



## WEEK ONE - MAY 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

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

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

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

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

**Basic Truth:** *I need to make the wise choice.*

**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.

**Bottom Line:** 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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**8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES**

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### **1. Early Arriver Idea**

*Move: an activity that taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** N/A

#### **What You Do:**

- Instruct kids to use their bodies to make the number seven in as many ways as possible.
  - You might need to help guide them. Here are some options:
  - Individuals bend their bodies to make a 7.
  - Kids pair up and use their bodies to make a 7 on the floor.
  - Use everyone's bodies to create a huge 7 on the floor.
  - Use everyone's bodies to write the word "SEVEN" on the floor.
  - Kids stand and use their bodies to write the word "SEVEN." (It will be tricky to make the E's. You'll likely need to help pose them.)

#### **What You Say:**

*"That was so much fun using our bodies to make the number seven. Why do you think we did that? (Pause.) [Transition] Today's Bible story has something to do with the number seven. I want you to listen carefully for it, and then pay close attention to what happens next."*

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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**9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP**

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#### **OVERVIEW:**

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9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

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## 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."***

## 2. Walking Verse

[Memory Verse Activity]

*Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** Bibles

**What You Do:**

- Help kids look up Proverbs 10:9.
  - When finding verses with kindergartners, help guide the children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word Proverbs at the top of the page as you say "Proverbs" aloud. Then guide children to find the big number

10 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 10 for the little 9; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

- When finding verses with first graders, help guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Proverbs in the list under "Old Testament." You can help by telling them that Proverbs starts with the letters P-R. When the kids find Proverbs, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Proverbs. Help the kids find the page. When they find Proverbs, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 10. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 10.
- Say the entire verse several times. Then say just the first sentence (or the first phrase if you're using NIV), and ask kids to repeat it after you.
- Ask kids to stand up and line up behind you.
- Then walk to several different points around your circle or in the center of the room, with kids following you and repeating the sentence/phrase.
- Feel free to do silly walks (such as crab walks, walking backward, crawling, hopping, etc.) in order to keep the kids engaged.

#### **What You Say:**

*"We walked safely today, because we were just walking around our space. When you live without blame, part of that is always being truthful. When you are truthful with people, it's like walking safely. It's a good thing. Because you don't want to walk unsafely, right? **When you're not truthful, you lose trust.** And when you lose trust, things don't go well. Let's all decide to make the choice to be honest and truthful in all that we do."*

### **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.**

- Zoe was playing with a bouncy ball in the hallway. The ball bounced and knocked a picture frame off the wall. When her mom asked what happened, Zoe said she tripped and fell against the frame, knocking it over.
- Kobe and his big brother, Terrance, were shoving each other in the bookstore when they bumped into a huge book display and all the books came tumbling down. They ran around the corner of a bookcase before their mom could see them. They heard her calling for them asking if they had done it. They looked at each other and knew they had to do the right thing. They came out and admitted they did it, and they offered to help the store worker set the books back up.
- Jarrah knew she wasn't supposed to play a certain game on her mom's iPad®, but she played it anyway. Her mom came in while she was playing, and she quickly quit the game and turned the iPad over. Her mom asked her what she was doing. She wondered if she could get away with telling her mom she was just looking at pictures. But instead, she chose to tell her mom the truth.
- Daniel didn't study for his spelling test. He couldn't remember how to spell some of the words right, so he looked at his neighbor, William's, paper. William always spelled everything right. His teacher, Mrs. Wu, caught him looking and asked him if he was cheating. He said no.
- Violet and her brother, Charles, were playing Frisbee in the front yard. Charles made a wild throw, and the Frisbee ended up across the street. They weren't supposed to cross the street unless their mom or dad were outside. They looked at each other, and Violet said to Charles, "If you go get it, I won't tell." He got it, and they played for a little while longer. *(Note: This one is tricky, because technically, nobody lied. But Violet basically said she wouldn't be truthful about what happened.)*
- Lukas was at the Play Palace, where kids are allowed to run free and play games, climb on stuff, and jump on trampolines. The rock-climbing wall was for kids eight and over only, and Lukas was only seven. But he had climbed walls before, and he knew he could do it. He told the employee at the wall that he was eight, and he climbed with no problem.

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**What to Do:**

Print one copy for each small group.

**Emoji Scenarios**

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