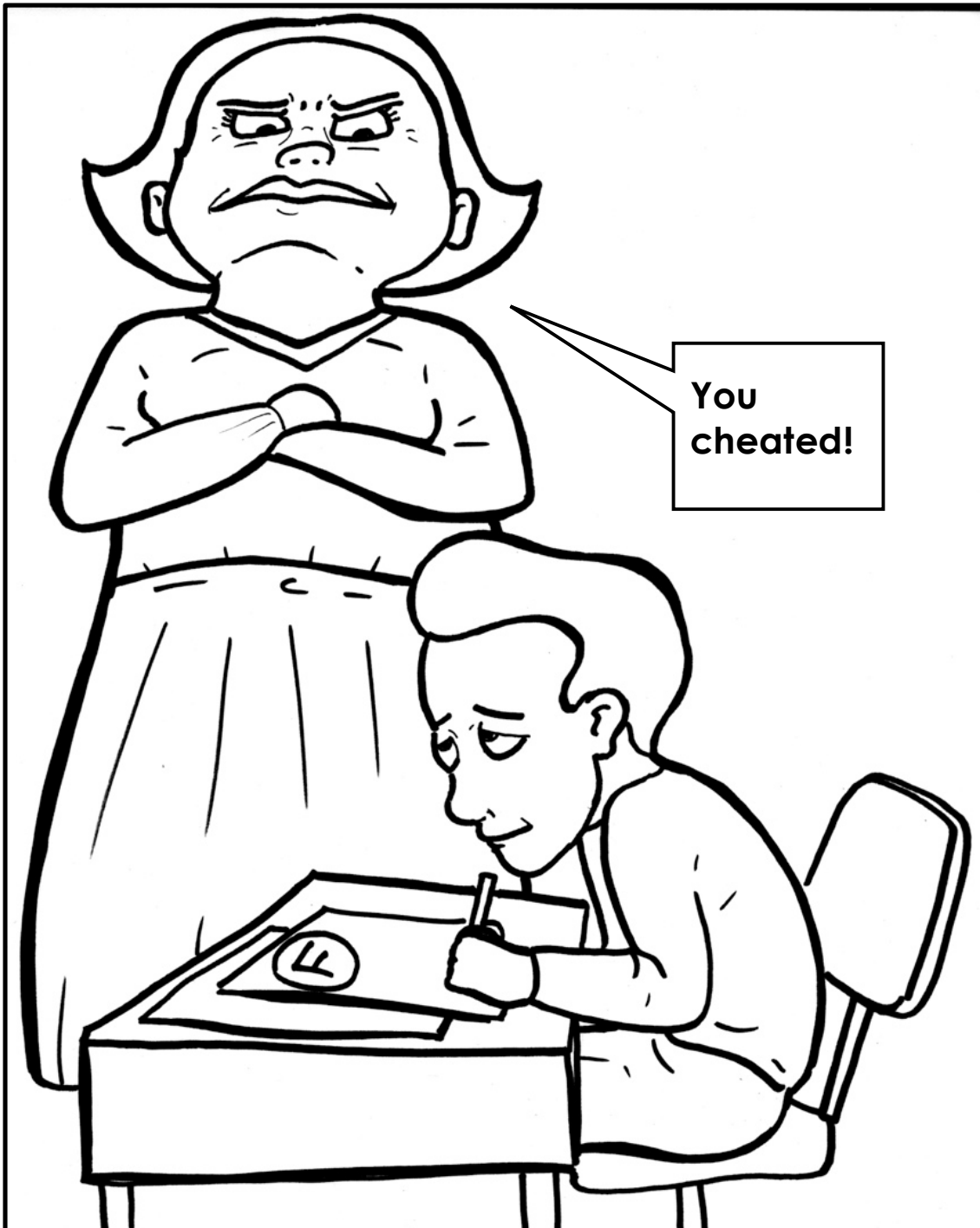


46. I am Alive:
First, the Bad News – Sin Separates
Romans 3



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Romans 3:12

First, the Bad News: Sin Separates

Jesus told the people about his heavenly Father. He said that God loves everyone. He wants us to be together with him forever. That means you!

But... there's a problem. Our hearts are not clean. We don't always obey God. Sometimes, we don't even want to obey! Have you ever:

- * lied to a friend?
- * hurt a sister or brother?
- * disobeyed your parents?
- * yelled out mean words?

These wrongs are called sin. In the book of Romans, we read, "There is no one who does good, not even one." And, "We all fall short of the glory of God." That means when we are selfish, we disappoint our perfect Father in heaven.

The bad news gets worse. The whole world is in trouble because of sin. Now, we have a huge, awful, ugly problem. God is holy. He can't even look on sin.

Our sin separates us from God. It's like a warm, sweet friendship has been broken. We've hurt God. We need to start fresh. We need a whole, new heart.

What can we do to be made clean? Will God forgive us? Will God punish us? Will we go to hell? Jesus, help us!

Questions

1. What is the bad news? How bad is it?
2. How does our sin affect God? Ourselves?
3. What are some common sins that kids do?
4. Ask yourself, "What sins do I struggle with? What can I do to stop myself?"

Pray this prayer:

Dear Lord,

I know I have a sin problem. It seems that every time I try to stop sinning, I do it again. Can you help me?

Thank you.

Amen

Draw a line across the two cliffs. Write on it: "Lord, my sin has kept me apart from you. Will you help me to deal with it and get close to you? How?"

Write your
name here:

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**My sin separates me
from God.**

Write some sins here.

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Write a prayer
here asking for
help: