

COMING CLEAN

1. Do you think it's easy to cover up something wrong that you've done? Why?

2. What are the **top five reasons** people cover up the things they do wrong?

- They're afraid that others will think they are weird.
- They're ashamed of what they did.
- They're afraid of what their friends will say.
- They think others will see them as hypocrites.
- They're afraid of punishment.
- They don't want to be humiliated in public.
- They're afraid they will get a police record.
- They're afraid they will get a bad reputation.
- They'll have to stop doing what they're doing.
- They think it's more fun if no one knows about it.



3. Jesse was caught with drugs in his locker during a check at school. As part of his punishment, he'll face time in juvenile hall, a huge fine, and the wrath of his parents.

What do you think the punishment should be?

Why?

4. Check out **Proverbs 28:13**, **Isaiah 29:15**, and **1 John 1:8-9** and complete the following sentences.

It's a bad idea to try to hide _____. It's futile anyhow because God always _____. Better to _____ their sins because then people will find _____.

5. Should people ever confess their wrongdoings to someone else? Why or why not?

If yes, who should people confess to?

If you wanted to confess your wrongdoing, who would you go to now?