



# Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE  
for ages 10-12

WINTER B  
Lesson 11

## Avoiding the Sin Cover-Up

*“O God, . . . according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.”*

Psalm 51:1

I've noticed that our kids cover up or deny wrongdoing for a number of reasons: to avoid trouble, embarrassment, examples of others who do it, fear. Here are some guidelines that have helped our kids build honest habits: Be truthful as parents. Tell your kids when you are tempted to lie and that you choose to be honest because you want to obey God. Make home a safe place to be honest by not overreacting when your kids share something. Look for truth and affirm your kids when they tell the truth.

### Try This:

We found that how we approach our kids when they've messed up can change how they handle it. Instead of asking, **Did you hit your sister?** when we saw it, we say, **I saw you hit your sister.** We don't do that in our family and continue with your family consequences for the misbehavior.