READ PSALM 51:1 — DAY 1

Grab a dry erase marker and find a mirror (If you don't have access to one, you can do this on a piece of paper with a pencil, too.) Take some time to reflect (see what I did there?) on some of the things you've done wrong in the past. Then, write them on the mirror. Maybe you've been mean to your sibling or lied to your parent. Write the words close together and in all different directions, making a "collage" of words.

Now read Psalm 51:1. Use your finger to write the word LOVE in big letters over the sins you've written down. (If you wrote on paper, use the eraser to write the word LOVE.) What happens when you do that? It erases the sins you've written down so you can't really read them anymore. Isn't it great to know that God's love in sending Jesus can wipe out our sins?

THANK God for sending Jesus to wipe away our sin.

READ JOHN 3:17 — DAY 2

Have you ever gotten caught and knew you'd be in big trouble, but then your parent or teacher showed you grace instead of giving you a punishment? If so, write a few sentences about that experience here, including how it made you feel to NOT get the punishment you deserve.

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On a much bigger level, that's what God did for us when He sent Jesus! We deserved to pay for our sins, for the things we've done wrong, but God showed compassion to us in sending His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin instead.

THANK God for sending Jesus to pay for your sin so you didn't have to.

READ ROMANS 8:3

The farthest recorded jump, according to Guinness World Records, is 29 feet 4.36 inches. Grab a ruler or measuring tape (or ask an adult for help in estimating) and measure that length (hint: you'll probably have to go to a long hallway or really big room!). Place masking tape or a couple of objects down so you can see how far it is.

Now, try to make that jump yourself. How close did you come? Imagine that instead of jumping over the floor, you are jumping over a big ravine or drop-off. If you miss the jump by a few feet or even inches, what would happen?

When the stakes are that high, it doesn't matter if you miss it by an inch or a mile, you're still going to fall off a big cliff. And no matter how hard we try to follow God's law, if we make even one mistake, we're no longer perfect, and that means we can't live with a perfect God forever. But thankfully God sent Jesus to take our place!

KNOW that Jesus took your place and your punishment.

READ EPHESIANS 2:4-5

Get a flashlight, a few sheets of blank paper and a black marker or pen. Put the sheets on top of each other, and make sure you're on a surface that can handle a little "aggression." (Ask a parent if you're unsure.)

On the top sheet, draw a circle (roughly the size of a quarter), and then use the marker or pen to go over and over and over the circle, using pressure (and the moisture from the marker) to gently tear a hole in the top sheet. If you keep going long enough, the hole should be as big as the circle you originally drew.

The hole is kind of what like sin does in our life. When we mess up, when we do things we're not supposed to do, it leaves us feeling empty, and it leaves a path of destruction in our lives. But God wasn't going to leave us empty like that. So He sent Jesus to meet our greatest need—the need for a Savior.

Grab the flashlight and turn off the lights. Shine the light behind the paper and into the hole. The light fills the hole and shines through the broken paper, doesn't it? God does the same thing in our lives. When we put our trust in Jesus, His light shines through our brokenness!

KNOW that God met your greatest need for Savior when He sent Jesus

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GOD did something about our greatest need.