie, or hoped nobody noticed what you did. But what if someone already knew the truth? In this lesson, John teaches us that we can never hide anything from God-but that's actually good news! God already knows our hearts and he still loves us enough to forgive us when we tell Him the truth.



YOU CAN PRETEND WITH OTHERS... BUT YOU CAN'T PRETEND WITH GOD! HE ALREADY KNOWS THE TRUTH!

WE ALL SIN.



1 John 1:8 says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves."

No one is perfect. Everyone sins. Pretending we don't is a lie, even if no one else knows.

Q: Why do you think it's easy to pretend you didn't do anything wrong?

WHOS WORDS WILL YOU BELIEVE?



1 John 1:8 says, "the truth is not in us."

God's word says everyone sins. When we've refused to admit we have sinned, we are believing God's word instead of our truth.

Q: When God's word says one thing and we say something different, who's words should we believe?

WE MAKE GOD A LIAR!



1 John 1:10 says "If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar."

God says we all sin. If we pretend we don't we are saying God is wrong-and that is calling God a liar!

Q: How is saying "I have never sinned the same as calling God a liar?"

GOD FORGIVES WHEN WE CONFESS!



1 John 1:9 promises "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins..."

When we tell God the truth about our sin, He forgives us and cleanses us because Jesus already paid for it all.

Q: What should you do when you mess up?