

**Today's Bible Story:** A Matter of Trust (Naaman and Elisha's Servant) • *2 Kings 5*

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

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIRV)

**Monthly Life App:** Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

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

### 1. Questions

- Ask them the following questions about their week:
  1. What was the funniest or most surprising thing about this past week?
  2. What was your favorite meal this past week?
  3. Did you learn anything new this week? What did you learn?
  4. What is your favorite thing about this school year so far?
  5. What do you miss most about last school year?

### 2. Mirror Image

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Ask the kids to pair up (or be a partner for your child if needed)
- The kid in each pair whose birthday is the closest to today will be Player A, and the other is Player B.
- Call out an action for Player A to begin.
- Player B must stand right across from them and mirror their actions. Neither kid is allowed to speak.
- After pairs seem in sync, call out a different action. This time, Player B will begin, and Player A will be the mirror.
- Some ideas: tossing pizza dough, getting into a snowsuit, playing basketball, washing a car, packing a suitcase, etc.
- Play as many rounds as time allows.

**What You Say:**

“After a while, you were able to figure out what your partner was going to do. As the game went on, you built trust together. Being able to count on someone to do what they should do means you can trust them. In our story we saw how important it is that we can be someone our friends and family can trust.”

### 3. Do YOU Have the Button?

**What You Need:** Button

**What You Do:**

- Encourage the kids to sit on the floor in a circle.
- Select one kid to be "It" for the first round.
- Instruct the kid who is "It" to close their eyes.
- Hand the button to one of the kids in the circle.
- Then tell the kid who is "It" to open their eyes and stand in the center of the circle, point to each kid and ask, "Button, button who's got the button?"
- Each kid needs to answer, "No."
- If the kid who is "It" correctly identifies the "liar," they win.
- If not, the group wins.
- Play as many rounds as time allows, selecting a different kid to be "It" for each round.

**What You Say:**

"In this game, you were all forced to be dishonest. It didn't feel good, did it? Yes, we were playing a game, but we've all been looking at each other asking, 'who is the liar?' You couldn't really trust what anyone said. Because lying BREAKS trust. But being honest with our words and actions does the opposite. Living with integrity BUILDS trust. So this week, remember this silly button game and how it felt to be lied to or to 'have' to lie. Remember that **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you lose trust.** Let's choose to be honest in what we say and do so that we can BUILD trust."

### 4. Tell the Truth

**What You Need:** Any game board with spaces you move along, dice, a game piece, 5 coins.

**What You Do:**

- Set the Gameboard on the floor/table and guide kids to gather around it.
- Place the 5 coins on board spaces spread throughout the board.
- Give each player a game piece and have them set it on the starting place.
- Have them take turns rolling the dice and moving their piece the appropriate number of spaces.
- If the game piece lands on a space with a coin, read a scenario from below and guide that player to answer.
- If they answer correctly, lead them to move their token forward two spaces.
- If they answer incorrectly, guide them to go back one space.
- Continue play until every team reaches FINISH.

"Tell the Truth" Scenarios

-You call your sister a name. When she tells your mom, do you:

Say, "NO, I didn't!" or Tell the truth and say you're sorry?

-It's your mom's birthday, and she loves flowers. Do you:

Pick some flowers from the neighbor's lawn, or Draw some flowers for her instead?

-It's time to do your chores, but you decide to play a video game instead. When your mom sees you playing, do you say: "Oh, I forgot!" or "I'm sorry."

-You break something at school. When your teacher asks what happened, do you say, "I don't know," or "I'm sorry. It was my fault."

-You get mad at your friend and push him. Do you: Say it was an accident, or Tell him the truth and say you're sorry.

-You get to school and realize that you forgot to do your homework. Do you: Tell your teacher that your mom forgot to put it in your backpack, or Say, "I'm sorry. I forgot to do it."

-You copy your friend's paper to finish a math problem. When your teacher asks you if you copied, do you say: "Yes. I'm sorry," or "No, I didn't."

### **What You Say:**

"God wants you to tell the truth, because **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you lose trust.** But when you ARE truthful, you gain trust! You gain God's trust, and you gain people's trust. So, tell the truth and do what you say you're going to do. Be a person of integrity so that people will know they can trust you! Because **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you lose trust.**"

## **5. Pray**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Lead the kids in the following call and response prayer below.

