

# 8 EVERYBODY HAS DONE IT

*If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to Him (God), He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from every wrong.*

1 John 1 : 8-9 **The Bible (New Living Translation)**

"I didn't steal your pencil. Sure one, I found it on the floor." "No! It wasn't me. John broke the window, not me!" "Sorry teacher... I forgot to bring my exercise book home. That's why I didn't do my homework." Deny it. Blame it on someone else. Twist the facts. Tell half truths. We are all experts at these!

The Bible declares that everyone in this world has sinned. Many people will not accept this statement. But can we honestly say that we have never sinned? Is there really anyone in this world who does good all the time? Absolutely not! True, there are many good people around. But being good does not mean that a person is sinless. We sin when we do the wrong things. We also sin when we don't do the right thing. And most important of all, we sin when we refuse to accept and believe in the one true God.

If we are honest to admit that we are sinful, the Bible says that God will always forgive us. In many ways, good parents or teachers are like this. When we have done something wrong and we are willing to go to them honestly and confess our mistakes, most of the time they will forgive us. And so, we should not hide our sin or pretend that we have not done any sin. Instead, we should confess it to God honestly. God will surely forgive us. He will also make us clean again.

## PAUSE & PONDER

Q1 If someone told you that he has never done anything wrong, would you believe him?  
Why or why not?

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Q2 What do you normally do when you have done something wrong?

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Q3 Would you be willing to confess to God that you are sinful?

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