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Consequences of Sin

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for use as STEP 1

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Focus:
Sin has consequences.

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

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1 Corinthians 10:13

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.

➢ **Have you ever gotten caught right after you did something you knew was wrong? What did you learn by that experience?** (Answers may vary.)

➢ **Have you ever known someone who always seems to get away with things? Without naming any names, tell how that makes you feel.** (Encourage students to discuss, but be careful to avoid gossip or oversharing.)

When people do things that are wrong or harmful, it can sometimes take a long time before they get payback. Other times, though, it happens right away! It can feel pretty satisfying to see this so-called "instant justice." In the video we're about to watch, a reckless teen goes far beyond the speed limit—and receives the consequences for that choice.

Play the following video for your students [0:43]:
Teen arrested after speeding 50+ mph on e-motorcycle during pursuit
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yllqLPMYvo8

Ask a volunteer to recount what happened to the driver (a police officer impounded the teen's bike; the teen was arrested; the teen's parents received a citation).

- **How did it feel to know this young driver receive the consequences for his speeding?** (Answers may vary; encourage discussion. Most students will acknowledge it was good for the teen to be pulled over and receive a citation before any harm could come to him.)

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.)

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Materials:
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

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.)

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Assure students 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.

Write the verses on a whiteboard 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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