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Psalm 51:1-19

The seventh grader stood at the school bus stop next to the weir (a fish trap). A mother bear with two cubs emerged from the woods. When the sow turned toward the student, he started to run, but he remembered his bear defense. He dropped to the ground and curled. The mother bear was on him in a second. She swiped her paw across his back once, then led her cubs into the woods. His shredded back pack absorbed most of the slashing attack. He only required a few stitches. Because he remembered his bear defense, he was spared a much worse fate. He told his story to his parents, the staff at the hospital, and friends at school. They rejoiced, and thanked God for protection and bear safety instruction.

Psalm 32 reminds us of God's plan of defense against sin.

- Acknowledge our sin. There is no salvation in hiding our sin.
- Believe on Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.
- Confess our sin to the Lord.
- Go to the defensive position. He is our hiding place.
- Sing the songs of deliverance. So that others will hear and be encouraged to trust in God.

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