



SOURCE CODE

UNTANGLE THE WEB

456 SMALL GROUP

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY: Planting a Virus - Esther NIV

Key Question: When are you tempted to lie?

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 are you tempted to lie?](#)" When you're aware of the times when lying seems like the best option, you're more likely to consider an honest alternative. As kids start with this question, we pray they can create a plan to prioritize honesty in their life.

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PRE-SERVICE

(Activity for Group Enjoyment)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive
- Share two statements about yourself to the kids; one statement is true and one statement is a lie.
- Ask the group to pick which statement is true.
- Give kids an opportunity to share two statements about themselves. Remind them one statement is true and the other statement is a lie. Ensure they have an example of a truth and a lie before they begin to share.
- Allow the group time to decide what statement is true and what statement is a lie.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Today, we are going to be looking more into our Life App of Honesty. Let's head to Large Group to hear what is really important about honesty today!"

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CONNECT

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DISCUSSION

(Activity for Group Growth)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Ask:
 - What are situations that might tempt someone to lie?
Or to stretch the truth?
 - When you are tempted to lie, what could stop you?
 - What are things you can do to be honest when you are tempted to lie?
 - What was happening the last time you felt tempted to lie? What did you do?

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EXTENSION

(Activity for Group Application)

WHAT YOU NEED: Activity Pages; Pens; Bibles

- Give kids an “Encrypted Verse Card” and a “Key Card.”
- Challenge kids to decipher the code and find the verse in the Bible.
- Once all the verses have been found, guide the group to find common words in the verses and determine the message God has for them. (Trust Him)
- Ask:
 - When we are tempted to lie, why is it important to remember to trust God? (Review a few of the examples of why we might be tempted to lie. For example, when I am tempted to lie to be popular, why is it important to remember to trust God? Or when I am tempted to lie to not get in trouble, why is it important to remember to trust God?)
- Prompt kids to select one of the verses to take home and memorize this week.

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REFLECT

(Activity for Personal Growth)

WHAT YOU NEED: Rubber Bands

- Prompt kids to select one of the verses from the Extension Activity to memorize this week.
- Give each kid a colored rubber band and encourage each one to wear it as a reminder that she can trust God no matter what and to rely on God, especially when she is tempted to stretch the truth.
- Allow a minute of quiet time for kids to reflect about when they are most tempted to lie.
- Close with a prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY: “God, You are honest and always truthful! We can trust You in all situations. God, You know the times we are tempted to be dishonest, the times we want to stretch the truth to make us appear important or popular or to avoid getting in trouble. God, it is our desire to honor You with our honesty, to recognize that when we choose to be truthful we are choosing to obey You. This week give us strength to be truthful in all situations. Amen.”

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