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Family Home Evening Made Easy

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## Repentance A Gift From The Savior Family Home Evening Packet

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## Family Home Evening Packet

### Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer  
Opening Song  
Scripture

Story  
Game

Closing Song  
Closing Prayer  
Refreshments

*Suggested Songs:* "Repentance", pg. 98 (Childrens)

"Help Me, Dear Father", pg. 99 (Childrens)

"Father In Heaven, We Do Believe", pg. 180 (Hymn)

*Scripture:* Alma 32:13, 2 Nephi 9:23-24, D&C 1:32-33

*Story:* Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics.

*Game - "Path To Purification":*

*Game Setup* - For this game you will need a clear, twelve to sixteen ounce container for each family member, food coloring and liquid clorox. Fill each clear container with one cup of water. In a bowl mix three cups of water with eight drops of blue, green or red food coloring and mix well. In a separate container, measure out 1/2 cup of clorox.

There are four sheets of game cards. Laminate and cut cards out. Mix the cards together and place face down on the center of the playing surface. Give each family member a clear container filled with one cup of water. Have mom or dad be in charge of the tinted water and clorox.

*Object* - To be the player with the cleanest water at the end of the game.

*Play* - The youngest member of the family goes first, continuing on to the oldest member of the family. Set a time limit for the game. Five to eight minutes for smaller children or ten to twelve minutes for older children. The starting player draws a card. The card is read aloud. Depending on the nature of the card, either one to three teaspoons of tinted water will be added to the players container or one tablespoon of clorox will be added (the card will give directions). The card is then placed face up in a discard pile and play rotates to the next player. If you run out of cards before time expires, remove all cards from the discard pile, shuffle them and turn them face down in the draw pile. Play ends when time expires.

**REMEMBER:** Teach your children that the tinted water represents sin, and that like the water, sin can stain us. The clorox represents repentance. It can cleanse us, and we can once again become pure and unspotted.

# Pure As Snow

## Ice Cream In A Bag

### Ingredients

- 1 pint-sized sealable bag
- 1 gallon-sized sealable bag
- Ice cubes
- 6 Tbsp. rock salt
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 cup half & half  
(milk can be substituted, half & half works best)
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla

**Directions:**  
Allow each family member to make their own bag of ice cream. The ingredients listed above will make one bag of ice cream. In the pint-sized bag, combine sugar, half & half and vanilla. Seal the bag tightly. Combine ice cubes and rock salt in gallon-sized bag. Place the pint-sized bag inside of the gallon-sized bag and seal the gallon-sized bag tightly. Have each family member shake their bag until the mixture turns into ice cream. This usually takes five to eight minutes. The bags tend to get very cold. Smaller children may want to wear gloves. Once the mixture has turned to ice cream, remove the pint-sized bag from the gallon-sized bag. Wipe off the pint-sized bag and eat the ice cream from the bag. ENJOY!!!!!!

# Repentance: A Gift From The Savior

Let's play the "What If?" game for a minute.

What if you committed a sin, like stealing something, and you could never make up for that? What if every little bad thing you did became a permanent black mark against you for Jesus to see? What if no matter how hard you tried to be a good person, the bad things were always there for everyone to see? How would you feel? (**Discussion**)

It would be awful, wouldn't it? Isn't repentance a wonderful thing? And where did repentance come from? It is a gift from the Savior, Jesus Christ. Because he suffered all of the sins and pains of the world just before he died, we are able to repent for those things that we do that are wrong. We have this privilege because Jesus has already paid the price for us. By suffering for our sins, He made it possible for us to erase those bad things that we do by repenting.

We are now going to read about Jamie. Jamie learned how to repent after she did something very bad.

"Seven years old is a great age to be," thought Jamie as she rode her bike to school along with several other children her age. The sun was shining brightly and it was a beautiful spring morning. The tulips and daffodils were in full bloom and the grass was dark and green.

Jamie had studied the night before for a very big test she was having in school this morning. She was a little nervous as she hung her jacket in her locker and raced for Mrs. Broadbent's class. She hoped that all the things she had studied would help her to do well on the test.

Mrs. Broadbent passed out the test papers, set the big white timer for thirty minutes and yelled, "Go!" The rustle of papers could be heard throughout the room as each child began writing furiously across his paper with his big yellow pencil. A hush fell about the brightly decorated room as everyone began to concentrate on the questions at hand.

