



SOURCE CODE

UNTANGLE THE WEB

456 SMALL GROUP

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY: Clean Your Hard Drive - 1 John 1:9 NIV

Key Question: What keeps you from being truthful with God?

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 "[What keeps you from being truthful with God?](#)" When we do things that are wrong, we try and hide what we've done. We avoid our parents or teachers or the person we hurt. But we also hide from God. We hope kids realize that regardless of what we've done, God is waiting with open arms to forgive us and fix our broken relationship.

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PRE-SERVICE

(Activity for Group Enjoyment)

WHAT YOU NEED: Hula Hoops

- Challenge kids to see if they can boomerang a hula-hoop, i.e. roll it away from them and have it return without anyone touching it.
- The solution:
 - Grip the hula-hoop in one hand vertically.
 - Using an underhand throw, keeping the hoop vertical, toss the hoop forward, and right before you release the hoop apply a downward spin causing the hoop to spin toward you.
 - As the hoop travels in the air, it will be rotating in your direction. When it hits the ground, it will skid in place, and then it will spin towards you.

WHAT YOU SAY: “The challenge was to toss the hula-hoop away from you and yet have it return close to you; it’s kind of like creating a hula hoop boomerang. There are a lot of things you may want close to you. (Challenge kids to give examples of things they would want close to them) I wouldn’t want to have an alligator nearby, but a cuddly kitten curled up in my lap would be fine. [Transition] Let’s head to Large Group to hear about how honesty can keep something very important close to you.”

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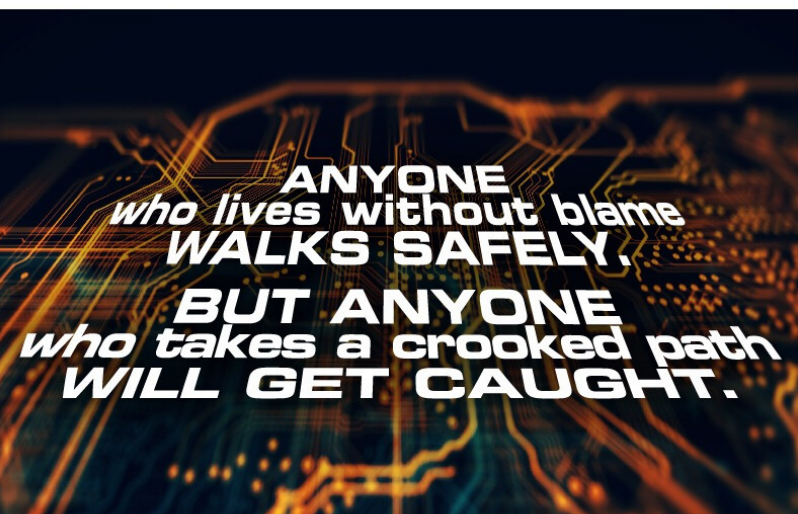
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CONNECT

(Activity for Group Building)

WHAT YOU NEED: Sticky Notes; Pens

- Give kids several sticky notes and a pencil.
- Ask:
 - What might keep you from telling your friend something? If kids need prompting, give them a scenario. For example: Pretend you bombed a math test—what might be reasons you wouldn't want to tell a friend? Or pretend your favorite TV show is Barney—what might be reasons you wouldn't want to share that with a friend?
 - What might keep you from telling your parents something? For example, you watched a movie at a friend's house you knew they wouldn't want you to watch or maybe you got in trouble at school—what might be reasons you wouldn't want to tell them?
- Tell kids to stick their sticky notes on the table
- Discuss their responses.
 - Are there similar responses?
 - Is it easy to tell someone you are scared or nervous? What about happy or excited? Why or why not?



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DISCUSSION

(Activity for Group Growth)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Ask:
 - Could feeling guilty keep you from telling someone something? From telling God something? What truth about God can help you be truthful with Him when you feel guilty?
 - Can you hide anything from God?
 - Are there things that happen in your life that aren't important to share with God? What about telling God what you ate for breakfast? What about thanking God for what you ate at breakfast?
 - This month we have talked about how being dishonest can hurt others (like in the story with David and Ahimelek) and how being dishonest can hurt us (like with Haaman) but can being dishonest hurt God? How or why?

WHAT YOU SAY: "God, thank You for loving us so much. You sent Jesus so that our sins could be forgiven and we could be with You now and forever. We know nothing can separate us from You, and we want to be close to You. We want to share our life with You, and we want our actions and words to be truthful and to reflect Your honesty to others. Guide us this week as we read the verses You gave us, and help us to remember to be truthful with You. We love You! Amen."

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