

# Secrecy

I should admit when I'm wrong.

*He will guide you into all truth.*

*John 16:13*

## Lemonade Secrets

*Oh, no*, thought Hayden. He had been drinking a can of soda in the back seat of the van, and it had spilled. Where there was only once a half-can of soda, now there was none. Daddy was going to be so, so mad!

Hayden could feel his legs and bottom were all wet from the sticky soda. He knew he should tell Daddy what happened, but he was afraid of getting in trouble, so Hayden decided to keep it a secret.

As time went by, Hayden's tummy and head hurt because he felt so bad for keeping the secret. When Daddy finally stopped the car and discovered what had happened, Hayden was almost happy the truth was out. He just wanted his secret to be over so he could feel better.

After Daddy cleaned up the mess, he told Hayden that he would be punished by not being allowed to drink soda in the van again.

"But you are not being punished for the mess, because that was an accident," said Daddy. "You are being punished for keeping it a secret."

Everyone makes mistakes sometimes, but that's not important. What is important is what you do about those mistakes. God wants you to admit when you're wrong, not keep it a secret. After all, God always knows everything anyway. You can't keep a secret from Him!

## Your Turn

1. Have you ever kept a "bad" secret?
2. Why does God want you to admit when you're wrong?

## Prayer

God, please help me to remember that You know everything. I should admit when I'm wrong and not keep secrets. Amen.