



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### A Matter of Trust

Naaman and Elisha's Servant  
2 Kings 5

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why is it important for  
people to trust you?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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you lose trust.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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without blame walks safely.  
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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 need to make the wise choice.

### 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 ("Friends Like You" from *This Love*, "Wonderful" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, and "What A Beautiful Name" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 6*)  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN

#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot and Discussion Questions  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review Memory Verse  
Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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

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## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

Host enters . . .

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

## WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

## OPENER

**HOST:** "What's going on, everyone! We have such a great day in store for you. And that day starts with an epic challenge between some volunteers. I need two teams of two. Who wants in?"

Host chooses four volunteers.

"Alright, you have probably seen cup stacking games before, but we're about to take this to the next level. Here's how it works: One partner will be the stacker. Sounds easy right? Well, not so much because our stackers today will be blindfolded. But have no fear, you're not in this alone. Your other partner is here to help. They'll give you instructions to help you complete a perfect pyramid of cups."

"Both teams have 21 cups. That means: six on the bottom, five in the next row, four, three, two, and finally one on top. Listen to your partner, but the partner without the blindfold CANNOT touch anything. Got it? The first team to finish wins. Make sense? Ready . . . set . . . and STACK!"

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*Note: To make the game more challenging, you can start with the cups spread out so that they have to first guide their blindfolded partner to collect the cups and then stack them. Also, if you have time, you can play again with more volunteers.*

(After the game) "Awesome job, everyone!"

**HOST:** "This month we're talking about integrity."

**SLIDE: LIFE APP**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP**

**"Integrity is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do."**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME APP TRANSITION TO THEME**

"Living with integrity means that we choose to be honest, trustworthy, and true. We drop the act. We don't need to pretend to be someone we're not. We can be ourselves and choose to follow God, wherever we are!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Save the Date - MEGA AWESOME COSTUME PARTY and MOVIE NIGHT on October 30th
  - fliers go out next week
- LOVE WORKS SUNDAY - THIS WEEK we are collecting items
  - show flier

## SEGUE INTO WORSHIP

**Worship 1: I Choose You**

**Worship 2: Who You Say I Am**

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## COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT (STORY)

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

*Communicator enters with a box of props and sets the box down on a pre-set table as Worship Leaders exit.*

### INTRODUCTION

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Hey, everyone! Glad to see you all today. So, I have a question for you as we get started. Have you ever done something that you know could’ve gotten you in trouble, but you thought you could get away with it until something went wrong and you were exposed?”

“Like for instance, *(Take a cookie from the prop box.)* you snuck the last cookie even though it wasn’t yours because you already had YOUR last cookie? Nobody saw you do it, though, so you are all good! *(Eat the cookie.)* Except, your mom sees the evidence all over your fingers. Those cookie crumbs and chocolate chip stains don’t lie.”

“Or maybe you borrowed your sister’s shirt without asking. *(Hold up shirt.)* You know, the one that she told you that you couldn’t borrow because that last time you borrowed a shirt you got cookie fingerprints all over it. Well, what she doesn’t know won’t hurt her! But it’s about to hurt you . . . because you didn’t realize when you returned the shirt, that you left a big stain of mustard on the sleeve. Mustard? Come on!”

“Or . . . you were throwing a football *(Pick up football.)* around the living room, which you had specifically been told not to do. But you are a skilled passer of the pigskin! You got this. Well, until you peg the antique lamp on the end table and shatter it into a hundred pieces! After a fairly impressive gluing job, you think you are in the clear. That is until your dad pulls the chain for the light and the whole lamp falls apart.”

“Now, in all three of these scenarios, somebody did an action they weren’t supposed to do. But more than that, they took a risk by not telling the truth and it came back to hurt in the end.”

### TENSION

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Why do we do that? I mean, we all have learned since we were very little that not telling the truth is wrong. Yet in practice, it’s a lot harder than we might think. Why do you think we risk telling a lie, especially when we know that we could lose trust with that person if or when we get exposed? There could be all sorts of reasons, I guess, but the truth is, lying comes too easily for many of us, but lying is something that destroys our integrity. The people God inspired to write the books of the Bible talk about honesty and telling the truth a lot actually. Let’s see what we can discover that might help us remember to tell the truth.”

### TRUTH

**COMMUNICATOR:** “We find today’s story in the Old Testament of our Bibles, during a period when the nation of Israel was ruled by kings.”

“You see, even though God was the best King they were ever going to have, God allowed Israel to be ruled by human kings. They did have some good human kings along the way . . . guys like David and Josiah. But unfortunately, they also had a whole lot of bad kings who didn’t do a great job listening to God and obeying Him. And when the king didn’t listen to God, well, neither did the people.”

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“When that happened, God would send one of these messengers to the king and the people in order to tell them to get their acts together! The messengers would warn God’s people that they were on a dangerous path and should return to God’s ways and be faithful to Him. Does anyone know what these messengers are called?”

*Pause for responses.*

“That’s right—prophets! We often think prophets were all about telling the future, but actually more than anything, a prophet’s job was to tell the truth about what was happening in the present and the impact it could have on the future. Like, ‘This is what is happening, this is why it is a big deal, and this is what will happen if you don’t stop!’ That sort of thing.”