### **What You Say:**

"Dear God, thank You for always being truthful. *(Kids repeat.)* Help me to be truthful *(kids repeat)*, in all I say and do. *(Kids repeat.)* So others will trust me. *(Kids repeat.)* Amen.

"Remember, living with integrity is impossible on our own. We need God's help for sure. And the good news is, God hears us when we pray, and He is with us always. So this week, let's choose to be truthful knowing that **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you lose trust.**"

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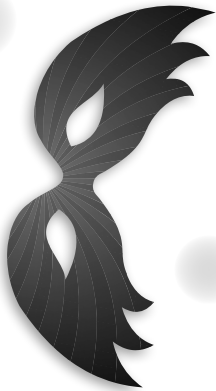
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**Do This**



**Bed Time**

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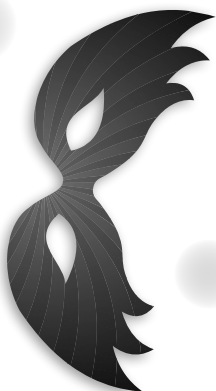
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DAY 1

## Read Ephesians 4:25

**“Cheaters never win.”**

**“Honesty is the best policy.”**

**“Lying lips sink ships.”**

Have you heard any of these sayings before?

Honesty is always the best policy because even if you do get in trouble for something you’ve done wrong, being honest about it means less trouble for sure. And lying lips, can tank or sink your relationship with others.

Here’s a little integrity challenge. The next time you’re tempted to do or say something untrue, think about the people around you. **Remember that when you’re not truthful, you lose trust.** Ask yourself if telling that lie or doing something dishonest in the moment will help or hurt your relationships. If it’s hurtful, it’s best to choose integrity instead. And remember, you can always ask God to help you make choices that honor Him and others!

Create your own integrity phrases like the ones above. Try to keep it to five words or less. Share your new integrity slogan with a family member or friend.

DAY 2

## Read Luke 6:31

Today’s verse is often called the golden rule. Jesus taught us this rule so we would know how to treat each other. But this is especially true when it comes to integrity! Strong friendships are built on trust.

How would you change the scenarios below so that the person treats you the way you want to be treated? Your sister breaks something of yours. When you ask her what happened, she says she never touched it.

Your best friend passes out invitations to her birthday party at school. It’s the end of the day and you haven’t received one. When you ask her about it, she denies that she passed out invitations at all.

Your friend borrowed your favorite pencil sharpener without asking. When you say something to him, he lies and says he hasn’t seen it.

When it comes to living with integrity this week, make sure you apply the golden rule. **Ask God to help you treat others the way you want to be treated so you build trust!**

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

DAY 3

### Read Colossians 3:9

Biting your nails.  
Brushing your teeth twice a day.  
Chewing with your mouth open.  
Cleaning up after you're finished.

Habits. We all have them. Some are good and some are just plain bad! Did you know that you can actually change your habits? The best way to break an old habit is to replace it with a new one.

When you become a follower of Jesus, you are a new creation. The old way of doing things, the old way of living should be left behind. So instead of falling into old habits that are dishonest, we should follow Jesus' example. With God's help, we can replace our old habits and choose to be truthful so that others can trust us.

Think back to this past week. Did you fall into the old habit of lying about something to avoid getting in trouble? Ask God to forgive you and to help you make a different choice next time. **And if you've hurt someone with your lie, make sure you ask them for forgiveness too.**



DAY 4

### Read 1 John 3:18

What's the difference between saying "I love you" and showing someone you love them? Is it easier to say you love or to show you love?

One big way you can show someone how much you love them is by choosing to be truthful in all you say and do. Just like love is about more than words, integrity is more than just using honest words or telling the truth. It's about our honest actions too. While the words we say are super important (just like saying "I love you" is important), we need to back up those words by being honest in how we live and treat others.

Write a note to yourself by filling in the blanks below. Ask God to help you show love by choosing to be honest in all we say AND do this week.

**Dear** \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Your name)

Don't just talk about love, show  
\_\_\_\_\_ love by  
(Friend/ family member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(a specific example of integrity)

**Then it will truly be love.**