Jamie squirmed a little in her seat as she looked at the test. Some of the questions she knew, but others were too hard. She didn't know the answers. What would she do? She just couldn't fail this test. What would mother think? What would father say? What would her friends think?

The timer ticked away and the classroom became very quiet. Children were concentrating heavily on their papers. As the time passed by, Jamie became more and more nervous. She gazed over at Nick who sat right beside her. He wasn't having any trouble filling in all the blanks and answering all of the questions.

Then something happened. Jamie knew about cheating. Her parents and primary teachers had taught her about cheating. She knew it was wrong but she also knew that she didn't want to fail this test. What should she do? (**Discussion**)

Jamie could easily see the answers that Nick was writing on his paper. It would be so simple to just copy his answers onto her paper. No one would ever know. She shuffled her feet back and forth as she argued with herself as to what she should do. The timer kept ticking and she knew that she only had a few minutes before Mrs. Broadbent would say "Stop!"

With her hands shaking, and against her better judgement, Jamie began copying Nick's answers onto her own paper. It took only a few minutes and she finished just before the big white timer began to vibrate and its bell began sounding.

Jamie walked to the front of the class and handed her paper to Mrs. Broadbent, trying to smile as she rushed to leave the room. Then something else happened. A little voice inside of Jamie began telling her that she had done something terrible. She had cheated and that was a sin. She felt guilty and uncomfortable but she tried to shrug it off by playing with some of the other kids on the playground.

That night as the Schramm family ate dinner, Jamie didn't have much of an appetite. She had done something wrong and she couldn't change it. What should she do? (**Discussion**)

Father noticed Jamie's concerned face and her full plate of food in front of her. Father was very wise and knew immediately that something was wrong with his little girl. He watched her for some time until he finally spoke.

"Jamie, what is it? You haven't touched a bite of your food?"

Jamie shifted nervously in her seat. "Nothing, Daddy. I'm just fine." Jamie answered, but Father knew better. He continued.

"Is something bothering you?" he said.

Jamie hung her head low and began to cry. "I've done something terrible," she said through her tears.

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Father's eyes became quite large with worry as he watched his daughter from across the table. He arose from his chair and walked around to where Jamie was seated. He sat beside her, putting his strong arm around her and hugging her close to him. "Tell me all about it," he coaxed gently.

Jamie took a deep breath. This was going to be so hard to tell Father about cheating in school. Father had always been so proud of her and she had rarely done anything wrong in her whole life. She felt broken and bad. How could she ever feel good again? And how was she going to find the words to tell Father what she had done? She breathed in again and looked at Father's big brown eyes.

What she saw there was not anger but Father's eyes looked kind and soft. It gave her the courage she needed. "Daddy," she began, "I copied Nick's paper at school today when we took our test." Jamie began to cry even harder. Father tightened his grip upon her tiny shoulders, bringing her head to rest upon his chest.

"My dear daughter," Father said, brushing Jamie's hair out of her eyes, "it took great courage for you to tell me this. I am very proud of you for taking this step. Now, everything will be okay. I will teach you the process of repentance."

Father took hold of Jamie's hand and led her into the family room where she plopped down into a huge leather chair. She was feeling somewhat better now. Father began: "No one is perfect and we all make mistakes. I am so proud of you for realizing that this was a mistake and for telling me about it. That is the first step of repentance. Then, you felt sorry for cheating and it made you feel really bad inside. That is the second step. The third step is to make restitution and that means you must go to Mrs. Broadbent and Nick tomorrow and tell them what you have done. Then Mrs. Broadbent will decide what is best to do for your test scores. And last, you must refrain from cheating again. These are big words but you can remember these four 'R's. They are: **Recognize, Regret, Restitution and Refrain.**"

The next morning, bright and early before all of the other children would be at school, Father and Jamie walked into Mrs. Broadbent's classroom. Jamie could not look her teacher in the eye and hung her head down as Father spoke with Mrs. Broadbent. Father explained that Jamie had something she wanted to tell Mrs. Broadbent and so the curious teacher bent down low so she could see Jamie's face.

This was a very hard thing for Jamie to do. The words didn't come easily as she shuffled her feet along the boards of the floor. Finally, Father gave Jamie a gentle nudge and in soft, muffled tones she began to speak.

