

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: OCTOBER 25

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

Big Idea: 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 (NIRV)

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

Bible Story Summary: In 2 Kings 5 we find the prophet Elisha and his servant named Gehazi. Gehazi seized the chance to be dishonest and take advantage of Naaman's gratitude and get riches for himself. He went behind Elisha's back, denied his actions, and inevitably lost Elisha's trust.

When you're not truthful, you lose trust! Being truthful is not just about the lie you tell and the consequence you might receive. When you don't have integrity, people will start to see that you're not really who you say you are.

God calls us to live with integrity. God loves us and knows what is best. Living with integrity shines the light of Jesus to the world!

Bed Time



When you don't tell the truth, people find out. And when they find out, they might stop trusting you. Your teachers might not give you as many privileges. Your friends may not want to hang out with you. Bottom line: it's always better to be truthful. Pray for each other, that God will give you the courage to be truthful with the people in your life.

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WEEK 4

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *Ephesians 4:25*

"Cheaters never win."
"Honesty is the best policy."
"Lying lips sink ships."

Have you heard any of these sayings before?

Honesty is always the best policy because even if you do get in trouble for something you've done wrong, being honest about it means less trouble for sure. And lying lips, can tank or sink your relationship with others.

Here's a little integrity challenge. The next time you're tempted to do or say something untrue, think about the people around you. Remember that **when you're not truthful, you lose trust**. Ask yourself if telling that lie or doing something dishonest in the moment will help or hurt your relationships. If it's hurtful, it's best to choose integrity instead. You can always ask God to help you make choices that honor Him and others!

Create your own integrity phrases like the ones above. Try to keep it to five words or less. Share your new integrity slogan with a family member or friend.

KNOW that when you tell the truth people can trust you.

DAY 2

READ *Luke 6:31*

Today's verse is often called the golden rule. Jesus taught us this rule so we would know how to treat each other. But this is especially true when it comes to integrity! Strong friendships are built on trust.

How would you change the scenarios below so that the person treats you the way you want to be treated?

Your sister breaks something of yours. When you ask her what happened, she says she never touched it.

Your best friend passes out invitations to her birthday party at school. It's the end of the day and you haven't received one. When you ask her about it, she denies that she passed out invitations at all.

Your friend borrowed your favorite pencil sharpener without asking. When you say something to him, he lies and says he hasn't seen it.

When it comes to living with integrity this week, make sure you live out the golden rule.

ASK God to help you treat others the way you want to be treated so you build trust!

DAY 3

READ Colossians 3:9

- Biting your nails.
- Brushing your teeth twice a day.
- Chewing with your mouth open.
- Cleaning up after you're finished.

Habits. We all have them. Some are good and some are just bad! Did you know that you can actually change your habits? The best way to break an old habit is to replace it with a new one.

When you become a follower of Jesus, you are a new creation. The old way of doing things, the old way of living should be left behind. So instead of falling into old habits that are dishonest, we should follow Jesus' example. With God's help, we can replace our old habits and choose to be truthful so that others can trust us.

Think back to this past week. Did you fall into the old habit of lying about something to avoid getting in trouble? Ask God to forgive you and to help you make a different choice next time. **And if you've hurt someone with your lie, make sure you ask them for forgiveness too.**

THANK God for giving us an example of how to walk in truth.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

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/>



DAY 4

READ 1 John 3:18

What's the difference between saying "I love you" and showing someone, you love them? Is it easier to say you love or to show you love?

One big way you can show someone how much you love them is by choosing to be truthful in all you say and do. Just like love is about more than words, integrity is more than just using honest words or telling the truth. It's about our honest actions too. While the words we say are super important (just like saying "I love you" is important), we need to back up those words by being honest in how we live and treat others.

Write a note to yourself by filling in the blanks below. Ask God to help you show love by choosing to be honest in all we say AND do this week.

Dear _____
(Your name)

Don't just talk about love, show _____ love by
(Friend/ family member)

(a specific example of integrity)

LOOK for opportunities to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

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: _____