

Sin or Goodness

Sin harms others and us. It weakens our relationship with God.

Every day there are examples of sin in the world.

Every day there are examples of goodness in the world, too.

It is important to recognize both.

Make a one-week journal. In it write examples of sin and goodness you see each day. Look in places like those listed here.

in the news

movies

at a sports event

at a meal

on the road

in a store

with friends

books

in a classroom

in a church

at a meeting

on a bus

between brothers and sisters

television

Use two pieces of paper (8½" x 11") to make a journal. Lay them together lengthwise and fold in half, creating eight pages, and staple together. Label the front page "My Journal" and the remaining pages "Day One," "Day Two," and so on. See example at right.



Parents and Catechists: After completing their journals, encourage children to share their perceptions on what is sin and what is goodness. Did they find more examples of one or the other? Can they look at their own choices and behaviors now in light of what they had seen during the previous week?