

# Catechesis Minute: Sin

We've been talking a lot about God's Law. Today, I want to talk about sin. What is sin? One definition is, "Any thought, word, or action that is contrary to the Law of God." In other words, anything we think, say, or do that doesn't please God is sin. My question for you is, "Are there big sins and little sins?"

Let's suppose I thought someone's hat was ugly, but I told them it looked good when they asked me so I wouldn't hurt their feelings. Is that a big sin or a little sin compared to someone who lies after swearing on the Bible to tell the truth in court?

Is taking a 25¢ piece of candy a big sin or a little sin compared to robbing a store with a gun?

Is hitting someone in the arm a big sin or little sin compared to shooting someone?

In **Leviticus 6:24—30**, God gave Israel instructions for sin offerings. They had to make this sacrifice every time they broke God's Law. They were making these sacrifices every day, day after day.

**Hebrews 7:27** tells us that when Jesus died, His sacrifice was once for all. It never has to be repeated and it covers all sins.

Now, back to our original question, "Are there big sins and little sins?" Some sins have a bigger effect on people and society, so they seem like worse, or bigger sins. But in God's eyes, every sin, big or little, is sin and every sin, big or little, deserves death. But Jesus died for all our sins. The Bible says in **1 John 1** that if we are sorry for our sins and confess them to God, He will forgive our sins and clean all our sinfulness up.

Sin is a big problem, and we cannot get away from it. But we have a Savior who died for our sins and forgives us if we just confess our sins to Him. Let's pray.

*Dear Lord, we know that You do not see sins as big or little. But every sin deserves death. Help us to keep from sinning, but when we do, thank You for forgiving us through the blood of Your holy Son, in whose name we pray, Amen.*