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Title: Fight the Cavities of Sin

Theme: It’s important to keep your teeth clean; it is even more important to have your sins forgiven.

Object: Tooth brush, tooth paste, flosser, between-the-teeth brush. Pictures of rotten teeth & one pic of good teeth.

Text: Romans 4:7-8 (NIV) “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.” (quote of Ps 32)

When we disobey God’s commandments, that is sin. And sin separates us from God.

And we can’t be happy when we’re separated from God.

This Bible verse says, “We’re happy, we’re blessed, we’re joyful, life is so much better when our sins are forgiven and we can be friends with God again.”

How many of you brushed your teeth this morning before coming to church? (I’m so glad!)

I like to be around people who have brushed their teeth and have nice fresh breath. Don’t you?

Let me ask you a question: What would your teeth be like if you never brushed them?

I have here some pictures of people who didn’t take care of their teeth. [Show pictures]

I don’t know how their teeth got so rotten. Maybe they drank a lot of soda and never brushed their teeth.

They got cavities and never went to the dentist to have the cavities fixed.

The dentist would drill out the cavities and put a filling in that looks like their original teeth.

And if you don’t take care of your cavities, your teeth just get rotten and break off, and you just have little rotten stubs like this last guy [show pic].

So I brought some things with me this morning that help us take care of our teeth.

[Toothbrush and toothpaste. Importance of a fluoride toothpaste. Brush twice a day.]

[Flosser, replaces floss, gets food out from between your teeth. Corn-on-the-cob. Nuts. Aggrivation of things between teeth.]

[Proxabrush. Removes plaque from between teeth and prevents gum disease.]

Let me ask you a question: would you be happy if you had teeth like in these pictures? (No way!!)

So it is very important to take care of your teeth so you won’t get cavities to make them rotten.

It is even more important to ask God to forgive our sins when we have disobeyed His commandments.

Because our sins separate us from God, and when we are separated from God, our lives are rotten.

When Jesus taught His disciples the Lord’s prayer, one of the things He taught them to say is this: “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.”

Just like we brush our teeth every day, we should ask God to forgive us every day for the things we have done wrong.

When we sin by disobeying one of God’s commandments, we should always be sorry and ask Him to forgive us.

The Bible says that you’ll feel so much better when your sins are forgiven.

“Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

Just like a dentist can fix your cavities and save your teeth, Jesus can fix your sin and save your life.

And the only way your sin can be fixed is for Jesus to forgive it.

Because Jesus died on the cross for your sins, He is able to forgive you and save you from the Lake of Fire.

You want to be happy? Let’s ask Jesus to be our Savior. Then we can have a smile like this {good teeth pic} instead of like this [bad teeth pic].