

# His Blood Cleans the Mud Off My Heart

**Did you know that each of us is born with a thick layer of sinful mud on our hearts?** This sin-mud resists everything that tries to clean it off, except for one thing: the blood of Christ.

Don't be grossed out by the word *blood*. Often in the Bible *blood* simply means "death." In the Old Testament, the death of animals covered muddy sin from God's eyes.

In the New Testament it was Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection that not only covered our muddy sins, but also removed the mud forever. Now no one needs to give animals as an offering to God (like in the Old Testament). Jesus is your offering. His blood has cleaned the mud off your heart.

## Key Verse

*Just think how much more the **blood** of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.*

Hebrews 9:14

## Click

Your child will now be able to say the meaning of this Bible verse in their own words.

## Stick

The life application meaning of this verse is tied to the image of **blood**.

## Click-er: Blood

Whenever you see, touch, or think about your own *blood*, let this HoneyWord circulate through your mind as it clicks and sticks.



## Read Hebrews 9:14

## Make-it-Stick

Politely ask your dad or mom to help you understand what a "blood bank" is. Talk about how our blood can give life on this earth to other people, and how Jesus' blood gives eternal life to everyone who believes in him. Repeat this HoneyWord and ask your parents about any part of this lesson that you don't understand.

## Everyone Take Turns Explaining the Meaning of this Lesson in Your Own Words

Ask, "What does this lesson mean?" If the answer is in the ballpark of the correct meaning, praise that person out loud. Then ask another child to explain it. Do this 2 or 3 times in a row.

## Hold Up the Click-er

Hold up the Click-er (blood) and say this HoneyWord Lesson out loud:

"His *blood* cleans the mud off my heart."

Then repeat it out loud together one more time.

## Pair Up in Small Groups of Two

If you're with more than one child, have your children pair up and ask each other to say the lesson out loud to each other.

## Re-Group and Recite Again

Ask one child to say the lesson one more time, and then explain what it means.

## Discuss How This Truth Applies to Your Everyday Life