"I cheated on my test yesterday. I copied some of Nick's answers because I was afraid I would fail. I am so sorry." Tears came as Jamie pulled her hands to her face.

This time it was Mrs. Broadbent's arm that slipped around Jamie's shoulders. "My Dear," she said gently, "thank you for telling me. I am very proud of you. Why don't you and I go through the test and see which ones you answered all on your own and then we will grade the paper from there. You will not get an "A" but you may not have failed either."

Jamie vowed right then and there that she would continue her repentance by never cheating again. She didn't like the way it made her feel and she knew that it had not made her Heavenly Father happy. She also knew that Jesus was proud of her. She was so glad that He had made it possible for her to feel good about herself again and she knew that her sin would be forgiven and forgotten.

During school that day, Jamie apologized to Nick for copying his answers and she was surprised to find that he was very nice about it. The day went much better knowing that she had done the right thing.

When we need to repent, we can follow the four "R's" formula and receive forgiveness and peace.

**#1. RECOGNIZE** that we have sinned. We need to realize that what we have done is wrong and not rationalize it or blame it on someone else. Then we can go to our Father in Heaven and tell him what we have done just as Jamie told her father.

**#2. REMORSE** is feeling sorry for the sins that we have committed. We can pour out our hearts to our Father in Heaven and tell him that we are sorry. He understands perfectly.

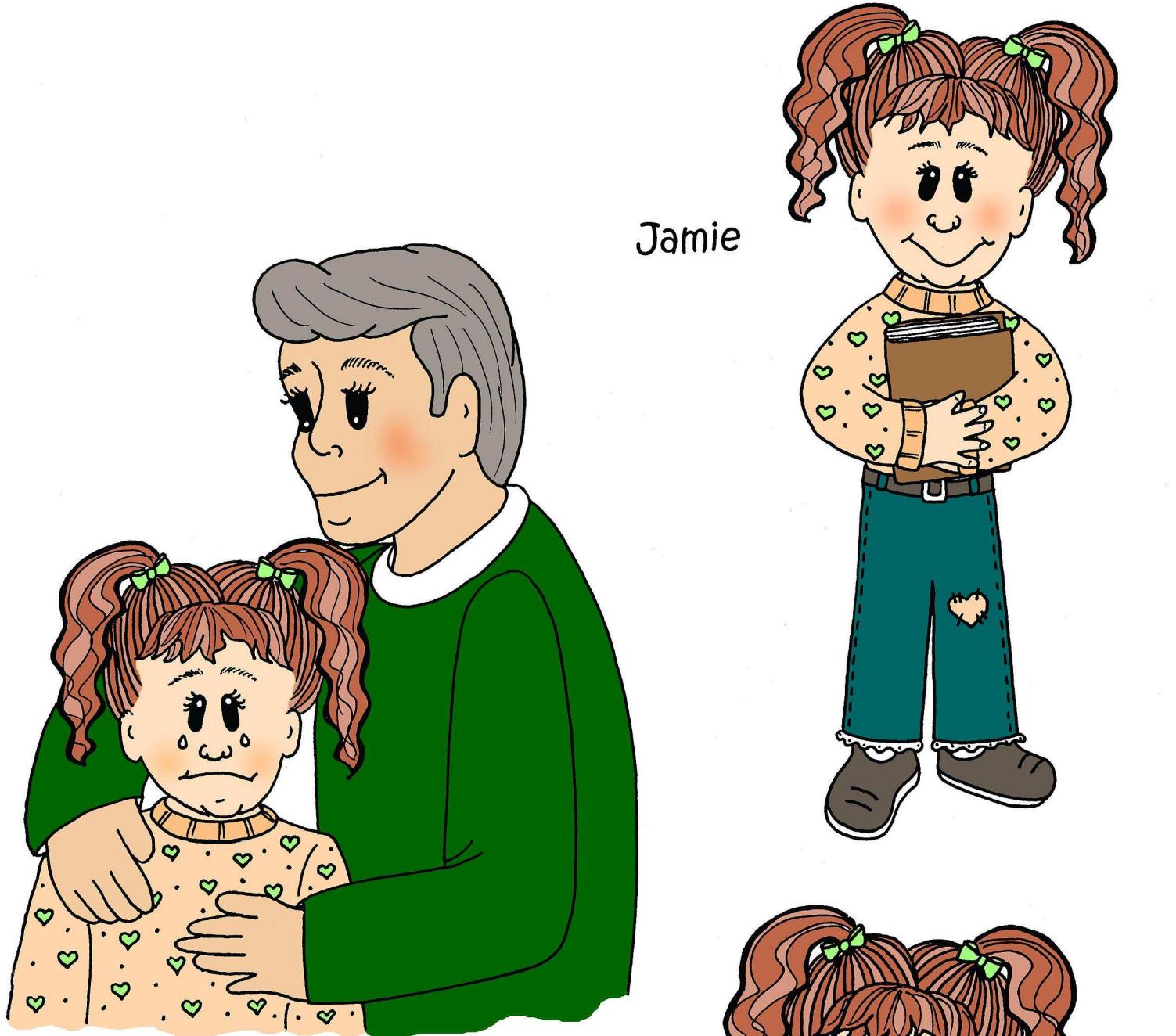
**#3. RESTITUTION** is when we "make-up" for what we have done. By letting Mrs. Broadbent know what had happened, Jamie was accountable for what she had done.

