

# May 13, 2018

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

**Bottom Line:** When you're not truthful, you hurt others.

**Bible Story:** Logic Error • 1 Samuel 21-22

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

## Memory Verse:

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

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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:** Next, we look to 1 Samuel 21-22. David is on the run from King Saul and escapes to the town of Nob where he asks the priest Ahimelek for help. Ahimelek asks some questions, but instead of telling the truth, David spins a tale that ends up getting Ahimelek killed when King Saul found out. David found out the hard way that lies have severe consequences.

We tend to think that if we lie, we're only helping ourselves get out of trouble or get something we want. But lies have consequences. Often those repercussions extend beyond ourselves to the people we lie to or lie about. We pray that kids will realize that telling the truth keeps everyone from experiencing unnecessary pain.

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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

*Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*

**What You Need:** Dominos (at least 12)

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids if they have ever set up dominoes and then

knocked them down

- **\*\*\*Leader sets up dominos on front table as they go over the notes**
- Explain that the domino effect is when one thing happens, which makes something else happen, just like when one domino falling makes another domino fall.
- That's kind of like what happens when we're not honest—it often causes something else bad to happen.
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**Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)**  
**Worship SONGS**

## GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

### 2. Comic Strip Scenarios

[Application Activity]

*Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through drawing, building and designing*

**What You Need:** "Comic Strip Scenarios" Activity Page; markers/crayons

**What You Do:**

- Hand out the Activity Pages, and set out the markers/crayons.
- Go through the scenarios one at a time.
  - Ask kids to describe what's going on in the pictures.
  - Then ask what could happen if the kid was untruthful. How could someone get hurt?
  - Then instruct them to finish the strip in the last square with the kid in the scenario being truthful.
- If you have mostly older kids (first graders) and have more time, challenge them to work together to come up with another three-strip comic where a kid could potentially not be truthful and it would hurt others.

**What You Say:**

*"These are all scenarios that could maybe happen to us. It can be tempting to not tell the truth so we won't get in trouble or so we'll look good or for many other reasons. But often **when you're not truthful, you hurt others**, and that's not a good thing. We don't want other people to get hurt because we weren't honest. That's not fair to them, is it? Whenever we think about not telling the truth, we should think about the fact that someone else could get hurt because we weren't honest. Let's all try to be honest and tell the truth from this point on so we won't hurt others with our untruthfulness." [Make It Personal] (Tell kids a story about a time you lied when you were little and someone else got hurt as a result. What happened? How did that other person feel? How did you feel?)*

### 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:**

- Tell kids it's time to pray, and they can do it however they wish: standing up, sitting down, lying down, kneeling, with their eyes open or closed, or anything else.
- Explain that they can pray anytime, anywhere, and in any way about anything they want.

- Then tell kids to repeat this prayer after you: "God, please help me to be truthful so I won't hurt others."
- Give kids 15-20 more seconds to pray silently about anything they want.

**What You Say:**

"I love that we can pray anywhere, anytime, and about anything. God hears our prayers no matter where we are or what we say. That's pretty amazing, isn't it? Every day this week, I want you to pray, and I want you to keep asking God to help you be truthful, because **when you're not truthful, you hurt others**. And I know you don't want to hurt others!"

*As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids to show them their "Comic Strip Scenarios" Activity Pages, describe what is happening, and then tell them the Bottom Line and why it's important.*