**Corn**

When we don’t take care of sin in our life quickly, the problem only gets worse.

**Prep**

Buy 4 ears of corn, shuck them and cook them so they are ready to eat.

**Demonstration**

Call up 4 volunteers and give each an ear of corn so they can race and see who can finish eating their ear of corn first.

**Object Lesson**

“Do any of our volunteers have any corn stuck in their teeth now? Has anyone ever been eating corn and then gotten corn stuck in between your teeth? It’s so uncomfortable isn’t it?!

Sin can be like getting corn stuck in your teeth. It’s important to get the corn out from between your teeth just like it’s important to ask God to forgive your sin and commit to stop doing that sin immediately so that the problem doesn’t hang around and get worse.

Sometimes we mess up and sin, but sometimes we get in a habit of doing that same sin a lot.

For example, one day you get angry and say something mean to your brother, and that’s a sin. But then, you get in a habit of saying mean things to your brother every day.

To God, all sin is the same, but it’s very dangerous to get in a habit of doing the same sin over and over. It becomes hard to stop and you forget that what you’re doing is wrong. It’s like getting a kernel of corn stuck deeply between your teeth so long that you actually get used to it, forget to remove it, and it eventually causes you to have a major dental emergency.

If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives in you. Part of what he does is to set off an alarm inside of you to tell you when you’re doing something wrong and to give you strength to stop doing that sin. The Holy Spirit is like the pain and irritation you feel when corn is in between your teeth. He makes you uncomfortable with your sin until you stop doing it.”

**Wrap Up**

“Like an annoying kernel of corn stuck in your teeth, sin makes us uncomfortable because it isn’t meant to be in our lives. And we won’t be at peace as long as we keep doing the wrong things.”