



## Older IK Groups- 2nd - 5th Grades

**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

- index cards
- pens

### Play a Game Like Two Truths and a Lie

**Say:** In our Bible story, Ananias and Sapphira were caught in a lie. Let's play a game to see if you can tell when people are telling the truth and when they're not.

- Distribute index cards and pens, and have kids each write two true sentences and one false sentence about themselves. Encourage kids to keep their sentences simple, like "I had cereal for breakfast" or "My favorite color is blue."
- Let kids know the sentences can be in any order.
- After about a minute, have kids break into groups of five or six and take turns reading their sentences aloud so the rest of the group can guess which one is false.
- Continue until kids have each had a turn to read their sentences and reveal their truths.

### Talk About It

**Ask:** What was it like to intentionally tell a lie in this game?

How did this game help us get to know each other better?

**Say:** Truthfulness brings people together. Because we played this game, we're on the road to becoming better friends. We know some new things about each other from the truths we shared. The lies, on the other hand, weren't really helpful at all.

**Ask:** Tell about a time someone lied to you. What effect did it have on your friendship? Share a story from your own life to begin.

**Say:** In our Bible story, Jesus' followers were sharing and living in community with each other; there was no place for lies in those friendships. We don't lie. Instead, God helps us live truthful lives that bring us closer to others.

## 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

- Bibles
- paper towels
- markers

### Twist the Truth

**Say:** Today we're learning that we don't lie. But how serious is that commandment? I mean, are all lies bad? What about a little white lie—a lie you think couldn't possibly hurt anybody? Or a lie you tell to keep from hurting someone's feelings? Let's dig in to that.

Give each child a paper towel and a marker. Have kids write "The Truth" on their paper towels.

**Say:** Your paper towel has the truth on it. Now, twist your paper towel to show how much "twisting the truth" happens when you tell a really big lie that hurts someone. For example, you borrowed your brother's laptop, broke it, and then hid it so he'd never find it.

Pause for kids to demonstrate.



Example #1

**Say:** Untwist your paper towel. Now twist it again to show how much "twisting the truth" happens when you tell a little white lie. For example, you lost a present someone gave you, and when they asked about it you said, "Oh, I love it! I use it all the time!"

Pause for kids to demonstrate.



Example #2

**Ask:** • What can you read from your paper towel?

• How is a big lie just like a little white lie? How are they different?

**Say:** We may put lies into categories like big and little, but just like our paper towels, any amount of twisting the truth covered it up. And God loves the truth! Let's see what the Bible has to say.

## Deeper Bible: cont.

### Dig Deeper

**Read Proverbs 12:22.** Have kids untwist their paper towels to reveal “The Truth.”

**Ask:** • Why do you think God delights in people who tell the truth?

**Say:** God loves the truth. But there’s one Bible story that might make us wonder about that. In it, a woman named Rahab hid some Israelite spies so they wouldn’t get killed. Some people came to her house looking for the spies, and here’s what she said.

**Read Joshua 2:4-6.**

**Ask:** • Is Rahab’s lie okay? Why or why not?

**Say:** What’s interesting about Rahab’s lie is that it saved lives. And she was rewarded for it! Check this out.

**Read Joshua 2:12-14.**

**Say:** On the other hand, we learned about some other liars in today’s Bible story. For Ananias and Sapphira, their lies didn’t work out. Have kids twist their paper towels.

**Ask:** • What’s the difference between Rahab’s lie and Ananias and Sapphira’s lie?

• What difference might it make about why someone is lying?

**Say:** Rahab lied to save lives. Ananias and Sapphira lied to make themselves look better. Most of the time, the things we want to lie about are self-serving. We want to protect ourselves from getting in trouble or we want to impress other people. Our lies usually have the same purpose as Ananias and Sapphira’s lie.

It’s a little confusing that Rahab’s lie seems to have been okay. Even Bible experts can’t always agree on why that is. But here’s what we all know for sure: God values the truth, and it brings him delight. And when we lie, the truth eventually comes out.

**Read Proverbs 12:19.** Have kids untwist their paper towels.

**Say:** The more you have to twist a lie or twist your reasons for lying to try to make it seem okay, the more likely it is that your lie isn’t okay. I don’t know about you, but I don’t normally have to lie to save someone’s life! So the important thing to remember is that God values truth, and that means we don’t lie—not even little white lies.

## 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:

### Pray Truth

**Say:** We've been learning that we don't lie. Sometimes lies come in a different form. Rather than us telling lies, sometimes we believe lies about ourselves. Lies like "I'm weird" or "I'm ugly" or "Nobody could ever like me."

As we close in prayer, I'm going to pray truths over you.

Bless kids by praying one of the following truths over each child. Feel free to add your own.

### Pray:

- God, thank you that you made [name of child] wonderful!
- God, thank you that [name of child] is your masterpiece.
- God, thank you that you have an important purpose for [name of child].
- Jesus, thank you that you gave your life for [name of child].
- God, thank you that you love [name of child] so much.
- God, thank you for making [name of child] in your image.
- God, thank you for giving up everything because you wanted to be best friends with [name of child].
- God, thank you for the beautiful heart you've given [name of child].

### Wrap Up

**Pray:** God, help us believe the truth and tell the truth so that we don't lie. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back 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

