



SOURCE CODE

UNTANGLE THE WEB

456 SMALL GROUP

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY: Beware of Scam - 2 Kings 5 NIV

Key Question: Why is it important for people to trust you?

MEMORY VERSE: "Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." - Proverbs 10:9, NIV

LIFE APP: Honesty - Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

BASIC TRUTH: I need to make the wise choice.

This week's key question is "[Why is it important for people to trust you?](#)" Preteens are just starting to realize that their actions have implications on people around them. We start our month on honesty, helping them realize that what they say or don't say impacts whether or not people trust them. And why that matters.

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PRE-SERVICE

(Activity for Group Enjoyment)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Gather kids in a circle with kids facing each other.
- Instruct kids to raise their right hand and grab the raised hand of someone across the circle from them. Instruct kids to raise their left hand and grab the raised hand of a different person.
- Check to ensure everyone is holding hands of two different people.
- Challenge kids to untangle themselves without breaking the chain of hands.
- If time is running out, separate one grip between two kids and direct the group to form a single line instead of a circle.

WHAT YOU NEED: "It wasn't easy to untangle yourself from each other, was it? [Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear about what else can entangle us and trap us."

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EXTENSION

(Activity for Group Knowledge)

WHAT YOU NEED: Reflect Cards

- Pair up kids and have each pair stand about 3 feet apart facing each other.
- Give one kid of each pair an "Action Card."
- Tell them not to show their partners what is on the cards.
- Instruct kids to move slowly and act out what is on the cards.
- Explain that their partners will mimic their movements and facial expressions, so encourage kids to exaggerate their movements.
- After acting out the "Action Card," challenge partners to identify what parts of the Bible story they just mimicked:
- Ask:
 - What did dishonesty look like in our story? What was the result?
 - Why is it important to be honest? (You reflect God to others, others may see your example and want to reflect your actions, others trust you)
- Give partners an opportunity to switch roles, and the kid who was the guesser performs random movements slowly while their partner mimics them.
- Ask:
 - Was it easy to reflect the movements of their partner? What made it difficult? (You didn't know what was coming next, it was random)
 - When you choose to be honest, how do your actions reflect God's honesty to others?

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DISCUSSION

(Activity for Group Growth)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Ask:
 - Why should you be honest?
 - Why is it important for people to trust you?
 - What if no one is watching, why is it important to be honest if no one knows you weren't truthful?

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REFLECT

(Activity for Personal Growth)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Ask kids to give an example of a way to be dishonest.
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY: “Imagine a toothpaste bottle for a second. You really get wild with the toothpaste and it all comes out at once. You try to put it back in but once the toothpaste leaves the tube, you may be able to get some of it back in the tube, but you can't get it all back in. It is the same with not being truthful. You may be able to repair some of the changes caused by being dishonest, but ultimately dishonesty changes relationships. When you are dishonest, people now have a hard time trusting you or believing what you say is true. When you decide to be honest and truthful, you not only reflect the type of person you want to be, but you also reflect to others that God values honesty.”

“Let's Pray: God, You are honest, and we know we can trust You no matter what. God, sometimes being honest is hard. We are afraid we will get in trouble or people won't like us, but help us to remember that when we are honest we show the world we want to be someone who can be trusted. When we are honest, we show the world that we trust You. Amen.”

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