

Lesson 17: Just Be Truthful

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Game Activity

Oath Red Light/Green Light

This game will help remind the student of what an oath is: a promise in God's name. It uses Old Testament verses that talk about oaths and solemn promises. You will need at least 3 players for this game (one to be the caller, two to race). It's best to play this outside where the students have plenty of room to run.

Materials

- Bible Oaths (Student Page 161)
- At least three players

Directions

- 1 Tear out Student Page 161.
- 2 Have the caller stand thirty to forty feet away from the runners. If the students aren't yet able to read large chunks of text, then you, the instructor, should be the caller.
- 3 Tell the runners that an oath is a very important promise. Tell them to listen carefully while the caller reads the verses from the Bible Oaths, listening for the important word, "oath."
- 4 Have the caller begin to read one of the verses from the Bible Oaths. When the caller gets to the word "oath," the runners should begin walking or running forward toward the caller as fast as they can (the word "oath" is the "green light").
- 5 When the caller starts reading the rest of the words in the verse, the runners must stop ("red light").

- 6 If the caller is a student, remind the caller that when she finishes each verse she should move on to the next. The caller may read the verses in any order, as many times as is necessary for the runners to reach the caller.
- 7 The first runner to reach the caller wins and becomes the caller for the next round.

Craft Project

Just Tell the Truth

Materials

- Just Tell the Truth (Student Page 163)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

Directions

- 1 Say to the student: “In today’s lesson, Jesus taught that we should tell the truth all the time. We should not need to add anything to our words, to convince people that we are being honest and truthful.”
- 2 Have the student tear out Student Page 163.
- 3 Help the student read the statements on the Student Page. Explain that each one of these is a way that people try to convince people that they are telling the truth.
- 4 If you or the student can think of other phrases that are used in this way in your house, add them to the Student Page. Decorate the page.
- 5 Hang the page in a place where you and the student will see it often (the refrigerator works well for this). This week, use this page as a memory aid, to help the student remember to “just tell the truth,” without any additions.

Game Activity

“Cheat”

This is a card game for three or more players. It is about lying and telling the truth.

Materials

- A deck of cards
- At least three players (if there are more than four people, you can play with two decks).

Directions

- 1 Split the deck(s) of cards up equally among all the players.
- 2 Start with the person to the dealer’s right. That person has to play aces, however many she wants. But as she puts the card down, she must say what kind of card it is and how many of it she’s putting down. So if she puts down three aces, she must say “Three aces.”
- 3 The next person has to put down twos, the next person threes, and so on up to kings, after which it goes back down to aces.
- 4 The trick of this game is that you can lie about what you’re putting down. Anyone can

put down, for example, a 4, a 7, and a 9 and say “three kings”, or she can put down four cards and say she only put down three. Anyone can put down any wrong cards or any number of wrong cards, but if you think someone is cheating you say “cheat” before the next player's turn.

- 5 If she was cheating, she must pick up all the cards that have been played and add them to her hand. If she wasn't cheating, you have to take all the cards.
- 6 The first player to run out of cards wins.

Memory Work

The Books of the New Testament, Part III

Materials

- New Testament Books, Part III (Student Page 165)

Directions

Say to the student: “We are going to learn some more New Testament books today. First, let's review the books we've learned so far. The first five were Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Let's say those together.”

[Together]: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts.

“Then we learned nine more books, the letters that Paul wrote to different groups of people. They were Romans, First and Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First and Second Thessalonians. Let's say those together.”

[Together]: Romans, First and Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First and Second Thessalonians.

“Today we will learn just four more books. These are letters too, but these letters were sent to specific people instead of groups. We name them after the people they're addressed to. They are First and Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon [*say “fie-LEE-mun”*]. I'll say those again, and this time, say each one after me. First and Second Timothy [*student says, “First and Second Timothy”*], Titus, Philemon.

“Now let's say those together four times.”

[Together, four times]: First and Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon.

“Now let's say all of the books we've learned so far.”

[Together]: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, First and Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First and Second Thessalonians, First and Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon.

Have the student tear out Student Page 165. She can decorate the sheet, and you should put it on the refrigerator or some other visible spot, to remind you and the student to review.

Coloring Page

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Telling the Truth

In today's lesson, Jesus told us to tell the truth. That is how people will be able to trust what we say.

Bible Oaths

Deuteronomy 6:13–14

Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your **oaths** in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you.

Numbers 30:2

When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an **oath** to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.

Deuteronomy 10:20

Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your **oaths** in his name.

Just Tell the Truth

Honest
to God

I swear

Cross my
heart

**For
real**

I'M SERIOUS

I REALLY
MEAN IT THIS
TIME

New Testament Books, Part III

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

First and Second Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

First and Second Thessalonians

First and Second Timothy

Titus

Philemon



Matthew 5:33-37