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KIDS WISDOM
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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about truthfulness. Telling the truth is really important. And, the best way to understand this is by first talking about the opposite of truthfulness- telling lies. A person who tells lies just makes up stories, either to make themselves look better or to hurt someone else. Either way, lying is yucky. And, when people lie, they end up having to tell more lies to cover up for other lies and it just ends up confusing everyone! Lying hurts people and you can't trust someone that lies to you. Telling the truth means you don't lie. You are honest, no matter the consequences. Truthfulness means you can be trusted because you don't hide things and you don't do things that hurt other people. So kids, don't play hide and seek with the truth. Always be truthful. Don't fool yourself into thinking that a little lie is no big deal. Do it once, you'll probably do it again. And, remember this. God doesn't ever lie to us so don't be a liar. Tell the truth every day and all the time!

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share a time someone lied to you. How did that feel? Share a time you told a lie. What happened?** (Tip:Lying stinks! It hurts when we find out someone lied to us and we hurt others when we lie. The truth is always best!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **They think it will get them out of trouble or from looking bad.** (Liars think that telling a lie will get them out of trouble. They make up excuses or blame other people for why they didn't do the right thing. But here's the problem, the truth always comes out, somehow, someday. So, it's better to just tell the truth from the beginning, even if it means getting in trouble.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why do people lie? What always happens with lies? **4-5th** Share a time you chose to tell the truth, even though it meant getting in trouble. Why is it better to tell the truth?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Proverbs 12:22. Detest is another word for hate. What does God hate? What does God love?** (Answer: God hates lies. Lies hurt people and God hates to see people get hurt. Remember, God wants us to follow the Golden Rule which says to treat others the way you want to be treated. Do you like it when people lie to you? No way! So, tell the truth. That's what makes God happy!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Big Idea

Don't play hide and seek with the truth

Key Question

Why do people lie?

Memory Verse

Proverbs 12:19 "Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed."

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LESSON REVIEW FACE OFF

Instructions:

- Have two kids come up to the front of the room. Give each kid a bell or ringer. Ask a question from below. First to ring gets a chance to answer. If correct, that kid gets a point. Then, have two new kids come up to play. Kid with the most points at the end wins.

Questions:

1. What's the opposite of lying? (Truthfulness)
2. Name one reason why lying hurts people. (Can't trust you, they believe the wrong thing)
3. Why should we read the Bible? (Full of God's truth, tells us right and wrong)
4. What happens when we tell one lie? (We will tell more)
5. T or F: God hates lies. (T)
6. Why did Jesus die for us? (Sins)
7. What shouldn't we play hide and seek with? (Truth)
8. T or F: Sometimes God lies to us. (F)
9. Give one reason why it's better to tell the truth. (People will trust you, makes God happy)
10. Can you say the memory verse by heart? (See board)

Supplies needed: Bell/Ringer

OPTION 2: HIT THE MARK LESSON REVIEW GAME

Instructions:

- Before playing, tape a line on the floor and place the Stop Signs (page 5) at varying distances from the line. Divide the class into two teams. Have teams alternate coming up to the line to throw the bean bag trying to land it on one of the Stop signs. Then, read a question to that team. If they get it right, that team gets those points. Have the next kid in line go. Continue until all the questions have been asked. Team with the most points, wins.

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Supplies needed: Tape, Stop Sign template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per class), Bean Bag

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When we lie, it's like playing hide and seek with the truth. Eventually you'll get found out!

Key Points:

- When we tell lies, we are playing hide and seek with the _____.
- The more lies we tell, the more _____ we have to tell.
- If you get used to lying, you'll end up _____ yourself.
- If you get used to telling the truth, you'll end up _____ yourself.

Memory Verse:

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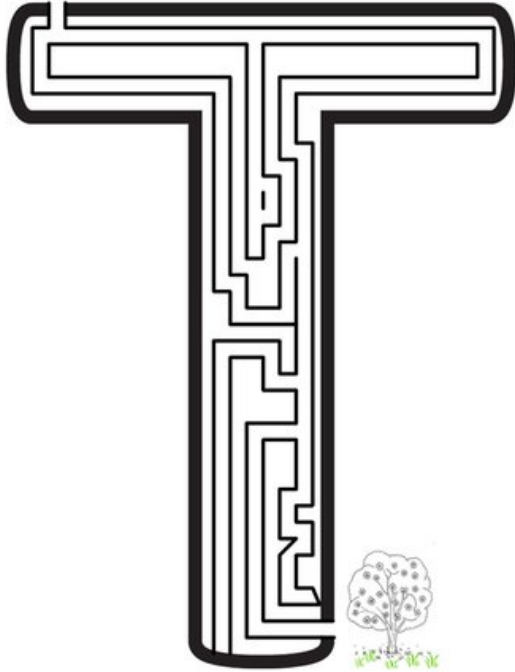
Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Share a time someone lied to you. How did that feel? Share a time you told a lie. What happened?*
3. *What happens when we tell lies? Who do we end up fooling?*
4. *What happens when people find out that we lied? Why is it hard to trust someone who lies?*
5. *Read Proverbs 12:22. Detest is another word for hate. What does God hate? What does God love?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

Letter T Maze

 Help the tiger find the tree.



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