



Younger IK Groups- PreK- 1st grade

February 5, 2025

Bible Story: Lying- Exodus 20:16, Acts 5:1-11

Big Idea: We don't lie.

The Win: Kids who can identify and take their next step of discipleship by embracing a preschooler's physical needs or engaging an elementary kid in things that interest them.

Wednesday Share:

Tonight during Impact Kids, we looked at Exodus 20:16 and Acts 5:1-11. God commands his people not to lie. When Ananias and Sapphira sell their property, they lie about how much money they sell it for so they can keep some money but make it seem like they gave it all. Both of them are caught in the lie and die suddenly. Lying has a lot of gray areas for kids. What if I don't technically lie, but I lead someone to believe an untruth? What about if lying spares someone's feelings? What if I just leave out the truth? All of these are questions that may come up from kids, and you have the opportunity to show how much God values truth.

Leader Devo:

<https://parkwaychurch.tv/blog/2025/01/29/feb-5>

Dig In to Prayer:

Ask God to reveal his truth to kids so they can fall in love with truth.

Quick Tip:

You may not have noticed it, but you find this commandment incorporated into Dig In on a weekly basis! We strive to avoid lying to or tricking kids. On the rare occasions we do, in the end we always make sure kids know it was only pretend. This is an important part of building trust and modeling for kids that truth is important.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

Low Energy Game:

Supplies

- small toys that can fit easily in kids' hands (1 for every 10 kids)

Easy Prep : Encourage adult or teen helpers to join in and play with the kids. Let them know that when you announce the final round, they'll hold the toy when it comes to them. Encourage them to make it obvious that they have the toy but deny it when the child in the center picks them.

Find the Toy

Say: When we play games, sometimes telling the truth is part of the rules. Today we're learning that we don't lie. Let's play a game right now where we need to tell the truth.

- Form groups of 10. Make sure there's an adult or teen helper in each group.
- Have groups sit in circles, and give each group a toy.
- Ask one willing child in each group to sit in the center of the circle and cover his or her eyes.
- The rest of the kids will pass the toy quietly behind their backs around the circle while music plays.
- When you stop the music, kids stop passing the toy but keep their hands behind their backs. The child with the toy hides it in his or her hands.
- The child in the center uncovers his or her eyes and tries to guess who's hiding the toy. When he or she guesses correctly, the child with the toy trades places with the child in the center.
- Continue playing as time allows. Tell the kids when the game is almost over, signaling the helpers to hold the toy when it comes to them.

Talk About Lying

Say: If everyone who had the toy didn't tell the truth, it wouldn't be a very fun game. Your leaders pretended to lie about having the toy in our game to help us think about that.

Ask: Tell me what might've happened in our game if everyone had lied about having the toy. Kids may say that the child in the center would've gotten angry, no one else would've gotten to be in the center, or the game wouldn't have been fair.

Say: If we lie when we play a game, our friends might not want to play with us anymore. When we lie, it hurts our friends. We want to be truthful kids, even when we aren't playing a game, so we don't lie. That makes things more fun for everyone!

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch "The Mini Masters"

Say: We're learning that we don't lie. Sometimes lying can be pretty easy. Maybe you think you could get away with lying and no one would know.

That's what happens in our video today.

Watch "The Mini Masters."

Ask: Tell about a time you were tempted to lie because you didn't think anyone would notice.

- What did you do? Share your own story first.
- What are reasons people sometimes want to lie?
- What could being truthful cost us? Why is it worth the cost?

Say: Dylan wanted to move the ball and lie about it so he could win the Mini Masters Tournament. In the end, he decided to be honest even though it meant losing the tournament. That was a big cost to him, but the consequences of lying to win would have been worse for him. He would've felt guilty about it for a long time, and he might even have been caught and gotten in trouble. Telling the truth is always the best way, so we don't lie.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bible

Play True or False

Say: Today we're learning that we don't lie. Let's play a game to help us think about what's true and what's a lie. I'll tell you something, and if you think I'm telling the truth, go over to that side of the room (point to one side of the room). If you think what I said is a lie, head to that side of the room (point to the opposite side of the room). Let's give it a try—I'm standing on the ceiling. Is that true (point to the true side), or a lie (point to the other side)? Encourage kids to move to one side of the room or the other.

After all the kids have moved, say: What I said was a lie. I'm not on the ceiling! Come back over here by me, and let's try another. Continue alternating between true and false statements as time allows. Some possible statements include:

- I'm a girl.
- A cow says "moo."
- We're outside.
- Trees are green.
- The sky is yellow.
- Fish can fly.
- God loves you. (Really emphasize that this is true!)
- We're glad you're here. (Make sure kids know this is true as well.)

Talk About Truth

Say: Some things I said weren't true, and I didn't really want you to believe those things. But sometimes we say things that aren't true and we want people to believe us. That's lying.

Ask: Tell about times kids might tell a lie. Share your own example to help kids get started. Then help preschoolers think of times kids might be tempted to lie, such as doing something they were told not to, accidentally breaking a friend's toy, or taking more cookies than they were allowed.

Say: Those are all times we have a choice. We can choose to tell the truth, or we can choose to tell a lie. The Bible reminds us that everything God says is true. Listen to this! **Read aloud Psalm 33:4.** God wants all the words that come out of our mouths to be true, too. We don't lie, and we say only true words so people can trust us.

Valentine's For Shut-Ins

Supplies:

- Valentine's
- stickers
- stamps
- markers, crayons
- scissors, etc.

Say: Today we are creating valentine's to mail to people in our church family who don't get out much any more. I want each of you to create at least 3 valentine's that we will mail out tomorrow.

Think about nice things you could say or scripture that brings you comfort and happiness. Use your best handwriting and creativity.

Before everyone finishes ask kids to pray for the people who will receive this year's valentines. Share stories of how this has blessed those in the past years when they receive their mail.

Life Application:

Sing

Say: Today we learned we don't lie. We found out that telling lies hurts our friendships, but telling the truth helps us have close and loving relationships. Let's sing the song we learned about truth and lies. Lead kids in singing this song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

We always tell the truth!
We always tell the truth!
Lying hurts others and us,
We always tell the truth!

Repeat as time allows.

Pray

Say: Let's talk to God about truth and lies and ask him to help us always tell the truth. Lead kids in a brief prayer, thanking God for helping everyone tell the truth. Thank kids for coming to church, and let them know you'd love to see them back at church next week!

Activity Page with a Point:

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: One of God's commandments is that we don't lie. But Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, lied about the money they were giving! Let's color that scene. Allow time for kids to color.

Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: We're learning that we don't lie. Ananias and Sapphira lied when they said they were giving all the money they made from selling their field. Sometimes lying means saying something that just isn't true. But lying can also be when we twist the truth to try to mislead people. Let me show you what I mean.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will attempt the maze, but if they realize they went the wrong way and hit a dead end, they'll need to announce it by standing up, spinning in a circle, then sitting back down and trying again.

Ask: How can a maze mislead you?

- How does it feel when you hit a dead end in a maze?
- Think about someone who lied to you or misled you. How did that make you feel?

Say: When people mislead us or lie to us, we can feel like we got tricked—like the way a maze tries to trick you. We don't want others to feel [emotions kids named]. So we don't lie. We tell the truth, and we don't try to trick or mislead people.

Answer Key: Older Kids

