



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

**Bottom Line:** *When you're not truthful, you lose trust.*

**Memory Verse:** *Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)*

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

## 1. Bible Story

**What You Need:** Bible **2 Kings 5**

**What You Do:**

- *Work through the passages of scripture with your group—spend time engaging in the passages with the kids. Think of questions you can ask them as you read these verses (Who, what, when, where, why how questions).*
- *What is something they already knew about this passage? What is something new they noticed in these verses? How was God active in today's passage? How should they apply what they learned in the passage to their lives?*
- For review, **ask** the following discussion questions:
  - Who showed integrity in the story? Give an example how they showed integrity.
  - Who did not show integrity? Give an example how they did not show integrity.
  - Why do you think Gehazi lied?
  - How did Gehazi's lack of integrity affect others? How do you think it affected Gehazi and Elisha's relationship?
  - How can our choice to be truthful in whatever we say and do affect others? *(To prompt discussion, ask: Imagine you are playing a game with a friend and you decide to cheat so you get a better score—who could your actions affect and how?)*

## 2. Take a Snapshot

**What You Need:** Dominos

**What You Do:**

- **Have a leader build** a domino track by standing up dominos and placing them about half an inch apart, so that when one domino falls it knocks the next domino down.
- **Ask:**
  - What are some reasons people might lie? *(To not get in trouble, to hide something embarrassing, to make themselves look good, to get people to like them, because they are mean, because they simply aren't thinking of how it will affect others)*

- After you have created a domino track, **say**: “You did a great job of setting up your dominos for a chain reaction. Integrity, like your domino tracks, can also result in a chain reaction—what you do and say affects not only you but other people too.”
- **Ask**:
  - What can be a consequence of lying?
  - **Encourage** kids to give examples of how being dishonest can result in a chain reaction. What can be a consequence of being someone who is dishonest? **Be prepared** to give an example: When I lie about finishing my homework to my parents, they may not believe me in the future when I tell them I got an A on my math test.

### 3. Discussion Questions

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- Why do you think integrity is so important? Why is it important for people to trust you? *[Make it Personal] (Be prepared to share why it is important to you to be someone with integrity.)*
- What happens if we're dishonest with someone a few times in a row? How does that affect what that person thinks of us and our relationship with them?
- When we choose to be dishonest, can we ever be sure our dishonesty won't affect anyone? Why or why not? *(Lead kids to understand that even if we don't get caught, there are still consequences in terms of how we feel in our hearts. Sometimes we think that being dishonest won't affect anyone, but we forget that it always affects us.)*
- How can choosing to be truthful affect our relationships with others?

### 4. Lesson Recap and Prayer Journal

**What You Need:** Prayer journal, paper, something to write with, Bible

**What You Do:**

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
  - The Bible teaches us that the “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” *(James 5:16b)*. We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answer your prayers.
- Lead the kids in the following call and response prayer below.

**What You Say:**

“Dear God, thank You for always being truthful. *(Kids repeat.)* Help me to be truthful *(kids repeat)*, in all I say and do. *(Kids repeat.)* So others will trust me. *(Kids repeat.)* Amen.

“Remember, living with integrity is impossible on our own. We need God’s help for sure. And the good news is, God hears us when we pray, and He is with us always. So this week, let’s choose to be truthful knowing that **[Bottom Line] when you’re not truthful, you lose trust.**”