

## DAY 4 – COME CLEAN

### Get Ready to Rock

You have a couple options today. Kids can go to a local park and clean up trash. Or they will have a pick up trash game. You will place recyclables/crumpled up papers on the ground. Kids will race to pick up the trash and make it clean. Also, they will play a game show. Each band will play together as a team. They will answer questions about what "Coming Clean" means. The winning team will choose an Overtime activity from the previous days!

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NOTE: It's a relaxing game day because the Intl. Project will take a lot of energy!

### Get Ready to Roll

For each group, you will need:

- ✓ Trash (Crumple up paper and use recyclables so it is not too messy)
- ✓ One trash bag per band
- ✓ The Game Show Question Sheet
- ✓ (Optional- Flag for kids to raise when they know the answer to the question)

### 1 John Connection

"Come Clean". Jesus forgives our sin, and only then can we clearly shine God's light. We sometimes see sin as "not that bad"; it's alright to have a little in our life. But just a little bit of trash can make a park look bad. Just a little bit of sin can keep us from shining!

### Strike a Chord: Script

*(Welcome each child and ask them how their big tour day is! Also, ask them some fun questions, like what their favorite instrument is and which of the VBS songs is their favorite and why!)*

*Hey, world changers! Welcome to Band Together Games! It's quite an interesting day. I know we are learning that we all need to **Come Clean!** ("Shine On!") So we are going to talk a little bit about what happens when we disobey God, how to **Come Clean!***

## 1 John Connection

Sometimes, we don't see sin as such a big deal. Why should we have to confess it to Jesus, or even tell Jesus about it? It's just a little something we did wrong; cheated on a test, snuck a snack before dinner, or took a toy without asking a friend's permission. But those sins are like trash in our hearts. They leave a mark. Have you ever seen a beautiful park, but it has like 10 pieces of trash. They are just little pieces, but it makes the park look ugly. Some sin can make our heart dark, no matter how little we think it is. So, would you rather have a heart with a little bit of trash, or a clean one? It's really easy when we think about it like that. Which would you want?

Now we are going to prove it. You can see there is a lot of trash around me. I want you all to grab your bags, and see how much you can pick up in two minutes. Your band manager will hold your bag, and you can only pick up one piece of trash at a time! So let's start! Just one piece at a time, we will get it cleaned up!

*(Say "Go" when all the band managers have their bags. Remind the children that as long as it is taking them, it is such a miracle that Jesus can clean all of the sin from our heart in an instant, just because we ask for it to be clean and to Shine for Him again!)*

- 1: A friend says you can cheat on the test. You didn't get to study. Do you cheat? (No.)
- 2: A kid knocks you over in the lunch line. Do you should push his plate of food on him to get back? (No.)
3. You have a sleepover on Sat. night, but you're afraid to invite everyone to church. What do you do? (Invite them)
4. You have \$5.00 for a large ice cream; a friend lost their money, but you didn't share. Later on, you feel guilty for not sharing. What are the two things you should do to come clean? (say sorry to friend and ask Jesus to forgive you)
5. You lost your temper. Your mom asked you to clean your room, and you yelled, "it's clean enough." What should you do to come clean? (Ask Jesus to forgive you, tell your mom sorry for yelling, and then start cleaning your room.)
- 6: You cheated on a test. What do you need to do? (ask Jesus to forgive you and then tell the teacher you cheated)
7. You took your brother's bike without his permission, but he didn't find out until he saw it had a scratch. He is now grounded for scratching his bike? What should you do? (come clean with Jesus, your brother, and your mom)
8. You get really mad when someone bullies your friend. You call him words you know you shouldn't use. Later on, the bully tells the teacher what you said! What should you do? (Come clean with Jesus and tell the teacher what happened. There is nothing wrong with telling the teacher you were bullied, but it's no excuse to sin against them)

Great Job, Bands! Now that we can see clearly, which was better: the trashy area or the clean one? Our next game is a fun and quick gameshow! All of the bands will be teams! We are going to play "Life Clean Up". Jesus can clean up our heart, but 1 John also says we can decide to follow Jesus and keep it clean. When we focus on Jesus, we know the right thing to do. And we won't "litter" up our lives with sin! *(Hand out flags; whoever puts the flag up first gets to answer. If they answer correctly, they get one point. If not, the person who put their flag up the second fastest gets a chance to answer. The winning band picks the Overtime game!)*

**Overtime Game!**

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