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Memory Verse:

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

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

Bottom Line: Being truthful with God helps keep you close with Him.

Bible Story: Clean Your Hard Drive • 1 John 1:9

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

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

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

Summary: Finally, we head to a principle found in 1 John 1:9 where we discover that not only is it important to be honest with everyone, but it's even more important to be honest with God. God already knows what's going on in your heart, but He wants to hear from you—even when it's to confess the times we've messed up.

We don't have to worry about telling God what we've done wrong. Our honesty with God will keep our relationship with Him strong.

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

"Je-sus loves me.
2 lap pats – 2 claps
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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: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - What kinds of things can you talk to God about?
 - When can you pray?
 - *Note: Get kids to dig deeper and say things other than just "everything" and "anytime."*
Prompt them to give you specific answers.

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

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

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Salvation Squares

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: "Salvation Squares" Activity Pages; markers/crayons; Bible

What You Do:

- Read 1 John 1:9.
 - Explain that God forgives us because He sent His Son Jesus to earth to live and to die to pay for our sins.
- Read John 3:16.
 - Tell kids that this verse explains that we can live with God forever because of Jesus.
- Hand out the Activity Pages.
 - Read John 3:16 again.
 - Point to each phrase on the page as you relate it to the words of John 3:16.
- Guide kids to draw pictures in each square that illustrate the words. For instance: a heart, a gift, a thumbs up, a cross. However, kids don't all have to draw the same things. Let them be creative.

What You Say:

*"God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive. That makes it pretty clear. If you have any questions about this, you can ask me now or ask me afterward. You can talk to your parents about it too. (If you have kids whose parents you know don't attend church or aren't believers, reword this and maybe direct them to talk to a kid's parents who you know are believers. Whatever you do say, make sure you base it on what you know about your few.) And you can most definitely talk to God anytime. You can tell Him the good stuff, and you can tell Him the bad stuff too. He doesn't want us to keep secrets from Him, and He promises to forgive us when we ask. **Being truthful with God helps keep you close to Him.**"*

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 hold their Activity Pages.
- Guide kids to repeat the prayer below after you.

What You Say:

"Dear God (pause), You are amazing (pause). Please help us (pause) to be honest (pause). Please forgive us (pause) when we do wrong things (pause). Thank You (pause) for loving us (pause) and forgiving us (pause). In Jesus' name, amen (pause). Let's all remember that honesty is choosing to be truthful in whatever You

*say and do. This doesn't just include other people, but also God. **Being truthful with God helps keep you close to Him.***

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids to explain what their "Salvation Squares" papers are about.