

SIN CAPTURES

(Adapted from The Sin Box)

[Scene opens with a large box labeled sin. Youth comes in looking at the box talking about how nice it looks. Youth decides to place one foot in the box and is surprised when he/she cannot remove it. Youth struggles. In the struggle the youth ends up with both feet in the box and cannot get out.]

Friends come along and youth asks for help.

Youth: Hey, do you think that you can help me. I am stuck and I can't seem to get out. [struggles]

Friend 1: Help you?! But you belong there. Why did you step in if you just wanted out? Getting out of there is hard. I am afraid there is nothing I can do.

[youth is sad and hurt when another friend comes by.]

Youth: Hey, do you think that you can help me. I am stuck and I can't seem to get out. [struggles]

Friend 2: How did you get in there? Oh, sorry. Let me see if I can help. [Friend 2 struggles to try and pull out the youth but in vain. Decides to go on. There is nothing that he/she can do.]

[youth is sad and hurt when another friend comes by.]

Youth: Hey, do you think that you can help me. I am stuck and I can't seem to get out. [struggles]

Friend 3: Oh, so now you are asking to get out of there? After all that you did to me last week? You should know that there are consequences for that lifestyle. You belong in there! [Friend 3 leaves.]

[youth is sad and hurt when another friend comes by.]

Youth: Hey, do you think that you can help me. I am stuck and I can't seem to get out. [struggles]

Friend 4: Don't you know that I go to church these days? I am not supposed to hang out with you anymore. You are not doing good things. Maybe when you decide to change you can come to church with me.

[youth is sad and hurt when another friend comes by.]

Youth: Hey, do you think that you can help me. I am stuck and I can't seem to get out. [struggles]

Friend 5: What seems to be the problem? [Examines the box.] Oh, look it says here that you are standing in sin. Do you know that there is only one person who can help you out of there?

Youth: Who is that?

Friend 5: Jesus. The Bible talks about Him. The Bible says that God wants to have a relationship with us, but our sin separates us from Him. You are not alone. Everyone has been there. I was there just a little while ago.....

Youth: Well how did you get out?

Friend 5: It is not easy. You have to understand something about God. When we sin, God demands a sacrifice from us.

Youth: What's that?

Friend 5: You see, a sacrifice is a life. When we sin, a part of us dies. In order to have life again we must give a life. A lot of people tried giving animals for this, but it did not last. So God had a plan. One day he sent His Son, Jesus. His Son became the sacrifice for our sin. He gave His life so that we may live.

Youth: You mean God – we are talking about the Creator of the earth here? You mean that he came down to His creation, became part of it and died so that we may live?

Friend 5: Doesn't really make sense does it? But yes. Now when we approach God and confess our sins and tell Him that we believe that His Son Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins and ask for His forgiveness He will forgive us.

Youth: So, all I have to do is ask the right person?

Friend 5: Yeah. I will help you. Let's Pray. [Friend 5 prays with youth.]

Youth: [happy and steps out of the box.] That was so easy! I wish I knew that before.

Friend 5: You see the price for your sin has already been paid. But there is a little catch. God does not want us to forget how he has forgiven us. He knows that sin is in the world and even though we follow Him other people will still sin against us and deeply hurt us. He commands us to forgive them as well, just as He forgave us.

Youth: Oh, that's not so easy. [disappointed.]

Friend 5: No it's not, but if we ask, He can help us and give us the strength. And not only is it because we should be obedient, it is because forgiveness give us peace. A real peace.

Youth: You know I am sorry. I just remembered that last week I had said some terrible words to you. I bet that hurt you, but here you are helping me. [Friend 5 remembers and is sad.] You have forgiven me and now you are helping me to show me God's forgiveness. [Takes Friend 5's hand.] Thank you.

[Both Exit]