“Well, I tell you all of that because our story today centers on an important prophet named Elisha. You might remember him because just a few weeks ago we talked about Elijah and Elisha’s friendship.

“I need some help telling this story, as we have a few key players in the story. Anyone up to help out? I need an Elisha.”

*Choose volunteer.*

“And I need Elisha’s servant, a guy named Gehazi.”

*Choose volunteer.*

“You don’t come in for a little while, but you have a very important part.”

“And finally, we need an army commander named Naaman.”

*Choose a volunteer.*

“Did I mention he is an enemy army commander? I left that out? Oops.”

“Okay, I think we’re ready. Actually, I have an idea. Oh, [Name of Host]!”

*Communicator calls the Host out.*

**HOST:** “What’s up?”

**COMMUNICATOR:** “We’re about to tell the story, and I thought you could help these three act out the story. You know, guide them around the stage and put them in position.”

**HOST:** “Oh you mean like mannequins! Sounds like fun!”

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Exactly. (To volunteers) Alright, [Host’s name] is going to help you through the story. Just do whatever they have you do, okay? Okay, now we’re ready!”

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*Host should actively guide the volunteers around stage, guiding their movements, arranging their positions, giving them hand motions, etc. There are also some additional prop directions written in.*

**COMMUNICATOR:** *“(Read directly from 2 Kings 5:1, NIV) ‘Naaman was army commander of the king of Aram. (Host hands Naaman a sword) He was very important to his master and was highly respected. (Host puffs out Naaman’s chest) That’s because the Lord had helped him win the battle over Aram’s enemies. He was a brave soldier. But he had a skin disease.’”*

*Host puts circle bandages all over Naaman’s face.*

**COMMUNICATOR:** *“By the way, do you remember that this guy was an enemy of Israel? Yeah . . . that’s kind of important. Let’s continue. So some soldiers from Aram, where Naaman was a commander, had marched out and they captured a girl from Israel. And this girl became the servant of Naaman’s wife. This servant girl was aware of Naaman’s . . . condition (point to circle bandages) and surprisingly, she said, (read directly from 2 Kings 5:3b, NIV) ‘I wish my master would go and see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would heal my master of his skin disease.’”*

*“Woah! First of all, she had been captured! Why did she have pity for Naaman? But secondly, did you catch who she was talking about? The . . . prophet . . . in Samaria? Anyone know who that was?”*

*Pause for responses.*

*“Right! She was talking about Elisha, the prophet! So Naaman talked to his master, the king, about whether or not he should go. They decided he should and that he should take a letter from the king. So Naaman loaded up for the journey.”*

*“Now, do you have someone in your family who overpacks? Check out Naaman. He took . . . 750 pounds of silver with him. (Host puts giant cardboard box marked “silver” on it in Naaman’s hands) He took 150 pounds of gold. (Host puts big box marked “gold” on it) And he took ten sets of clothes. (Host puts a suitcase on top of the boxes). Oh, and he carried a letter from the king of Israel.”*

*“Let’s check out that letter . . . ‘I’m sending my servant Naaman to you with this letter. I want you to heal him of his skin disease.’ (2 Kings 5:6, NIV)”*

*Communicator puts letter on the volunteer. Host guides Naaman around the stage a little bit before helping him set everything down.*

*“Now, any thoughts on why in the world Naaman would take SO MUCH money with him. Like 900 pounds of silver and gold!”*

*Pause for responses.*

*“I’m guessing that he thought he was going to have to pay someone big time to heal him of his skin disease . . . and he wanted to be ready. Alright, let’s get back into it. So, the king of Israel read the letter and, well, he wasn’t buying it. He thought it was some sort of trap. How could he heal anyone? He wasn’t God! The king got very upset. And you know who heard about it?”*

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*Communicator goes over and gets Elisha and Gehazi.*

"Elisha. That's right. And we're going to bring Gehazi along for the ride because he was Elisha's servant and probably went everywhere with him."

"So Elisha sent a message to have Naaman come and see him. And so, he went."

*Naaman picks up all his things and comes over to Elisha and Gehazi.*

*"(Read directly from 2 Kings 5:10, NIV) 'Elisha sent a messenger out to him. The messenger said, "Go! Wash yourself in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed. You will be pure and 'clean' again.'"*

*Host puts swimmyes on Naaman's arms.*

"But Naaman was not thrilled about this! He thought Elisha was going to say a special prayer or wave his hand to make him better. Wash in the river? And why the Jordan River? He could have stayed home and washed in one of the rivers of Damascus! Naaman was mad, and he stormed off."

*Host directs Naaman away from Elisha and Gehazi.*

"Well, Naaman's servants had a little heart-to-heart with him and convinced him to listen to Elisha. And so, Naaman went down to that river, dipped in it seven times, and you know what happened? His skin was healed!"

*Host pulls all of the circle bandages off.*

"So Naaman loaded up all his stuff (Host piles up his boxes and suitcase) and went back to Elisha. Check out what Naaman said."

