

Honesty

Small Group Lesson Parents' Summary



Follow along with GKidz as we develop the character value of Honesty in the Timothy Club P1-3 children over the next four weeks!

Dear Parents,

A person's character is revealed by his or her behavior. A person who always tells the truth, even when it is difficult, demonstrates courage and integrity. In this series of 4 lessons we want the children to learn to be honest as Honesty requires making a conscientious effort to be accurate. It is important that our children learn that every message communicated be truthful.

Our main aim is that your child will learn to be honest consistently so as to gain the respect and trust of others.

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The 5 "I wills" of Honesty

- 1 I will tell the truth.
- 2 I will encourage others to tell the truth.
- 3 I will admit it when I am wrong.
- 4 I will not exaggerate to make things seem different from what they are.
- 5 I will not cheat or steal.

Memory verse

The Lord hates those whose lips tell lies. But he is pleased with people who tell the truth.

Proverbs 12:22 (NIRV)



Honesty Lesson #1: I Will Tell The Truth

Scripture text: Mark 14:53-65

This week's lesson focuses on the story of Jesus being interrogated before He was crucified. The soldiers took Jesus to the home of the Jewish high priest, where the Jewish leaders asked him many questions. And one of the questions was, "Are you the Christ?" Jesus knew that if He said He was the Christ, the Jewish leaders will not let Him go. Jesus who always told the truth even to the point where He knew that His life was in danger and the Jewish leaders would not let Him go.

Going Deeper / Application

Jesus wants us to tell the truth always, even when it is hard to do so.

Suggested Activities, Questions or Discussion Points for Family Altar Time

- Discuss with your child the notes he/she made every time he/she tell a lie this week.
- Spend some time in the morning during breakfast time and pray with your child that God will help your child not to lie. Ask God to remind him/her when he/she is about to tell a lie and to help him/her to tell the truth at all times.

References

1. Kids of Integrity
2. Character First Education Series 1, Booklet 3
3. Sunburst Visual Media



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Honesty Lesson #2: I Will Encourage Others To Tell The Truth.

Scripture text: Acts 5:1-11

This week's lesson talks about how Ananias and Sapphira tried to deceive God by lying. They said they had given God's people all the money they received for selling a field, when in fact they had kept some of the money for themselves. God knows everything and sees everything so it is impossible to deceive Him. God put Ananias and Sapphira to death for lying.

Going Deeper / Application

God does not like it when we lie to Him or to anyone else. And we should respect God and be truthful. Children should be inspired and challenged to show honesty and integrity by stopping rumours and not listening to gossip.

Suggested Activities, Questions or Discussion Points for Family Altar Time

- A motivational way to get children to evaluate their personal honesty every week is to ask your child to journal his/her respond to this question for the whole of this week, "Which situation this past week was a challenge for me to be honest?"
- Have an "award" on hand to give to your child who remembers the best incident of being honest in this week. If you have a few children choose the most honest incident and award the child. A piece of construction paper or coloured card with a neatly printed H.U.P. (Honesty Under Pressure) will do nicely as the award. Let your child who wins put it on his/her bedroom door during the week until it is awarded again the next week.
- After a couple of weeks of "getting used to," you will find that children are willing to think hard about their behaviour of the past week in hopes of winning the award. And it is this kind of thinking and recognition that strongly reinforces honesty.
- If you have the Character Development Toolkit, use it to discuss specific ways to apply the "I will"s from the past two weeks. Track your child's progress using the Star Action Chart in the toolkit.
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Honesty Lesson #3:

I will admit it when I am wrong. I will not exaggerate to make things seem different from what they are.

Scripture text: Genesis 20:1-28

This week's lesson features a Bible story during the time Abraham moved to Gerar, he told the people that his wife Sarah was his sister. Abraham did not tell the whole truth to the king because he was afraid that someone would kill him so that they could have his beautiful wife.

Going Deeper / Application

God warned the king that Sarah was already married and the king sent Sarah back to Abraham. Abraham should trust God to protect him instead of telling a lie to protect himself. Abraham then explained why he did it and healing came to the king and his people.

Suggested Activities, Questions or Discussion Points for Family Altar Time

Write Notes of Truth:

- Your child at home will think of one or two character qualities of praise of you as parents or siblings. They will write them down on a card or note, decorate them and pass them to the assigned person. In this way the child will learn to be truthful in their praises and also learn to encourage and praise others.
- You can use the praise note to pray together as a family and to thank your child for being truthful in his/her praise. Encourage your child to write for other family members too.

References

1. Kids of Integrity
2. Character First Education Series 1, Booklet 3
3. Sunburst Visual Media

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Honesty Lesson #4: I will not cheat or steal.

Scripture text: Joshua 7

This week's lesson talks about when the Israelites conquered Jericho, Achan disobeyed God by keeping some of the gold and silver from Jericho for himself. God dealt with Achan severely because God hates lying, cheating and stealing.

Going Deeper / Application

God will forgive us when we are truly sorry about what we have done. But Achan hid what he had stolen and tried to cover up his sin. Yet he was still caught which teach us that when we cheat or steal the sin will eventually catch up with us and the consequences will not be good.

Suggested Activities, Questions or Discussion Points for Family Altar Time

Discuss honesty at home with your child as it relates to the following situations:

- One of your classmates is upset because he lost his lunch money. A few minutes later, you find two dollar bills on the floor of your classroom.
- Your teacher is giving a quiz. Your best friend, who sits next to you, hasn't done her homework. She whispers to you to turn your paper so she can see it.
- Your best friend is afraid to tell his parents that he left the bird cage open and the bird got out. He asks you to lie and say that you saw the cat jump up on the cage and open the door.
- You borrow a video from your friend and then lend it to someone else. The other person loses it. Your friend asks you for the video back.
- Your teacher asks you to collect a dollar from everyone in the class to pay for a class picnic. One of your classmates accidentally hands you two dollar bills and doesn't realize his mistake.

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