**#4. To REFRAIN** from something means to not do it again. This is something that we must work very hard on.

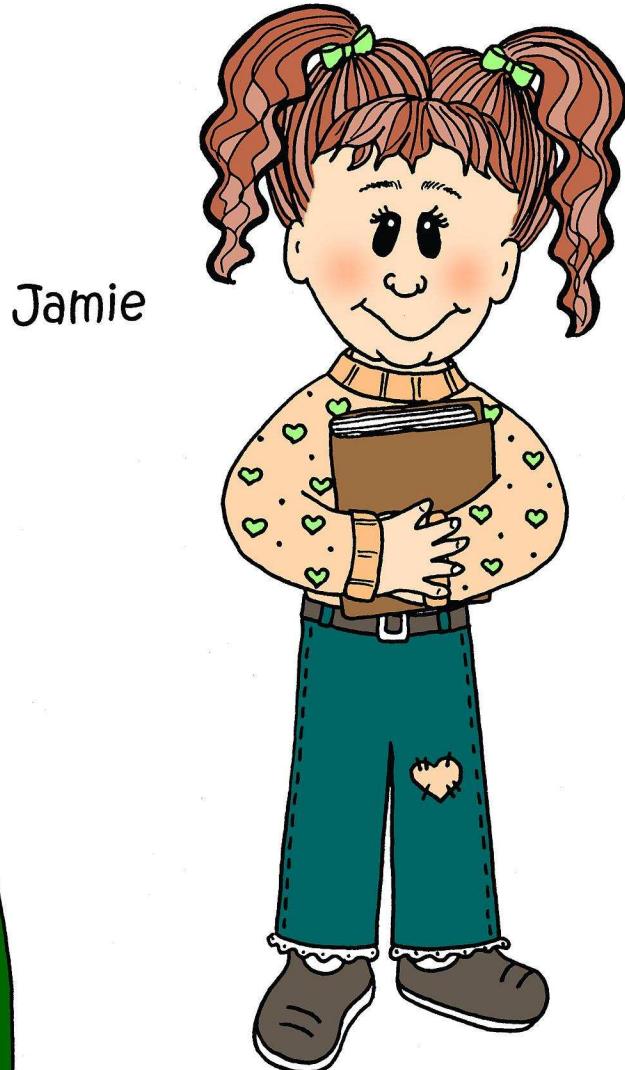
Heavenly Father wants us to be happy and he wants us to succeed in our lives so that we may live with Him again. He gave us the gift of Repentance, through his Son, Jesus Christ, so that we have a much better chance of doing just that. Isn't repentance a wonderful gift?