*Host directs Naaman back to Elisha and Gehazi.*

*"(Read directly from 2 Kings 5:15b, NIV) 'Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God anywhere in the whole world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from me.'"*

"Woah! Naaman wanted to give Elisha a gift for what he had done, and man did he have some gifts! Silver, gold, fancy clothes! But check out Elisha's response."

*"(Read directly from 2 Kings 5:16, NIV) 'The prophet answered, "I serve the Lord. You can be sure that he lives. And you can be just as sure that I won't accept a gift from you." Even though Naaman begged him to take it, Elisha wouldn't.'"*

"Why do you think Elisha wouldn't take the gift?"

*Pause for responses.*

"Right, he was God's servant doing God's work. Not for a price or a fee. Naaman's healing was for God's glory, and God had already gotten glory! So Elisha refused even though Naaman begged him."

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"So they parted ways. (Host leads Naaman away and sends Elisha the other direction) and this was where Gehazi came into play. Gehazi didn't think that Elisha made the best choice there. He thought Naaman should have ponied up a bit of his stuff. So, Gehazi caught up with Naaman."

*Host hurries Gehazi over to Naaman.*

"Naaman asked Gehazi if everything was alright. (Read directly from 2 Kings 5:22, NIV) 'Everything is all right,' Gehazi answered. 'My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the group of the prophets have just come to me. They've come from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them 75 pounds of silver and two sets of clothes.'"

"Wait a second. Stop. (To audience) Did Elisha really say that? ANY of that?"

*Pause for response.*

"Nope. This was not true at all. Gehazi was making it up. Oh man, I have a feeling this is not going to end well."

"Naaman encouraged him to take twice as much silver."

*Open silver box and pulls out smaller box marked "150 lbs. silver" and hands it to Gehazi.*

"And to take a couple sets of clothes."

*Open suitcase and hands some clothes to Gehazi.*

"Gehazi took the gifts back to Elisha's house (Host helps carry) and put them away in Elisha's house. Just checking again . . . did Elisha ask for any of this? (Pause for response.) Nope."

"(Read directly from 2 Kings 5:25, NIV) 'Then he went back inside the house. He stood in front of his master Elisha. (Hosts directs Gehazi) "Gehazi, where have you been?" Elisha asked. "I didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered.'"

"What?! What did he mean he didn't go anywhere? Do y'all see what's happening here?"

"Well so did Elisha. Elisha confronted Gehazi about what happened. I mean . . . he's a prophet! And in the end, Gehazi ended up losing Elisha's trust . . . and gaining something else."

*Host puts circles bandages on Gehazi.*

"He got Naaman's skin disease. Pretty crazy."

"Hey, can you thank our volunteers and our Host!"

*Volunteers and Host sit down.*

"This story is a pretty wild one complete with skin diseases, almost a thousand pounds of silver and gold, and washing in the Jordan River to be healed. But I think the craziest part is what happened with Gehazi. It makes me wonder a few things."



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"First, what made him decide to go ask for Naaman's stuff even when Elisha had said no? Even more than that? I wonder what would have happened if he had just been honest with Elisha when he was confronted about the whole thing. Instead, he lied! He told Elisha he didn't do anything. He didn't go anywhere. I wonder if the outcome would have been different."

## APPLICATION

**COMMUNICATOR:** "You ever been there before? I know at the beginning we talked about doing an action you shouldn't be doing but then taking a risk by not telling the truth. That's what Gehazi did, and it cost him big time in the end."

"We might not come down with a skin disease, but we do face consequences for lying. So why do we do it? Maybe we are nervous about what will happen if we tell the truth. Maybe the person will be disappointed with us or will have a hard time trusting us again in the future. But the risk is worth it compared to them discovering on their own that we were not truthful."

"It is really important to be truthful from the start. It makes life a whole lot easier. This is the example we also see in Jesus. He was never afraid to tell the truth, even when it cost Him everything. And as we follow Jesus, He can give us the courage to tell the truth. But we won't always get it right, but in the moments when we make the mistake and decide to try and lie, it's always a good idea to admit it and take the risk to tell the truth. It's the right thing to do. Always."

## LANDING

**COMMUNICATOR:** "Today as you head to Small Groups, think about this question:"

### SLIDE: KEY QUESTION SLIDE

**"Why is it important for people to trust you?"** Think about the people in your life who you might be tempted to tell a lie to or maybe that you even have told a lie to recently. How could this be affecting your relationship with them? When we decide that we want to live our lives with integrity, we need to drop the mask and be truthful with what we say and do. This can be especially true with how we have integrity with our words.

**HOST:** "We never have to wonder if we can tell God about what we've done wrong. He ALWAYS loves us. He will ALWAYS forgive us!

"When Jesus gave His life for us on the cross, He made it possible for us to have a relationship with God. We don't have to worry about our sin getting between us and God, because Jesus has already defeated sin and death!

"That means we don't have to hide. We don't have to keep secrets. We can be honest! We can have a CLOSE relationship with God, because of Jesus.

### SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

**"Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**

**"So, when you mess up, don't try to hide it. Talk to God and tell Him you're sorry. Remember—He always loves you,  
and He will always forgive you. Let's Pray.**