

# May 6, 2018

## Memory Verse:

"Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught."  
Proverbs 10:9 NIRV

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

**Bottom Line:** When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

**Bible Story:** Beware of Scam • 2 Kings 5

**Life App:** Honesty - Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

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9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

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## Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

**Summary:** We start the month in 2 Kings 5 and learn more about the prophet Elisha and his servant named Gehazi. After Elisha helped Naaman, Gehazi saw Elisha turn down an extravagant gift from Naaman. But Gehazi decided that he could take advantage of the situation and take the gift for himself. He went behind Elisha's back, denied his actions, and inevitably lost Elisha's trust.

If you continually tell lies and hurt people with dishonesty, eventually you will lose the trust of those around you. We hope kids realize that honesty helps them build relationships with others.

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9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

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"Je-sus loves me.  
2 lap pats – 2 claps  
Je-sus loves me.  
2 lap pats – 2 claps  
Jesus loves [child's name]"  
shout out the name

### 1. Early Arriver Idea

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

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Before jumping into the activity, use this as a time to discuss each child's week (the good, the bad, the silly, etc.)
- Ask your small group if they have ever lost something important to them.
  - What did they lose?
  - How did they lose it?
  - Was what they lost ever found again?

**What You Say:**

*[Transition] Today, we are going to learn about what we tend to do in our own lives that can result in an even bigger web of mess than what we just made."*

**Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)  
Worship SONGS**

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**9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP**

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## **GROUPS**

*(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)*

### **1. Emoji Scenarios**

[Live for God | Application Activity]

*Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy & facilitates biblical application through role-play*

**What You Need:** "Emoji Scenarios" Activity Pages; construction paper halves; markers/crayons

**What You Do:**

- Give each child a two half pieces of blank construction paper.
- Set out the markers or crayons.
- Tell kids to draw two emojis: a "yes" or happy emoji, and a "no" or sad emoji.
- Hold up a piece of paper and demonstrate that they should draw one emoji on one side of the paper and the other emoji on the other side of the paper.
- Explain that you'll read a scenario where someone could be truthful or not truthful.
  - If the person is truthful, kids hold up their yes or happy emoji.
  - If they're not truthful, kids hold up the no or sad emoji.
- Read the "Emoji Scenarios" and allow the kids to respond.

**What You Say:**

*"There are lots of times in our lives when we have the choice to be truthful or not be truthful. It's important to be honest and tell the truth, no matter how hard it might be or how much we might get in trouble for telling the truth about something that happened. **When you're not truthful, you lose trust, and people won't know if they can believe you in the future. You might get privileges taken away, or your parents might not trust you to do things you were allowed to do before—all because you weren't truthful with them. There are lots of consequences to not being truthful, so let's always choose to be honest with everyone.**"*

### **3. Pray and Dismiss**

[Prayer Activity]

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

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids to think about times when they might be tempted to not be truthful.
- [Make It Personal] *(To help kids get thinking in the right direction, tell them about a time when you might be tempted to not be truthful. Make sure to keep it age-appropriate.)*
- Tell kids to silently ask God to help them be truthful in those situations.

- Close with the prayer below.

**What You Say:**

"Dear God, there are lots of times when we might be tempted to not tell the truth. During those times, please help us to always be truthful. We know honesty is important to You, and it's important to us too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, pass out Parent Cue cards and guide kids to tell their parents today's Bottom Line: **When you're not truthful, you lose trust.**