



# SOURCE CODE

UNTANGLE THE WEB

456 SMALL GROUP

# WEEK TWO

**BIBLE STORY:** Logic Error - 1 Samuel 21-22 NIV

**Key Question:** When have you seen a lie hurt someone?

**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 "[When have you seen a lie hurt someone?](#)" For preteens, it's often easier to start with an example you've seen in someone else before seeing how you've personally done the same thing. We pray that as kids start with a question about how they've seen dishonesty affect friends and family, they'll notice how they've hurt others with their lies and figure out a way to choose honesty for their own life..

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## PRE-SERVICE

(Activity for Group Enjoyment)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index Cards; Pens

- Read a statement from the list below.
- Ask kids to give a thumbs up if they think the statement is true and a thumbs down if it is a lie.
- Optional: Encourage kids to come up with a statement and the group decides if it is a truth or a lie.
- Truth or Lie Statements:
  - Kangaroos can hop backwards (Lie)
  - Hippos can be more dangerous than lions. (Truth)
  - Earthworms dont have a heart (Lie - they have 5 hearts)
  - Ketchup was originally sold as medicine. (Truth)
  - Popsicles were invented by an old man whose friends called "Pop." (Lie- they were created by an 11-year-old)
  - Panda bears are part of the cat family. (Lie)
  - Turtles can breathe under water. (Lie - but they can hold their breath for several hours)

**WHAT YOU SAY:** "Let's head to Large Group and hear how your honesty, or dishonesty, can affect others."

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## SNAPSHOT

(Activity for Group Application)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index Cards; Pens

- Give kids a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Allow kids 30 seconds to make a list of people they interact with during a day. Include people from their family, friends, people at school, etc.
- Encourage kids to share examples of people on their list.
- Ask:
  - Do you think your decision to be truthful in whatever you say and do would affect the people on your list? Why or why not?
  - Is there anyone on your list that would not be affected by your decision to be truthful? Why or why not?



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## DISCUSSION

(Activity for Group Growth)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** N/A

- Ask:
  - When we choose to be dishonest, can we ever be sure our dishonesty will affect no one?
  - How can dishonesty affect our relationships with other people? How can honesty affect our relationships with other people?
  - When have you seen a lie hurt someone? (Encourage kids to not mention names. You don't want this to become an opportunity to gossip, but to use it as a time to share examples of how when you aren't truthful, someone can get hurt.)
  - What about a teeny-tiny lie? Are these dishonest?



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## REFLECT (PT.1)

(Activity for Personal Growth)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles; Index Cards (from previous); Pens

- Give kids a Bible and help them find Proverbs 1.
- Explain Proverbs is a book in the Bible filled with wise advice how best to live your life.
- Encourage kids to follow along in their Bibles as you read Proverbs 1:1-7.
- Ask:
  - Why did King Solomon write the Book of Proverbs?
  - What value do Proverbs have today? Why are they important to you?
- Using a Bible App or a concordance, instruct kids to find verses in Proverbs about honesty.
- If kids are struggling using a Bible App or concordance, encourage the group to help each other.
- Be prepared to show kids how to find verses as well. Share and discuss the verses kids find.
- Ask:
  - What do each of the verses say about honesty?
  - How could the verse apply to our life? How could it help you to remember how important honesty is to God? How could it help you to decide to be truthful?
- Instruct kids to select a verse they like and write the reference on an index card.
- Examples of potential verses on honesty include:
  - Proverbs 11:1
  - Proverbs 10:9 (This is the memory verse)
  - Proverbs 10:18
  - Proverbs 12:19
  - Proverbs 12:22
  - Proverbs 15:4
  - Proverbs 16:17
  - Proverbs 26: 18-19

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## REFLECT (PT. 2)

(Activity for Personal Growth)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles; Index Cards (from previous)

- Instruct kids to open their Bibles to the verse they wrote down in the “Reflect (Pt. 1)” activity.
- Solicit volunteers to pray for the group. Encourage them to use their Proverb they selected as a guideline. Below is an example prayer using Proverbs 10:9:
  - Dear God, You are awesome! We are so thankful You have given us Your wise words to live by. Help us to live our lives in a way that honors You. Help us to walk safely with You and avoid the crooked path. We know You are trustworthy and we want to be like You. Amen.
- Encourage kids during the week to read the Proverb they selected and use it to pray to God to help them be truthful.

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