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

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

Monthly Memory Verse: *Whoever walks with Integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9 NIV*

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

Bible Story Activity

What You Need: No supplies

What You Do:

- Who is Elisha? (*a prophet*) What is a prophet? (*a person who speaks directly for God*)
- Who is Gehazi? (*Elisha's servant, his job is to do what Elisha tells him*)
- Who is Naaman? (*a big deal, an army commander for the king of Aram, rich, highly respected, a brave soldier*)
- 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?
- 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.)**
- How can choosing to be truthful affect our relationships with others?

What You Say:

"When you think about it, even IF Gehazi had gotten away with his deception, all he would have gained were some new clothes and some pieces of silver. But it wasn't worth it! Not only did he end up with the same terrible skin disease that Naaman once had, but even worse, he lost Elisha's trust! Because **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you lose trust.**

"Because God is always trustworthy, He wants us to be truthful so others can trust us, too. So this week, when you find yourself moving toward saying or doing something that isn't truthful, think about how your actions might lead others not to trust you. In that moment, ask God to help you do the right thing, the WISE thing, and be honest. When you choose integrity, being truthful in what you say and do, you protect your relationships and build trust."

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bible marked at Proverbs 10:9

What You Do:

- Open the Bible where marked. Help them “read” the verse with you.
- Unpack the phrase “anyone who takes a crooked path will be found out,” emphasizing that when we’re not truthful, God knows it. Eventually, people will know it, too. Let’s practice walking with Integrity.
- Guide your child to line up at one end of your environment while you stand at the opposite end.
- Turn your back and begin slowly reciting the verse.
- While your back is turned, kids take baby steps toward you.
- At random times, quickly turn to face your child.
- When you do, they must freeze. If you catch a kid moving, they go back to the start.
- Play until your child makes it all the way to you.

What You Say:

“Taking a crooked path means that you’re not truthful with your life, with what you say and do. And when you’re not truthful, you’ll eventually get caught. How will you get caught? *(God knows the truth, so he knows when I’m not truthful. When I don’t tell the truth, people find out, and I get in trouble.)* Yes, God knows everything, so He knows whether or not you’re truthful. And when you lie to people, they’ll find out, too. One problem with lying is that **[Bottom Line] when you’re not truthful, you lose trust.** God is always trustworthy. He thinks it’s important for us to be trustworthy, too. God wants to help us to be truthful and trustworthy.”

Prayer Activity

What You Say:

“God doesn’t want you to be like Gehazi. God is trustworthy, and He wants you to be like Him. Being trustworthy means that people can trust you because you tell the truth. And when you tell the truth, you show people Who God is and what He’s like. Let’s pray and ask God to help us be truthful.”

Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help both you and the kids make the wise choice to be truthful.