### SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Sin brings death.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Matt 4:17; 5:20-48 Matt 9:5-6; 25:31-34, 41 Matt 19:24-26; 8:8-12 Matt 20:28; 26:27-29

Matt 26:47-68, 27:11-28:20

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Describe someone you have met who acts "perfect"?

Matt 4:17; 5:20-48

Could God be imperfect? Who is perfect?

What would heaven be like if you were there?

Matt 9:5-6; 25:31-34, 41

What causes suffering and separation?

How did you feel after the death of someone who hurt you?

Did the hurt stop or continue? Why?

Matt 19:24-26

Have you tried to fix yourself or someone else?

How did that work?

Have you asked Jesus to fix you? How did that work?

Matt 8:8-12

Was the centurion perfect?

What was his perspective on Jesus?

What did Jesus imply about the centurion and heaven?

Matt 20:28; 26:27-29

What did Jesus say about His life?

Matt 26:47-68, 27:11-28:20

Was Jesus innocent or guilty? What is your evidence?

Do you think the Romans really killed Jesus, or do you

think they botched the job?

Has Jesus' body ever been found?

Who would have liked to find it?

Having finished this study, what can you say about:

Human character

God's character

The consequences of sin • The solution to sin

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Praise the perfection of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pray for an end to suffering and separation.

> Thank Jesus for dving for us. Pray for faith in Jesus.

Pray for the ability to introduce others to the Good News.

### **FAMILY RESOURCE**

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### **READ MATTHEW 5:48**

What does "perfect" mean? Copy a picture. Is your copy perfect?

### **READ JAMES 1:13-15 & 1 JOHN 3:4**

What is sin?

Make a list of your house rules.

### **READ PROVERBS 20:9 & 1 JOHN 1:8**

Who has sinned?

Put a star next to the house rules that you have never broken. Circle in red the house rules that you have broken.

### READ PSALM 119:133 & PROVERBS 5:22-23

What does sin do to you? Spend an hour with a string loosely around your wrists to remind you of what sin will do to you.

### **READ MATTHEW 19:16-26**

Why can't a man forgive sins? Make a list of things you've tried to do but couldn't do.

### **READ MICAH 7:18-19**

Why does God want to forgive sin? Draw a picture of someone you love.

### **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**

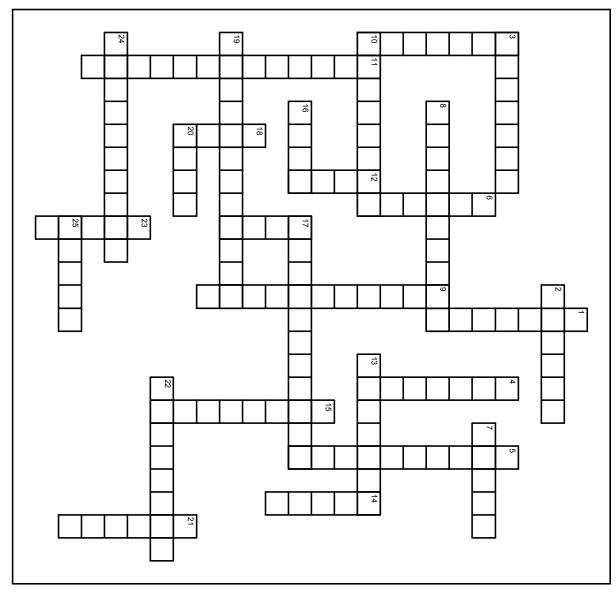
How did God forgive us? Make a recipe that you don't have all the ingredients for. What will you use instead of the missing ingredients?

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30-31

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### Across

- riches (Matthew 19:22)

- forgives (Micah 7:18) mad (Micah 7:18) can't be done (Matthew 19:26)
- something highly valued (Matthew 19:21) lured to do evil (James 1:13)
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  - opposite of death (Matthew 19:16)
- things you own (Matthew 19:21)
- 19 we are to obey them (Matthew 19:17) obeyed (Matthew 19:20)
- 20. 24. 25. someone we should love (Matthew 19:19)
  - amazed (Matthew 19:25)
- ropes (Proverbs 5:22)

### Down

- lie to (1 John 1:8)

- God is this (Matthew 5:48) trap (Proverbs 5:22) another word for sin (Micah 7:19)
- want (James 1:14)

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- 9. sin is this (1 John 3:4)
  1. perfect goodness (2 Corinthians 5:21)
  2. take charge (Psalm 119:133)
  4. sin brings this (James 1:15)
  5. can be done (Matthew 19:26)
  7. your heart should be this (Proverbs 20:9)

- 18. 21. 23. still need (Matthew 19:20) pursue (Matthe 19:21) not giving deserved punishment (Micah 7:18)

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