

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Rise Up
Daniel's Integrity
Daniel 1

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be truthful with your whole life.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Integrity—Choosing to be truthful
in whatever you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Super Wonderful" from *Little Praise Party Taste and See*, "Jesus, I Will Trust You" from *This Love*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Veggie Sculpting
Application Activity: What Would You Do?
Memory Verse Activity: The Crooked Path
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



1. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Jenga® blocks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child their own Jenga Block. Place a post-it note on the block with their name so they can use it again and no other kid's touch their block.

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- One at a time, let the kids take turns building with their Jenga blocks.
- Build until everyone has added their blocks, or until it falls over.
- The game ends when someone topples the tower!
- Play as long as time and interest allow.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"In this game, if you placed the block in an unstable place, the whole tower fell down! **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we'll learn how little choices Daniel made allowed him to stand strong in a very difficult situation."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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MADE TO MOVE

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



*2. THE CROOKED PATH [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the floor tape to create a “crooked” line with the tape.
- Instruct the kids to walk along the tape line, one at a time, as you repeat the verse together.
 - **Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught. Proverbs 10:9, NIV**
- After everyone has had a turn walking along the path, ask one kid to help you mark a straight line of tape on the floor.
- Repeat the verse again as the kids take turns walking along the straight path.
- Leave both tape lines on the floor for “Pray and Dismiss.”

WHAT YOU SAY:

“What is the difference between these two paths? *(Pause.)* Exactly. One is crooked, and one is straight. When we choose integrity, it’s like walking a smooth, straight path. There is no blame or fault and no reason to sneak around when we choose to be truthful with our words and actions. When we choose to be dishonest, when we say one thing but do another, it’s like taking the crooked path. And what does our verse say about that crooked path? Eventually, we will get caught! So it’s better to choose integrity from the start. This week, when you find yourself in a situation where you’re tempted to lie or cheat or do something dishonest, think about these two paths. Think about which one you’d rather be on. Choose integrity so you can **be truthful with your whole life.**”

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Tape lines from “The Crooked Path”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to line up and sit along the straight tape line.
- Encourage them to think about the week ahead and answer the following question silently on their own:

When is it hardest for me to choose integrity?

- Sit in front of their line (between them and the crooked path) and pray for God’s help to **be truthful with your whole life.**

WHAT YOU SAY:

“God, thank You for ALWAYS being truthful in what You say and do. We can put ALL our trust in You because You keep Your promises. This week, help us choose the straight path. When we’re tempted to do the wrong thing, remind us of this crooked path. Give us the strength to be honest with our words AND our actions so others can trust us, too. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, point out the straight and crooked tape paths on the floor. Explain that you talked about Proverbs 10:9 and how choosing to be truthful and act with integrity is like walking a straight, safe path.

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