

Use this guide to help your family learn about how God wants us to live with integrity.

First, watch this week's video!

Integrity: choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

### Memory Verse

Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.  
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

### Bible Story

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

### Bottom Line

Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

## Activity

### Hide-and-Seek-a-Toy

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

A small toy—like a small stuffed animal or toy truck

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Say, "Let's play a game. I'll close my eyes and count to ten. While I'm counting, you hide the toy somewhere *in this room*. Then, I have until you count to ten to find it. If I can't find it, you get a point. If I do find it, I get a point! Then, we'll switch. I'll hide the toy while you count with your eyes closed. Let's do it!"

Take turns behind the "hider" and the "seeker".

After a few rounds, add up the points and see who won! Tell your child that hiding things from each other for a game can be fun. Ask them: "Who should we always be honest with?" (God. *We don't need to hide anything from God.*)

## Talk about the Bible Story

Do you ever talk or pray to God? What are some things you tell God? (*Share with your child if not, talk about how you talk and pray to God.*)

Look up 1 John 1:9 (NIV) and read it together.

What does it mean to sin? Why should we tell God about it? (*We sin when we do something we know we shouldn't. Everyone sins—moms and dads, included. God wants us to tell Him when we've sinned so that He can forgive us.*)

Once we confess our sins, does that mean we won't do wrong things again? (*No, we are humans and we aren't perfect. God knows we can't obey Him perfectly and He still wants us to talk to Him about everything including when we mess up or disobey Him.*)

How does confessing our sins and being truthful keep us close to God? (*When we're truthful with God, we remember that He sent Jesus to make it possible for us to have a forever relationship with Him.*)

Is there anything you need to tell God about right now? Let's pray silently for a moment and talk to God.

## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for sending Jesus. Because of Him, nothing can separate us from You. God, sometimes we try to hide things from You. But You are interested in everything about us, and that is AMAZING to think about! We ask You to remind us to share our lives with You—because You love us. We love You, too! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."



# Integrity means choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

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DAY 1

## Read 1 John 1:9

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

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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 fair. 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? Admit it to God and ask His forgiveness. Be honest. And if you've hurt someone else, talk to God about what you could do to make it right.

DAY 2

## Read Proverbs 12:22

Have you ever had a friend who liked to exaggerate? 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 \_\_\_\_\_ but I caught \_\_\_\_\_!”  
(small number) (big number)

**You:** “Really?”

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

The problem with exaggerating 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.

Ask God to help you be honest with Him and others this week, knowing that it keeps us closer to the people around us when we choose to be truthful.

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keeps you close to Him.*

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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?

DAY 4

### Read Proverbs 21:3

We like things to be fair. But fair is hard! Cutting the cookie exactly in half, letting everyone have a turn, or go first, or win—it gets tricky 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. It’s even more important than any amount of money we give at church.

Thankfully we don’t have to do this in 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?

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# Elementary

WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT  
THIS!

## Theme

# Offstage: Drop the Act

Integrity is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.



## Week Two

**No Secrets with God**  
1 John 1:9

## Say This

Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

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## Do This



## Meal Time

**Q&A FOR KIDS:** Do you think there's such thing as a little white lie? Why or why not?

**Q&A FOR PARENTS:** How do you think people describe you and your character? How would you want them to describe you?

## REMEMBER THIS

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**You're not  
likely to get the  
encouragement  
you need from  
your kids, so make  
it a priority to  
Widen the Circle  
and connect with  
other parents.**

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