#### MEMORY VERSE

l treasure your word above all else; it keeps me from sinning against you. Psalm 119:11

> We can all be selfish sometimes. But when we only think about ourselves, we can hurt others in a big way. Achan stole stuff that belonged to God. He made his people lose out on God's blessing. When we do bad things, we hurt other people and we hurt God. But we can choose to give other people joy with kind words and kind actions.

ROUND US

## YOUR CHALLENGE:

Cut construction paper into squares. Write actions that hurt others on some of the squares. Write actions that help others on other squares. Mix up all the squares, then make a "hurt others" and "help others" pile. Glue the "help others" words onto a paper plate to remind you to "stick" with those. Put the "hurt others" words on another paper plate and shake them off into a garbage can.

#### **PDWER PDINT** How I live affects others around me.

Bible Lesson: Joshua 7:1-26

LESSON

Think about how you can bless others with what you do. Use your arms to hug someone. Use your mouth to say a kind word. Use your eyes to look for a way to help someone close to you. Use your feet to walk up to someone and tell them about Jesus.

**AGES 6-7** 

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# AGES 8-IC

Sin can make our world a sticky spider web. When one person makes a selfish choice, others can get tangled up in it, even when they did nothing wrong. Achan stole things that belonged to the Lord, and all of his people suffered. Likewise, your choices make a difference in the lives of your family and friends. Use your influence to make a positive impact on your family, your school, and your world.

ROUND

## YOUR CHALLENGE:

Make an Action Chart that shows how your actions affect others. It should have two columns: Actions that Bless Others, and Actions that Hurt Others. Each day this week, take a couple of minutes in the evening to think of four things you did or said, and write them in the appropriate column. Get creative in finding actions for the Bless Others column. When you put an action in the Hurt Others column, think about how you can avoid that type of sin tomorrow.

#### POWER POINT How I live affects others around me.

Bible Lesson: Joshua 7:1-26

LESSON

It might seem unfair that what other people do can affect you. But if this weren't the case, we'd have to live in a bubble! Thank God for the people He's put in your life. Seek out ways to bless them, and look for the lessons you can learn from each one.

#### MEMORY VERSE

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## AGES II-12

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Sin can weave a web so tangled, only God can set it right! The people of Israel needed God's help in battle, but they lost it when sin entered their ranks. Achan had stolen from God, and he had to be brought to justice. God designed us for relationship, and part of living with others is bumping up against their good and bad choices. Look out for the way sin can entangle you and those around you. Use your influence to bless those around you.

### YOUR CHALLENGE:

With your parents' permission, make a Sin Web out of silly string. Use markers to write different sins on a piece of posterboard, then draw the faces of friends and family members among the sins. Carefully dispense the silly string among the sins and the faces, then allow to dry flat. When you look at your creation, remember the way that sin can entangle the people we love. Let this Sin Web motivate you to a lifestyle that honors God.

#### **POWER POINT** How I live affects others around me.

Bible Lesson: Joshua 7:1-26

LESSON

When you go about your everyday life, who's watching you? Your friends? Your classmates? How about a younger brother or sister? How you act is a lens through which they see the Christian faith. Let them see Christlike actions in you. Your influence is larger than you can imagine.