

Alley Rundown—October 18th, 2020

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

Today's Key Question: Why is it important for people to trust you?

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

Monthly Memory Verse: *Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

Dude Perfect Filler Videos

WELCOME VIDEO: Runtime 2:00

“It’s so good to see all my awesome Alley peeps here today! I hope you’re ready to worship and celebrate Jesus today because I am! Don’t leave me hanging! I’m just so pumped to be back in the building with you all! Now, let’s stand and worship our amazing God together!”

CG: Worship Video (“King of Glory” // Led by Parkview Worship) (Runtime: 5:00)

“Great job everyone! I love worshiping with you all! So, I have a question for you as we get started today. Have you ever done something that you know could’ve gotten you in trouble, but you thought you could get away with it until something went wrong and you were exposed?”

“Like for instance, you snuck the last cookie even though it wasn’t yours because you already had YOUR last cookie? Nobody saw you do it, though, so you are all good! Except, your mom sees the evidence all over your fingers. Those cookie crumbs and chocolate chip stains don’t lie.”

“Or maybe you borrowed your sister’s shirt without asking. You know, the one that she told you that you couldn’t borrow because that last time you borrowed a shirt you got cookie fingerprints all over it. Well, what she doesn’t know won’t hurt her! But it’s about to hurt you . . . because you didn’t realize when you returned the shirt, that you left a big stain of mustard on the sleeve. Mustard? Come on!”

“Or . . . you were throwing a football around the living room, which you had specifically been told not to do. But you are a skilled passer of the pigskin! You got this. Well, until you peg the antique lamp on the end table and shatter it into a hundred pieces! After a fairly impressive gluing job, you think you are in the clear. That is until your dad pulls the chain for the light and the whole lamp falls apart.”

“Now, in all three of these scenarios, somebody did an action they weren’t supposed to do. But more than that, they took a risk by not telling the truth and it came back to hurt in the end.”

“Why do we do that? I mean, we all have learned since we were very little that not telling the truth is wrong. Yet in practice, it’s a lot harder than we might think. Why do you think we risk telling a lie, especially when we know that we could lose trust with that person if or when we get exposed? There could be all sorts of reasons, I guess, but the truth is, lying comes too easily for many of us, but lying is something that destroys our integrity. The people God inspired to write the books of the Bible talk about honesty and telling the truth a lot actually. Let’s see what we can discover in this week’s episode that might help us remember to tell the truth.

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 17:30)

“I know at the beginning we talked about doing an action you shouldn’t be doing but then taking a risk by not telling the truth. That’s what Gehazi did, and it cost him big time in the end.”

“We might not come down with a skin disease, but we do face consequences for lying. So why do we do it? Maybe we are nervous about what will happen if we tell the truth. Maybe the person will be disappointed with us or will have a hard time trusting us again in the future. But the risk is worth it compared to them discovering on their own that we were not truthful.”

"It is really important to be truthful from the start. It makes life a whole lot easier. This is the example we also see in Jesus. He was never afraid to tell the truth, even when it cost Him everything. And as we follow Jesus, He can give us the courage to tell the truth. But we won't always get it right, but in the moments when we make the mistake and decide to try and lie, it's always a good idea to admit it and take the risk to tell the truth. It's the right thing to do. Always."

"Today as you prepare to head to your Small Groups, think about this question:"

SLIDE: Key Question Slide

"Why is it important for people to trust you? Think about the people in your life who you might be tempted to tell a lie to or maybe that you even have told a lie to recently. How could this be affecting your relationship with them? When we decide that we want to live our lives with integrity, we need to drop the mask and be truthful with what we say and do. This can be especially true with how we have integrity with our words. So...how trustworthy are you? How trusting are you? Before we pray and dismiss today, let's take a look at this fun video!"

CG: "Which Sauce is Boss?" Video (Runtime: 3:30)

Well, that was interesting! I personally prefer (*your sauce of choice*). Let's pray and ask God to help us remember to tell the truth. Let's pray."

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, prepare to lead the All Together Activities with ALL kids using the attached sheet.