



WEEK FOUR - MAY 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

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

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

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 can trust God no matter what*

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.

Bottom Line: 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.

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

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.*

2. It's True

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Explain that you will go around the circle and make true statements that are related to the true statement the last person said.
 - For instance, you will start and say: "It's true that Christmas is in December."
 - The first kid will say something that's true about something in that statement, like: "It's true that Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus."
 - The next kid might say: "It's true that Jesus loves me."
 - Next: "It's true that my mom loves me."
- If kids need some help, ask a prompting question, such as: "What is true about December?" or "What is true about Jesus?"
- Continue to play as long as you have time.
- If interest starts to lag, encourage kids to say silly and random things.

What You Say:

"Those were a lot of true things! It's always important to be truthful about everything and to everyone—including God! [Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear more about that."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

OVERVIEW:

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

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

1. Secret Charades

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Explain that kids will be playing charades to show real-life situations where they might be tempted to "keep a secret" from God.
- Let kids act alone or in groups, depending on the situation and the kids involved.
- With younger kids, you will most likely need to give them specific actions and things to say, but you can do this without the rest of the group overhearing.
- After kids guess what's being acted out, discuss the situation and what kids should do.
- Make sure to point out that if you're nervous about telling someone something, tell God first, and then ask Him to help you tell someone else.
- Situations:
 - Lorabelle ripped her new dress.
 - Bo and his friend Jack were throwing a ball in Jack's house. They knocked over a glass and broke it. They cleaned it up and didn't tell anyone.
 - Garrett didn't do well on his spelling test. He threw it away instead of taking it home.
 - Kerrie and Tassany were supposed to be keeping an eye on Tassany's baby brother, but they weren't paying attention and he rolled off the couch. He wasn't hurt. Should they tell?
 - Penelope really wanted Aramis's super cool sticker. When Aramis walked away, she snuck the sticker out of her desk and stuck it in her pocket.

What You Say:

"We all have times when we do things that we're not proud of or that we know we shouldn't do. But the trick is to make things right by admitting when we've done something wrong and asking God to forgive us. He always will, if we just ask Him. And most of the time, other people will forgive us too. And I've found that it's easier to tell others once I've told God. [Make It Personal] (Tell kids an age-appropriate story about a time you messed up, hurt someone's feelings, etc., and you told God, who then gave you the strength to apologize to the person you hurt.) Being truthful with God helps keep you close to Him."

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.

GOD
LOVED.

GOD
GAVE.

WE
BELIEVE.

WE
RECEIVE.

What to Do:

Print one page for each kid.

Salvation Squares

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