



WEEK ONE - MAY 2018 - SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Beware of Scam • 2 Kings 5*

Bottom Line: *When you're not truthful, you lose trust.*

Memory Verse: *"Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." - Proverbs 10:9 NIrV*

Life App: *Honesty - Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.*

Basic Truth: *I need to make the wise choice.*

Summary: We start the month in 2 Kings 5 and learn more about the prophet Elisha and his servant named Gehazi. After Elisha helped Naaman, Gehazi saw Elisha turn down an extravagant gift from Naaman. But Gehazi decided that he could take advantage of the situation and take the gift for himself. He went behind Elisha's back, denied his actions, and inevitably lost Elisha's trust.

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8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Connect: an activity that invites kids to build on their understanding with others

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Before jumping into the activity, use this as a time to discuss each child's week (the good, the bad, the silly, etc.)
- Ask your small group if they have ever lost something important to them.
 - What did they lose?
 - How did they lose it?
 - Was what they lost ever found again?

What You Say:

[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about what we tend to do in our own lives that can result in an even bigger web of mess than what we just made."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

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9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. The Team Who Cried Lies

[Bible Story Review]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain & taps into the child's energy

What You Need: "Truth or Lie" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Tape your "Truth or Lie" papers on the wall
- Divide your few into two teams and instruct them to form two lines about 15 feet from the Truth or Lie papers.
- Explain that you will read a review statement and the first kid in each line must decide whether it is a true statement from the story or a lie.
- As soon as you finish asking the question (not before), the first kid in each line will race and swat the answer to the question (truth or lie).
- The first person to touch the correct answer wins.
- Kids will then race back and Hi-5 the next person in line for their chance to play.
- Continue until all review questions have been answered and every kid has had a turn.
- Here are the Lie/Truth Review Statements
 - In today's story we learned about a rich army commander named *Gehazi*. (*Lie. Naaman was the rich army commander.*)
 - Although Naaman was incredibly rich, he had a problem his money couldn't fix: a runny nose. (*Lie. He had a skin disease.*)
 - Naaman's problem was not a runny nose, but a terrible skin disease. (*Truth*)
 - Elisha would not come out and see Naaman but gave a message to his servant to instruct him to run around in the Jordan River three times. (*Lie. He said to wash in the Jordan River seven times.*)
 - He listened and watched his skin heal before his eyes. (*Truth*)
 - Elisha nor Gehazi wanted any gifts or nice things from Naaman. (*Lie. Gehazi did.*)
 - Gehazi lied to Naaman to get gifts, which he kept for himself. (*Truth*)
 - In the end, Gehazi lost out on Elisha's trust. (*Truth*)

What You Say:

"You all were really paying attention to our story today. Awesome job! What did you think was the worst part of Gehazi's choice? (Give kids time to think.) Gehazi ended up making a pretty bad choice in not telling the truth, and in the end he lost Elisha's trust. I know I can sure relate. [Make It Personal] (Share a personal story from a time you were dishonest and lost someone's trust in you. Remember to keep it age-appropriate.) Remember, no matter what you are facing, it's never worth losing someone's trust in you. When you're not truthful, you lose trust."

2. Caught in Truth

[Memory Verse Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through drawing, building and designing

What You Need: Bibles; Butcher Paper; Markers

What You Do:

- Look up Proverbs 10:9 together as a group.
 - When finding verses with second and third graders, help guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Proverbs in the list under "Old Testament." When the kids find Proverbs, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Proverbs. Help the kids find the page. When they find Proverbs, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 10. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 10.
- Then encourage kids to split into pairs and read the verse with each other.
- As kids are divided, assign them a word or phrase in the verse that they will be responsible for writing on the butcher paper.
- In the correct order of the verse, give each pair a turn to write their part of the memory verse
- The pairs who aren't currently writing can gather in a circle around the paper and decorate it however they choose.
- Once the verse is completely written, encourage your group to say the verse together.

What You Say:

*"I love how we worked together to form this work of art for our memory verse. Each week, we are going to add something to our poster as we learn more about honesty. What is something new you have learned today about being truthful? (Provide time for whoever has a response to answer.) Those are all great things! No matter what we learn this month or what we face throughout our days, remember that the start of honesty is understanding that **when you're not truthful, you lose trust.**"*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask your few: Why is it sometimes hard to be truthful?
- Allow time for kids to respond, giving everyone time to share if they wish to do so.
- Close in prayer, using the guide below.

What You Say:

"God, sometimes I find it really hard to be honest, especially when I don't want to let people down or I'm in a situation where I may look bad. But ultimately, I want to honor You. I know I can honor You when I am a person people can trust. I also know that **when you're not truthful, you lose trust**. So I'm asking that you give me courage and help in the times when I am struggling to be truthful so I can bring glory to Your name! I ask this in Jesus name, amen."



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