

**Define it.**

## The Sin of Achan

Joshua 6: 17-19; 7: 1—8:29

**Do it!**

Pay attention to your own actions regarding sin, especially those “small ones”. God didn’t cut Achan and his family any slack when they took a few things from Jericho meant for the temple.

Who knows how long God had been dealing with Achan over his sins, but apparently this robbery proved his unrepentant heart.

God will not strike you and your family down because you committed a sin. However, He will let you and yours suffer consequences for your actions.

One of the main consequences our families suffer for the sins of the parents is the adoption of the same behaviors in future generations.

Another is the fact that when one family member suffers all do—as in the suffering caused from the loss of a job or a fouled-up relationship.

Ask God to show you sins you are so used to as to be blind to their presence. Things like gossip, harsh criticism, and white lies are socially acceptable but Jesus hates them.

Be the opposite of Achan. Lead your family down the path of righteousness, ever mindful of the lure of those short side roads into little sins. Our Sweet Heavenly Father is always ready with forgiveness and grace, but how nice to make the right choice the first time...and lead our children to do the same.

**Drink it.**

But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the Lord.  
Joshua 6: 19

**Say it.**

Sin always causes trouble for you and for others.

**Pray it.**

Dear God,

Please help me consider the trouble I will bring to myself and to others when I’m thinking about doing the wrong thing.

Amen

**Display it.**

Think of something you keep doing even while you know it is wrong.

Tell God you are sorry and want to change.

Ask Him to help you stop doing it.

Draw a picture of it below.



Put the picture near your bed.

When you wake up in the mornings, ask God to help.

Talk to your mom and dad.

Now watch God work!