



WEEK TWO - MAY 2018 - SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Logic Error • 1 Samuel 21-22*

Bottom Line: *When you're not truthful, you hurt others.*

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 should treat others the way I want to be treated*

Summary: Next, we look to 1 Samuel 21-22. David is on the run from King Saul and escapes to the town of Nob where he asks the priest Ahimelek for help. Ahimelek asks some questions, but instead of telling the truth, David spins a tale that ends up getting Ahimelek killed when King Saul found out. David found out the hard way that lies have severe consequences.

Bottom Line: We tend to think that if we lie, we're only helping ourselves get out of trouble or get something we want. But lies have consequences. Often those repercussions extend beyond ourselves to the people we lie to or lie about. We pray that kids will realize that telling the truth keeps everyone from experiencing unnecessary pain.

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

1. Early Arriver Idea

Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask kids if they have ever set up dominoes and then knocked them down
 - Explain that the domino effect is when one thing happens, which makes something else happen, just like when one domino falling makes another domino fall.
 - That's kind of like what happens when we're not honest—it often causes something else bad to happen.

2. If and Then

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

What You Need: "If and Then" cards from the Activity Page

What You Do:

- Explain to your few that you will each take a turn picking up a card and coming up with their own "if and then" scenarios. For example: IF I disobey my mom, THEN I will be unable to go to the sleepover.
- Take the first turn so kids will have an example to follow.
- If time allows, pass out some pencils and let kids come up with their own "If" statements. They can write their statements on the back of the "If and Then" cards.
- Put the cards kids have written on in a pile, and let them take turns drawing a peer's card and coming up with a "then" statement for the "if" statement on the card.

What You Say:

"You all came up with some crazy 'if and then' scenarios. You did an excellent job at thinking through what may result because of a certain choice you make. Have you ever made a wrong choice in real life? What happened when you made that choice? (Pause for answers.) [Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about a guy who also made some unwise decisions. IF he made wrong choices just like the examples on our cards, I wonder what happened to him THEN?"

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. Guess the Scene

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: Butcher paper; markers

What You Do:

- Split your group into four teams. Give each team a piece of butcher paper and markers.
- Assign each team a scene from today's story.
 - Scene 1: David is on the run to Nob, being untruthful to Ahimelek. Doeg is off in the near distance, witnessing David lie to the high priest.
 - Scene 2: Ahimelek is giving over the sword and food to David, which lets him take off and hide out in a cave.
 - Scene 3: Saul is hearing the news that David was leading a group of 400 men joining against him.
 - Scene 4: Saul is telling Ahimelek the truth that David was dishonest with him and he let so many people down.
- Encourage them to read their narrative together and draw their scene.
- Provide kids with about five minutes to complete their scene.
- When completed, give each group a turn to hold up their picture, allowing others to guess what is happening in their scene.
- Encourage each group to explain their scene after others have guessed.

What You Say:

"You are amazing artists! You did a beautiful job illustrating our story from today. What part of the story stood out to you the most? (Provide time for answers.) David really let a

*bunch of people down all because he told a lie to one person. That's a huge 'if and then' situation. I'm sure David thought his lie wouldn't turn out to be this big of a deal. He was just trying to get away from Saul, but little did he know, **when you're not truthful, you hurt others.**"*

2. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Gather kids to sit closely as a group and read Proverbs 10:9
- Ask if anyone has experienced a lie turning into a web, where one thing led to another and relationships were hurt.
- Allow time for your few to respond, giving time for each person to share if they desire.
- Tell kids that when they choose to be dishonest, the important thing is how they handle it afterward. It's important to go to the person they lied to, tell the truth, and ask for their forgiveness.

What You Say:

"Dear God, I want to live a life of honesty so that others may see who You are through me. I know that **when you're not truthful, you hurt others** and that dishonesty can keep people from seeing You reflected in me. So I ask You to guide me in those moments. Forgive me for the times I have let others down, and remind me of how I can point others toward You when I live a life of honesty. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids what the Bottom Line is and why it's important.

If I take my
brother's toy without
asking . . .

If I disobey
my mom . . .

If I don't listen
to my teacher . . .

If I don't
do my chores . . .

If I don't clean up
after myself . . .

If I am
annoying my sister
on purpose . . .

If I don't do
my homework . . .

If I don't eat all
of my dinner . . .

If I pull on the
cat's tail and annoy
him . . .

If I don't put my
basketball jersey in
the dirty clothes
basket . . .

What to Do:

Print and cut apart one set for each small group.

If and Then

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