



## OBJECT LESSON

[10 min]

### Some Things Just Don't Mix

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#### Supplies

- finely ground salt
- sugar
- powdered cornstarch
- ground cinnamon
- ground black pepper
- ground nutmeg
- large, clear disposable cups of water (6 for every small group)
- disposable spoons or stir sticks (1 per child)

#### Tip

- If you have more than six small groups, you'll need more than one container of each kind of spice and seasoning. Make sure you have a container for each group.

#### Guess Which Spices and Seasonings Will Mix Into Water

Say: **Today we're learning that God is holy. God is perfect, and because of that God never does wrong, never sins—so God and sin don't mix. To give us a picture of how God and sin can't go together, let's look at some other things that do and don't mix.**

- Have kids sit with their small groups, close enough to other groups that they can share supplies easily. Give each group a set of six water cups and enough spoons or stir sticks for one per person.
- Then divide the containers of seasonings and spices among the groups so each group has one container.
- Have kids vote on whether they think their group's ingredient will dissolve in the water in one of the cups. Invite kids to explain their reasoning, too.
- After kids vote, one child can sprinkle some of the seasoning or spice into one of the cups of water, and kids can take turns stirring the water and watching to see if it dissolves.
- Have groups swap ingredients and do another round of voting and testing.
- Continue swapping and testing the seasonings and spices until each group has tested all six.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **How did your guesses for each test compare with what happened?**

Say: **Some of the seasonings and spices are water soluble. That means they'll dissolve or break down and mix in with water. The others aren't water soluble, and even when you stirred, they wouldn't break down and mix into the**

**water.**

Have small groups discuss the following question, and then ask a few kids to share with everyone.

Ask: • **If the water is like God, how are the non-water-soluble ingredients like sin?**

Say: **Sin causes a big problem and could have kept us from having a friendship with our holy God, but God didn't let that happen. He had his people build the Tabernacle so he could live with them. And eventually he sent his Son, Jesus, so we can live with God, even though God is holy. God loves us so much!**