

Use this guide to help your family learn about how God wants us to live with integrity.

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this week's
video!

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Memory Verse

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anyone who takes
a crooked path will
get caught.
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

Bible Story

A Matter of Trust
(Naaman and
Elisha's Servant)
2 Kings 5

Bottom Line

When you're not
truthful, you lose trust.

Activity

Tic-Tac-Tourney

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and writing utensil

WHAT YOU DO:

Pre-draw ten Tic-Tac-Toe boards on the sheet of paper. Challenge your kid to a Tic-Tac-Toe competition. Play ten games and whoever wins the most of those games will be declared the ultimate Tic-Tac-Toe champion!



Talk about the Bible Story

We all want to win when we play a game, right? When have you been tempted to cheat to win a game? (Allow for response and share your own example.)

Someone in our story today told a lie to get what he wanted. Who was it? (Gehazi)

Who showed integrity in the story? Give an example how they showed integrity. (Naaman—apologized when he was wrong; asked for forgiveness; offered thanks and gifts)

Who did not show integrity? (Gehazi)

Why does lying get us in trouble? (We lose trust with the people and break relationships. Lying hurts our reputations and how people will trust us in the future.)

Because God is trustworthy, He wants us to be trustworthy. He wants us to protect our relationships with each other by always choosing to be honest, no matter what the outcome might be.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, we pray that our family would be one that's known for its integrity all the time. Help us to remember that when we're honest, we build trust and strengthen our relationships with each other. We pray that we are like Naaman—that when we're wrong, we're quick to apologize and ask for forgiveness. Thank You for loving us and forgiving us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Key Question

Why is it important for people to trust you?

Activity

Truth or Lie

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and writing utensil for everyone who's playing.

WHAT YOU DO:

Each person writes down 5 truths and 5 "lies" about themselves that you may not know. Make sure the truths and lies are mixed up randomly on the list. *Note: These can be simple like, "My favorite color is blue, or I really don't like pizza."*

Take turns sharing facts, letting everyone try to guess which ones are true, and which ones are lies.



Talk about the Bible Story

Who was someone in our story who did not show integrity? (*Gehazi: he lied*)

Who showed integrity in the story? Give an example how they showed integrity. (*Naaman—apologized when he was wrong; asked for forgiveness; offered thanks and gifts*)

How did Gehazi's lack of integrity affect others? How do you think it affected Gehazi and Elisha's relationship? (*Allow for response.*)

How can our choice to be truthful in whatever we say and do affect others? (*Discuss.*)

Why does lying get us in trouble? (*We lose trust with the people and break relationships. Lying hurts our reputations and how people will trust us in the future.*)

What about when we lie and nobody finds out? Do those lies hurt anyone if we're the only ones who know we lied?

When we lie, there are consequences. There were consequences to Gehazi's lie, weren't there? Let me tell you a story about a time I didn't tell the truth. (*Share a personal story about a time you told a lie. Make sure you include the consequences.*)

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