## DISCUSSION

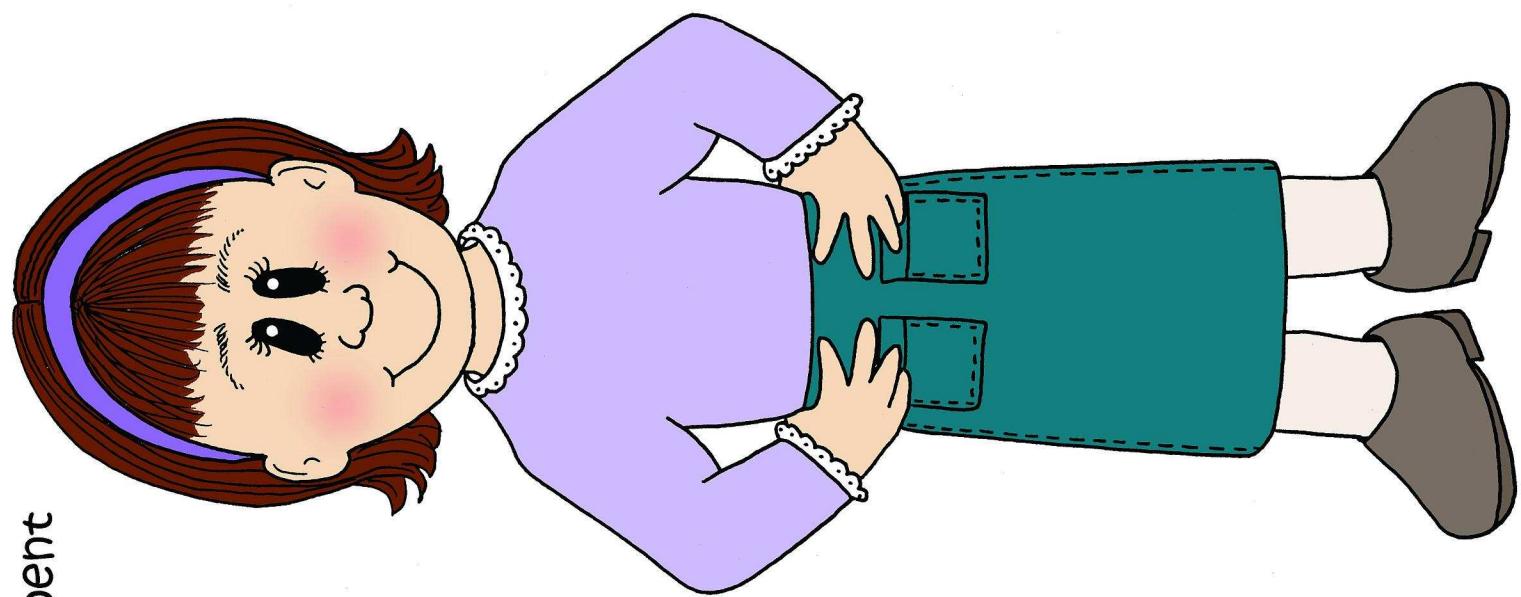
- Have you ever repented of something that you did wrong?
- How did you feel after you had repented?
- How do we feel when we sin?
- Does everyone need to repent in their lives?



Jamie & Her  
Father



Jamie & Nick



Mrs. Broadbent

**You tell your little sister that there is a snake under her bed. She is now too frightened to sleep in her own bed. You think it is rather funny, and when asked about it, you tell your parents that you never told her any such thing.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You help your next door neighbor Mrs. Johnson rake up leaves. When she asks how long you worked, you tell her one hour even though it was only thirty minutes and she pays you for an hour.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your mother gives you ten dollars to buy lunches at school. Instead you take the money and buy junk food. You never tell your mother what you have done.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You find a wallet on the way home from school. You look through the wallet and find twenty dollars. You take the twenty dollars and put it in your pocket. You then take the wallet to the police station and turn it in. A policeman asks you if there was any money in the wallet. You lie and tell him there was not.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your teacher praises you for cleaning up the work areas, even though you were not the one who did the cleaning. You accept the praise and take credit for the job. You never confess to your teacher that you were not the one who did the cleaning.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You broke a beaker in science class. Your science teacher asked who broke the beaker and you blamed it on your lab partner. Your lab partner had to pay to replace the beaker. You never confessed to breaking the beaker, and you never apologized to your lab partner.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You and your friends were playing ball in the house even though your mother had told you never to play ball in the house. Your friend throws the ball and accidentally hits a chandelier, knocking off a glass globe and breaking it. When your mother asks how it happened, you tell her that you and your friends were having a snowball fight outside, and someone opened the door, and a snowball flew in and hit the chandelier.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You smash all of your neighbor's tulips while looking for a baseball in her yard. When the neighbor sees her flowers, she asks you what happened. You tell her that the dog across the street got loose and came and dug through all of her flowers. You felt bad, but you didn't want to get in trouble.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your mother asks you to fold your clothes and put them in your dresser. Instead, you grab all of your clothes and stuff them in your toy box, unfolded. Your mother finds the clothes. When she asks you about it, you tell her that your little sister must have pulled them out of your dresser. You lied!**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your teacher sends you to the office to get envelopes, but instead you go to the playground. Upon return you tell her that the office was out of envelopes.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You maliciously break all of the branches off of a bush in your neighbor's yard. When asked about it, you blame it on another neighbor child.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You broke your brother's baseball bat. Instead of confessing to him of what you did, you hide the bat under your bed and tell him the bat is lost.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You purchased something at a store. The cashier gave you \$10.00 too much in change. You noticed right away that she had given you too much, but you hurried and walked out of the store and kept the money.**

