

City LG - May 5-6, 2018

Bible Story: Beware of Scam (Naaman and Elisha's Servant, Gehazi) • 2 Kings 5

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

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

CG: 2-Minute Countdown (play once children start to clean up)

WELCOME:

Supplies Needed: 3 Dry Erase Boards and Markers

"Hello, hello, hello! My name is [your name], and I'm so pumped that you're hanging out with us today. This is where the fun always happens. It's a brand-new month, which also means we have a brand-new theme, and it's a good one! We're talking about honesty."

CG: Honesty Slide

"Honesty is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. Let's read that together."

KIDS: "Honesty is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do."

"It seems like it would be easy to be honest, right? Just tell the truth. But that can be a lot tougher than it sounds. Sometimes we're afraid to be honest because it might get us into trouble—like if we admit when we did something wrong. Sometimes we're tempted to be DIShonest just so we can get what we want."

"Every day, we have a choice to make. We can choose to be honest, or we can choose to be dishonest. Which one do you think is better? *(Pause for response.)* Me too!"

CG: Game Time Bumper Video

"Hey, you know what that music means? It's game time! Let me get three of you up here to play 'Trust or Leader'!"

Bring three older kids on stage and introduce them.

"Here's how we'll play 'Trust or Leader.' I'll ask a question. [Kid contestants' names] can choose to trust what they THINK is the right answer OR, if they're not sure, they can ask their leader."

"The first team to write down the correct answer on their dry erase board and hold it up gets a point. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins! Audience, be sure to cheer for our teams. Oh, and let's all play HONESTLY. Don't just yell out the answer if you know it."

(To contestants) "Contestants, here is your first question."

"Question 1: In the nursery rhyme 'Jack and Jill,' what did Jack and Jill go up the hill to 'fetch'?"

(To kid contestants) "Do you know the answer? Do you want to trust yourself or ask your leader?"

Call on the first contestant that holds up an answer on their dry erase board.

"[First contestants' names] think it's 'a pail of water.' [First contestants' names], you are correct! Great job! You get a point for your small group! Let's move on to the second question.

Repeat the same process for each question. If you need a tiebreaker, use the bonus question at the end.

"Question 2: Where does the President of the United States live while he or she is the President? (*the White House*)

"Question 3: Which country is home to the kangaroo? (*Australia*)

"Question 4: What type of vehicle runs on a track and blows a whistle? (*train*)

"Question 5: What color is a stop sign? (*red*)

"Question 6: Which two colors combine to make purple? (*red and blue*)

"Question 7: The Titanic was a famous what? (*ship/boat*)

"Question 8: Who invented the telephone? (*Alexander Graham Bell*)

"Question 9: Great whites and hammerheads are types of what? (*sharks*)

"Question 10: How many holes are there on a standard golf course? (*18*)

"Bonus (tiebreaker): In what galaxy is Earth located? (*The Milky Way*)

"Our winning team today is [winning contestants' name]! (*To winners*) Congratulations! You all can head back to your seats.

All contestants return to their seats.

"Wow! Our contestants had to decide whether to trust themselves or trust their leaders, didn't they? Trust actually has a lot to do with our theme of honesty. We'll talk about that in a minute. But first, stand up, because it's time to sing to our God!"

CG: *"Look at Me" and "Nothing is Impossible"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes!!!! it's my favorite time of the day. This is when we stand up and sing loud to our amazing God. He is a sure foundation. We can always trust Him. Do you know why? (*Pause for response.*) Because He is Great! He is constant. He's always there for us. Let's celebrate His love. Sing loud!

After Worship...

"Ok, everyone! Let me ask you a question. What happens to you if you're not honest? (*Pause for quick response.*) You get in trouble, right? What if I told you that there's something even WORSE than getting in trouble—something that happens when you're not honest?

“Uh-oh! That doesn’t sound good at all. That’s what this week’s Bible Story is all about. Let’s take a look...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:45)

“What a story, right? Gehazi chose to lie, and he got caught. If you think about it, Gehazi traded the trust of his friend and boss for some clothes and money. Was it worth it? Nope! Not at all. See, you can always work hard to earn more money and more clothes. But when you lose someone’s trust, it’s a way harder thing to earn back. It’s like our Bottom Line for today. Let’s take another look at it.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you’re not truthful, you lose trust. Let’s say that together.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “When you’re not truthful, you lose trust.”

“Now, what does this mean for us? Well, how about this. When you’re at school this week, hanging out with friends, or even talking to your mom and dad, I want you to know that NOTHING is worth losing someone’s trust. Being honest is always the wise choice. It’s one you’ll never regret. If you want to know why, take a look at our memory verse for this month.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught, Proverbs 10:9 (NirV).

“God wants us to be honest because He wants what’s best for us. He wants to keep us safe. He wants us to live in a truthful way so other people know they can trust us. You’ll talk more about that when you get to small group! Before we head there, it’s Offering Time!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. And we can help make this happen, for as little as the cost of one candy bar a day! Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor
New Lenox: Daniel
Orland Park: Rose

CG: Picture of Child

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays and place it here before Small Group (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 1:00)

Dismiss children to their small groups.