What do Harvey, Irma, and Maria have in common? They are the three major hurricanes that recently hit parts of the United States. Many people who watched the storms coming were caught off guard by the intense flooding that followed. Some kids wanted to play in the “giant swimming pool” the storms left behind; some adults wanted to scavenge through the water for things to sell. But authorities warned of unseen dangers. “Floodwater carries everything beneath it,” said Dr. Richard Bradley, an ER doctor in Texas. If the water covers a field with pesticides, it carries pesticides. The water can carry chemicals, pet waste, and bacteria from sewage. Hospitals have reported the bad effects of contact with floodwater, including injuries, rashes, infections, and snakebites. Many doctors were frustrated that people weren’t taking the danger seriously. The doctors urged people who contacted floodwater to scrub long and hard and to get clean as soon as possible.

SAY: Let’s dig into God’s Word and see how the dangers of floodwater might compare to God’s view of sin.

**Think About It . . .**

- Why were doctors getting frustrated with people?
- How could coming in contact with floodwater be like coming in contact with sin?

**Coming Out on Top**

Draw a wavy line across a whiteboard to represent floodwater. Ask the students to brainstorm sinful activities that may seem to be invisible or easy to hide. List the activities on the board. (Examples: a little lie, stealing a candy bar, cheating on a test) Above the water line, draw a simple boat with a cross on it, to represent rescue. Talk about what God thinks of sin, and why He warns in the Bible so strongly against its dangers.

What can you do this week to avoid the dangers of sin and obey what God says?