



WEEK
TWO

OCTOBER 2023

SMALL GROUP

2-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for the kids who are in situations of dishonesty. Ask God to give them the courage to face lies they've told, tell the full truth, and ask for forgiveness. Ask God to give those kids the strength and humility to rebuild the trust they've lost. For other kids, pray that God would use today's content and conversation to encourage them, not just to be honest, but to

work toward honesty in everything they do.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

A Matter of Trust

Naaman and Elisha's Servant
2 Kings 5

1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, index cards, and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- Instruct each kid to write down two things they HAVE done (two truths) and one thing they HAVEN'T done (one untruth) on their cards.
 - They can include things they've done, like vacations they've taken or even braggy things like scoring 100 on a spelling test.
- Encourage them to make sure all three statements, including the untruth, are believable so it's hard to tell which one isn't true.
- As the kids finish, direct them to write their names on their cards and hand them to you.
- Once all cards are collected, read each one aloud, naming the kid who wrote the three things.
- Instruct the kids to vote to decide which statements are true and which one is untrue.
- Invite the writer to share if the group is correct or incorrect!
- Repeat with the rest of the index cards.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**When you're not truthful,
you lose trust.**

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



*** 2. TRUTH TELLERS**
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: Ball

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain that as they roll the ball to each other, they'll say a very true message at the same time.
- Roll the ball to one of the kids and say, "Jesus loves you very much!"
- Encourage that kid to catch the ball and gently roll the ball to someone in the circle who hasn't received the ball yet.
- When the new kid gets the ball, instruct the kid who rolled the ball to repeat the truth you shared with them: Jesus loves you very much!
- Continue until everyone has heard that wonderful truth at least once.
- If you have time, repeat the game.
- This time, consider saying:
 - God loves everyone so much, He sent us Jesus!
 - I can trust God no matter what!
 - Because of what Jesus has done, I can believe that what He says is true!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! It was so fun to hear you tell each other these wonderful words that are true! I know these words are true, and it's good to tell them to each other. We should always be truthful with our words. Remember to treat others the way you want to be treated. This is so true! If you choose to tell lies like Gehazi, you'll have a hard time finding people who trust you because **when you're not truthful, you lose trust**. However, the opposite is also true! If you choose to be truthful, then other people will be able to trust you!"

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an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



3. IN REVERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "In Reverse" Activity Page and rectangular, shatterproof mirrors or one large shatterproof mirror, Paper Mirror & Pen

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show the kids the "In Reverse" Activity Page. (Point out that it looks like jumbled up letters and shapes.)
- Ask if anyone recognizes any letters or words or can tell what the paper is for.
- Direct the kids to get in pairs.
- Give each pair an "In Reverse" Activity Page and a shatterproof mirror.
- Demonstrate how to work together with their partner to decode the paper.
 - Instruct one kid to hold the mirror while the other kids holds up the "In Reverse" Activity Page.
 - Direct the kid with the mirror to move their mirror around until the kid holding the paper can see themselves and the words on the paper.
 - Each kid will copy the message on to there own mirror so they can take it home with them.

and hold the paper in front of themselves to see the words. See if they can recognize what's on the paper now.

- It's okay if kids can't read the words; emphasize how the mirror helps us recognize the letters more clearly.
- Direct the kids holding the paper from the "In Reverse" Activity Page to point to the words on the mirror as you read the verse.
- Read the verse out loud to the group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's so neat to look in the mirror and see ourselves because we're so wonderfully made by God! And when we looked in the mirror holding the piece of paper, we got to see how the mirror took what looked like squiggles on the paper and reversed them so we could see the letters and words!

"Let's try to make good choices this week so we'll walk safely and not get caught because we've made mistakes. Let's each remember that **when you're not truthful, you lose trust.**"

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for personal processing
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct your group to sit in a circle.
- Close your group time in prayer, asking God to help them

be truthful this week so others can trust them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for being truthful in all You say and do. We know that **when you're not truthful, you lose trust**. When we're tempted to lie, help us remember that our relationships will suffer. We want to be kids who are trustworthy! Thanks for loving us and helping us follow You each day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, point to the bucket with the quarter and pennies. Invite the kids to share how you can't really cover up a lie with more lies, and that it's better to tell the truth from the start because **when you're not truthful, you lose trust**.

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