

Consequences of Sin

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for use as

STEP 1

**Lesson 10****Focus:**

Sin has consequences.

Lesson 10**Bible Basis:**

2 Kings 17:6-8, 11b-14,
16-18, 22-23;
2 Chronicles 36:11-12,
14-17a, 20

Lesson 10**Memory Verse:**

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.
A man reaps what he sows. —Galatians 6:7

Students will understand that for every sinful action there is a significant consequence.

Materials:
 None

You have probably heard the phrase, “we reap what we sow.” The seeds we bury and water will always produce the plant the seed came from. Explain that today’s lesson is about consequences and about how a person will reap what he sows.

Two years ago, Christian comedian John Crist canceled the rest of his comedy tour when rumors of his poor behavior started surfacing. Later reports stated that Crist had made poor choices, abusing alcohol and harassing women. Thus, churches didn’t want to welcome him as a comedy act until he made healthy choices to walk away from those behaviors.

Have students contemplate John Crist’s actions.

➤ **Why do you think a famous comedian might use his money and fame to abuse alcohol and harass women?** (Answers will vary but may include: wanting to numb the stress of his job, wanting to exert power over another person, confidence that he would never be reported for his actions because of his Christian circle, etc.)

➤ **What are the consequences that John Crist faced for his actions?** (Canceled tour, major hit to his career, lack of respect from former fans, damaged example as a Christian, broken relationships, etc.)

➤ **Crist’s actions had consequences. If you could’ve given him one piece of advice prior to him committing these actions, what would you have said to him?** (Invite students to share.)

Sin has its consequences—that’s just how it works. Thankfully, our lesson doesn’t end there. Let’s dig in to find out more.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher’s guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

Story Source: <https://www.charismanews.com/us/78703-john-crist-cancels-2019-tour-dates-after-reports-of-sexting-harassment-manipulation>

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Materials:

- Index cards (1 per student)
- Pens/pencils (1 per student)

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring index cards and pens/pencils to class with them.

In today's lesson we saw how Israel, time and time again, worshiped foreign gods and forsook the laws that God had set for them as a nation. God warned them many times over in these passages not to worship other gods, yet the Israelites rebelled over and over, facing dire consequences for their actions. We've looked at the sins that Israel committed.

➤ **What are some of the sins that middle schoolers commit?** (Remind them that they are thinking of teens in the broad sense, not personalizing their own sins, but the sins of their generation. Some examples might be dishonoring God's temple—the body—by smoking, drinking alcohol, doing drugs, and promiscuity; cheating; lying; stealing; etc.)

➤ **What are some of the obvious consequences of these sins?** (Example: smoking, drinking alcohol, and doing drugs could lead to bad health, accidents, and overdoses. Sleeping around can lead to pregnancy or STDs as well as feelings of guilt and anger; cheating could lead to a failing grade or suspension; lying betrays trust and can ruin relationships; stealing can get you arrested; etc.)

Hand out index cards and pens/pencils; assure them that this is for their eyes only. Ask your students to write something that they do yet know is wrong. Next to this thing, have students write Galatians 6:7. Then have students turn the card over. Ask your students to write 1 Corinthians 10:13 on this side of the card.

If your class is meeting in person, you can write these on a white board or share them on a projector. If your class is meeting online, you can share your screen with the verses displayed for students to copy.

Have students place their card in their pocket to take home. Remind them that they don't need

to share what they wrote with anyone, but they can use the Bible verse on this card to remind them to look for a way out when they are tempted to sow a sinful seed.

Close in prayer. Ask specifically for guidance for students who may be in the middle of a sin where they are yet to face consequences. Ask for an abundance of God's love, mercy, and care to flood over your students in the midst of their sins. Pray that they would find God's way out of their sinful situation, and would experience His grace when sin's consequences come their way.

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