**You never repented!**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You needed some money to take to school. Your father left five dollars sitting on the top of his dresser. You took the money without asking.**

**When asked who had taken the money, you lied and said you didn't do it.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your mother gave you some money to take to the store and get some butter. On the way, you passed a candy store. You took all the money and spent it on candy. When you came home without the butter, you told your mother that you tripped and fell and all of the money fell into a water drain. You lied instead of confessing to your mother.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You borrowed your sister's markers without asking. You accidentally left the lids off of some of the markers and they dried up. Your sister asked you if you had left the lids off, and you said, "No, I never even used your markers!" You lied!**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You and your friends were bored. You decided to go garbage can tipping. You went down alley ways tipping over garbage cans and making messes. You never confessed to anyone, nor did you clean up the mess.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You borrowed your friend's cell phone and ran up fifty minutes of phone calls. When he asked you to pay for the phone calls you made, you lied and said that you had only made a two minute call.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your book report is due tomorrow in English class. You did not read the book, instead you call your friend, who has read the book and have her help you with the book report. You turn the book report in and get a "B" grade. You don't feel guilty, besides, you got a good grade.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You played around with your father's computer even though he had asked you not to. The computer will not work now. You didn't want to get caught and get in trouble so you did not confess.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You accidentally backed into a parked car. You got out of your car to survey the damage and to see if anyone else saw you do it. No one was around, and it only left a few dents and scratches on the car. You got in your car and drove off. You didn't even feel badly about what you had done.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You didn't have enough money to get into a movie that you wanted to see. When no one was looking, you quickly darted into the theater without paying. You felt guilty, but you didn't want to get caught, so you did not confess.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You were mean to a little boy out on the playground. He tripped and fell and hit his head. A teacher saw you push the little boy. When asked if you had anything to say to the little boy, you would not apologize and make amends for what you had done.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You broke one of your mother's favorite porcelain statues. You picked up all of the broken pieces and threw them in the trash, hoping that your mother would not notice that it was missing. You feel bad, but you don't want to get caught.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

You were taking a math test in school. You copied some of your neighbors answers. You knew it was the wrong thing to do, and you felt bad about it. You prayed to your Heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness and the next day at school you confessed to your math teacher of what you had done. **GREAT JOB!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You took a package of gum from a local grocery store. When you got home, you felt so guilty that you just couldn't stand it anymore! You showed the package of gum to your mother and explained what you had done. Your mother took you to the grocery store where you apologized and told the store manager what you had done. You then purchased the pack of gum. **WAY TO HAVE INTEGRITY!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

While playing with some friends, you took the Lord's name in vain. You could not believe what had just come out of your mouth! That night, you prayed to Heavenly Father and pleaded for His forgiveness. You promised Him that you would never take His name in vain again! **GREAT!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

While playing at your grandfather's house, you trampled his tulips while playing ball in the back yard. Grandfather discovered the smashed flowers and asked who had done it. You told him that you had trampled the flowers, and that you were sorry and asked him to forgive you. **WONDERFUL!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You borrowed a music CD from a friend without asking her first. You left the CD sitting on your floor and you accidentally stepped on it, and broke it. You went to the store and purchased a new CD for your friend. You took the CD to your friend and told her what you had done and asked her to forgive you.

