

	could all be forgiven.
Betsy	Boy, I'm glad I don't have any sins. Jesus didn't have to die for me.
Jared	Uh, yes you do. And yes He did.
Betsy	Do not and did not.
Jared	Do, too and did, too!
Betsy	Don't and didn't.
Jared	<i>(getting mad)</i> Do and did!
Betsy	Blah blah blah, I can't hear you!!!
Jared	<i>(fed up)</i> Okay, listen. Listen please!!! We are all sinners because Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They brought original sin into the world, and ever since, we've all been sinners!!!!
Betsy	<i>(smiling)</i> Speak for yourself, crabby pants.
Jared	Well, I am, but I'm also speaking for you and everybody else on the planet.
Betsy	<i>(gasps)</i> Are you calling my mommy a sinner???
Jared	Yep.
Betsy	<i>(gasps)</i> And my daddy?
Jared	Him, too.
Betsy	<i>(gasps)</i> And my grandma and grandpa?
Jared	Most definitely. <i>Everybody</i> . We're all sinners.
Betsy	I'm telling!
Jared	Go ahead. Anybody who goes to church knows we're sinners.
Betsy	Only good people go to church!
Jared	Are you sure about that?
Betsy	Yes! My mommy always tells me to be good in church.
Jared	She's asking you to do your best. She doesn't expect you to be perfect. Do you think all the people in church are good all the time?
Betsy	Well, actually, Sally goes to church and she's mean. And Rusty goes to church and he steals. And Pedro goes to church and he lies! I'm going to tell them to stay out of church from now on!!!
Jared	What a minute, wait a minute!
Betsy	Okay, but talk fast; I'm busy!
Jared	<i>(big sigh)</i> We don't go to church because we're good. Church isn't for perfect people; it's for sinners. We're all sinners and we need help to do

	better. We go to church because we need God's grace.
Betsy	So, Sally and Rusty and Pedro belong in church with good girls like me?
Jared	They sure do.
Betsy	Hmmmm. Alright, then I won't throw them out. But why do they need GRAPES to do better? I like bananas.
Jared	<i>(sigh)</i> That's GRACE, not grapes. Grace is a share in God's life. It's His way of giving us strength to be the kind of people He wants us to be.
Betsy	And this GRACE will help... all those other kids, the sinning ones, to do better?
Jared	Yes. And it can help you, too, if you open your heart and let God in.
Betsy	<i>(nervous)</i> Oh, I'm sure I get LOTS of grace at church.
Jared	You bet.
Betsy	<i>(shaky)</i> Yeah. Lots of it. <i>(hangs her head sadly)</i> Waaaaahhhhhhh!!!!!!
Jared	Are you okay?
Betsy	<i>(dramatically)</i> No. No I'm not okay.
Jared	What's wrong?
Betsy	<i>(sigh)</i> I make so many mistakes and some of them are probably sins!
Jared	<i>(pats her)</i> Join the club. I feel terrible about my sins sometimes.
Betsy	Oh. <i>(sniffs)</i> It sure is tough being a sinner.
Jared	That's why Jesus came to save us. He knew we couldn't make it to heaven on our own.
Betsy	I'm so glad Jesus died for my sins. Otherwise, heaven would be just about EMPTY.
Jared	That's right! But don't worry; Jesus did die for our sins and heaven is going to be filled up to the very brim.
Betsy	To the very brim, because of Him.
Jared	Right on!

The End