

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: OCTOBER 11

Bible Story: Say Anything (No Secrets with God) *1 John 1:9*

Big Idea: Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

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

Life App: Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

Bible Story Summary: In 1 John 1:9. John writes, “But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure,” (NirV). You don’t have to keep secrets from God. God loves you and is ready to forgive you.

Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him. While we often think of this in terms of confession and forgiveness, we can also be truthful with God with our feelings and questions. God doesn’t look down on us because of our doubts and confusion, even our mistakes. God created us, loves us, and wants to hear from us. God is ready to forgive and we can trust God no matter what.



Do you think there’s such thing as a little white lie? Why or why not?



DAY 1

READ *1 John 1:9*

In the space below, write down what you think the word “sin” means?

Sin is basically anything we do that we know is wrong. As you probably know, everyone sins. God does not sin. He is perfect. He doesn’t break His promises. And though our perfect heavenly Father has every right to point out all our imperfect actions, He is love. He promises to forgive us for every wrong thing we have done.

But there is something you and I need to do when we mess up. We need to confess— which simply means to admit or be honest about what we’ve done. Since God always keeps His promises, we can know that He forgives us, always. Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

So, think back over your day. Can you think of a time when you messed up? Tell God and ask for His forgiveness. Be honest. And if you’ve hurt someone else, talk to God about what you could do to make it right.

THANK God for always forgiving you.

DAY 2

READ *Proverbs 12:22*

Have you ever had a friend who liked to tell BIG stories? Fill in the blanks below to create your own mad-lib fish story:

Tim: “Yesterday, my dad took me fishing!”

You: “Awesome, did you catch any fish?”

Tim: “Of course I caught some fish! A lot. My dad caught _____ (small number) but I caught _____! (big number)”

You: “Really?”

Tim: “Yep! But I’ve caught _____ (an even bigger number) before! One time, I caught a fish that weighed more than a _____.” (a very large animal)

The problem with telling BIG stories, that aren’t true, is that it makes it hard for anyone to trust what you say. We should be truthful with our friends so they can trust us, and we need to be truthful with God too. He sees and knows all and He wants us to be honest with him, always.

KNOW that when you build your life on truth you will have stronger relationships with God and those around you.

DAY 3

READ Proverbs 10:9

Have you ever played the "blame game"? It might sound a little something like this.

"He started it!"
"It wasn't my fault!"
"I only said something mean because she said something mean first."

We're all tempted to play the "blame game" to avoid getting in trouble or to make excuses for wrong things we've done. But there is a way to avoid the blame game altogether. When we choose integrity, when we make choices that honor God and the people around us, we can walk without blame!

Create a crooked path to walk on. You can set up obstacles to jump over, use yarn or tape to create a crazy zig-zag pattern on the floor, whatever you choose! Then write out the words of today's verse on scraps of paper and set them out along the path. As you walk, pick up the words and repeat the verse. Time yourself to see how long it takes to say the verse.

Then, create a straight path or remove all the obstacles. Lay the cards along the new path and say the words of the verse as you pick them up. Was it faster on the straight, blameless path?

ASK God to help you be honest with Him and others this week.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

READ Proverbs 21:3

We like things to be fair. But fair is hard! Like cutting the cookie exactly in half! Or letting everyone have a turn! Or winning! It is tricky sometimes making sure everything is fair. But that doesn't mean we get a pass on fairness!

As followers of Jesus, we should look for ways to do what is right and fair as much as possible. Why? Because obeying God is always the most important thing!

Thankfully, we don't have to do this on our own strength. God will help us treat others with fairness and do what is right when we ask for His help.

Read the scenarios below and think of one way you could "do what is right and fair" as you follow God:

1. The kid next door always borrows your basketball without asking. Today, you notice the ball is gone. You didn't see him take it. What do you do?
2. You grab the last ice cream bar from the freezer. Your little brother begs you to share it. What do you do?
3. You didn't finish your homework before heading outside to ride your bike. Later, your dad asks if your homework is done. What do you do?

LOOK for ways that you can see God.

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until further notice! Please note that you are more than welcome turn in ALL OF YOUR GODTIMES and collect your Bible Bucks. We encourage you to save them!

Lending a Hand to Someone in Need:

This month, we will be collecting NEW hats, gloves, and mittens for kids your age. Bring in a donation for kids who need to stay warm this winter.



Child's Name: _____