**FANTASTIC!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

Your mother told you that you had to clean your room before you could go to your friend's house. You lied to your mother and told her it was clean so you could go. While at your friend's house, you felt bad about lying to your mother. You immediately went home and confessed to your mother that you had lied. You went to your room and began to clean. **SUPER!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You borrowed your friend's library book over the weekend. You left the book where your little sister could get to it. She ripped several of the pages out. You gave the book back to your friend without telling him about the ripped pages. The library charged your friend for the price of the book. You felt guilty, so you told your friend what had happened to the book and re-paid him for the price of the book. **TERRIFIC!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You were playing soccer at a neighbors house. While playing, the ball is accidentally kicked through a neighbors basement window. You tell your parents what happened. Your mother accompanies you to the neighbors house where you proceed to confess to the neighbor what had happened. You tell the neighbor that you will pay to have the window replaced. You begin to do odd jobs to earn money to pay for the window. **GREAT INTEGRITY!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You and some friends decided to skip Sunday School. You sat in the bathroom for the whole class period while your Sunday School teacher looked for you and your friends. That evening you felt really guilty. You told your parents of what you had done, and called your Sunday School teacher that night and apologized for skipping Sunday School. **YOU DID THE RIGHT THING!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You wrote all over the living room walls with a black, permanent marker. When your mother asked who had done it, you blamed it on your brother. Your brother got into trouble. That evening, you felt bad! You told your father what had happened and then you went and apologized to your brother. **AWESOME!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You took your brother's remote control airplane without asking. While flying the plane, it crashed and one of the wings broke off. You tried to glue the wing back together. You put the airplane back where you had taken it from, hoping that your brother would not notice. After a few days, you couldn't stand the guilt any longer. You confessed to your brother and apologized and offered to buy him a new one. **EXCELLENT!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

You took the car without your parent's permission. While driving out of a parking lot, you scrape the side of the car on a shopping cart leaving a huge scratch on the passenger side door. You don't want to get caught, but the guilt you feel is far worse than getting caught. You go home and tell your parents what you have done and tell them that you will pay to have the door fixed. **BRAVO!!!!!!**

*Add 1 Tbsp. of clorox*

**You took your friend's favorite pencil out of his locker without asking him first. When he asked if anyone had seen his favorite pencil, you said, "No, I haven't seen it!"**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You took a candy bar from the local grocery store without paying for it. You felt a little bad about it, but you ate the candy bar anyway and didn't tell anyone about it.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your friend had a toy that you absolutely loved. You decided to borrow the toy without asking and you would return it when you were done with it. You accidentally misplaced the toy and cannot find it. Instead of confessing to your friend about what you did, you pretend you know nothing about it.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You went to a party at a friend's house. There was alcohol present at the party. You decided that just one drink would not hurt you, and you joined in. You never confessed and repented of your sin.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You didn't study for your science exam. So, you copied your neighbors answers so that you wouldn't fail the test. You got an "A" on the exam and you didn't confess to cheating.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You slept over night at a friends house. You watched a movie that you knew your parents and your Heavenly Father would not approve of. You didn't tell your parents about it.**

*Add 2 tsp. of tinted water*

**You did not finish your homework. When your mother asked you if your homework was done, you lied and told her it was finished. You never told your mother what you had done.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

**You have been experimenting with cigarettes and alcohol. The Bishop calls you in for a worthiness interview, and when asked if you obey the Word of Wisdom, you lie to the Bishop and tell him "yes."**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You took the Lord's name in vain and didn't repent of your wrong doing.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**You were playing with your father's calculator. You accidentally broke it. When your father asked who had broken the calculator, you said you didn't know anything about it. You lied!**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**A close friend found out that you were gossiping about her with some other girls. You never repented and apologized for hurting your friend's feelings.**

*Add 3 tsp. of tinted water*

**Your sister has been saving a chocolate cupcake for two days now. You can resist no longer, and you eat the cupcake. When your mother asks you if you ate the cupcake, you lie and blame it on your brother.**

*Add 1 tsp. of tinted water*

## *Alma 32:13*

*"And now, because ye are compelled  
to be humble blessed are ye; for a  
man sometimes, if he is  
compelled to be humble,  
seeketh repentance;  
and now surely,  
whosoever repented  
shall find mercy; and he  
that findeth mercy and  
endureth to the end the  
same shall be saved."*

