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Social: Setting the Tone for the Experience (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

9:00 & 11:30

Early Arriver

Dominoes; 5-10 for each kid

10:15

If and Then

- "If and Then" cards; one set for each group

Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (9:15, 10:30, 11:45)

- Bible Presentation in Large Group

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

9:00 & 11:30

Spreading Lies

- Coffee filters; one for each kid
- Washable markers
- Eyedroppers; one for each kid
- Cup of water; one for each small group
- Styrofoam plates; one for each kid

10:15

Comic Strip Scenarios

- "Comic Strip Scenarios" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Crayons

Prayer (9:50, 11:05, 12:20)

- No supplies needed

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's Bible Truth.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray that kids would understand and feel the weight of broken relationships when they're dishonest. Pray that God would give them hearts that seek His and others' forgiveness when they mess up in this area. And ask God to help kids understand that when they hurt others with their dishonesty, they can always rely on Him to help them make it right.

9:00 & 11:30

Early Arriver Idea

What You Need: Dominoes

What You Do:

- Show kids how to line up dominoes and then knock them down.
 - Explain that the domino effect is when one thing happens, which makes something else happen, just like when one domino falling makes another domino fall.
 - That's kind of like what happens when we're not honest—it often causes something else bad to happen.
- Then let kids play with the dominoes and make their own lines or other designs to knock down.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

10:15**If and Then****What You Need:** “If and Then” cards from the Activity Page**What You Do:**

- Explain to your few that you will each take a turn picking up a card and coming up with their own “if and then” scenarios. For example: IF I disobey my mom, THEN I will be unable to go to the sleepover.
- Take the first turn so kids will have an example to follow.
- If time allows, pass out some pencils and let kids come up with their own “If” statements. They can write their statements on the back of the “If and Then” cards.
- Put the cards kids have written on in a pile, and let them take turns drawing a peer’s card and coming up with a “then” statement for the “if” statement on the card.

What You Say:

“You all came up with some crazy ‘if and then’ scenarios. You did an excellent job at thinking through what may result because of a certain choice you make. Have you ever made a wrong choice in real life? What happened when you made that choice? *(Pause for answers.)* **[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about a guy who also made some unwise decisions. IF he made wrong choices just like the examples on our cards, I wonder what happened to him THEN?”**

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GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- "0" and "1" poster board signs
- Pickled Eggs
- Drop cloth
- Cue cards

2. Bible Truth

What You Need:

- Historyteller
- 252 Story

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Power Praise Team

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- "Alive"
- "Generation for You"
- "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"

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Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible Truth, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

CG: 10 Second count down

CG: Source Code Theme Slide

Host is on stage, welcoming kids as they enter.

Opener

HOST: "Hello everybody! I'm [Host's name], and I'm so glad you're here today. I know a lot of you have done some coding. Look at binary code. It's basically a bunch of zeroes and ones.

CG: Scrolling GIF of Binary Code

"It looks crazy, but our computers, smartphones, and other devices can READ that, and it tells them what to do. But your code has to be true from beginning to end, or the whole thing just doesn't work. In the same way, God wants US to be 100 percent truthful in everything we say and do. That's why we're talking about honesty.

CG: Honesty Slide

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

"Now, I really need your help for today's game. You see, if you don't win, I get the consequences! I'll ask you a series of true/false questions. On one side of this room there's a '0' sign, and on the other side there's a '1' sign. The '0' means FALSE and the '1' means TRUE—similar to binary code. This game is called 'Zeroes and Ones'!

CG: "Zeroes and Ones" Game Slide

"When I read out the question, ALL of you will slow-motion run (*demonstrate*) to the side that you think is the correct answer: true (*point to the '1' side of the room*) or false (*point to the '0' side of the room*). We'll go with whichever answer MOST of you pick.

"If you can get at least four out of seven questions correct, then I'll be safe. If you can't, then . . . well, I

get to experience a consequence. Computers can get a virus sometimes that makes them not work properly. Sometimes we get viruses too and get sick. So, if you get this wrong, I will get a virus. (*Hold up the jar of pickled eggs.*) I'll get to eat a pickled egg. It looks gross . . . and slimy.

"Okay, so my fate is totally in your hands! Are you up for it? Let's play 'Zeroes and Ones'!

"Here's question #1: (*read the cue card*) Charmin® Ultra toilet paper has 350 sheets per roll. True or false? If you think it's true, slow-motion run to the '1' side. If you think it's false, slow-motion run to the '0' side. Go!

Small Group Leaders and kids slow-motion run to the side they think is the correct answer.

"The correct answer is . . . true!

Repeat the same process for all of the questions.

"Here's question #2: The red Skittle in the original Skittles® is cherry-flavored. True or false? If you think that's true, go to the '1' side. If you think it's false, go to the '0' side. (*Correct answer: False—it's strawberry.*)

"Time for question #3: There are 20 million penguins that live in Antarctica. True or false? If you think that's true, go to the '1' side. If you think it's false, go to the '0' side. (*Correct answer: True—at least by some estimates.*)

"Question #4: Of the popular DC Superheroes, the first one to appear in a comic book was Batman. True or false? If you think that's true, go to the '1' side. If you think it's false, go to the '0' side. (*Correct answer: False—Superman's comic appeared a year before Batman.*)

"Question #5: The number one bestselling candy in the USA is Reese's® Peanut Butter Cups. True or false? If you think that's true, go to the '1' side. If you think it's false, go to the '0' side. (*Correct answer: False—M&M'S® are the best-selling candy.*)

"Question #6: An ostrich's eye is larger than its brain. True or false? If you think that's true, go to the '1' side. If you think it's false, go to the '0' side. (*Correct answer: True.*)

"Question #7: 60 percent of the earth is covered with water. True or false? If you think that's true, go to the '1' side. If you think it's false, go to the '0' side. (*Correct answer: False—it's actually about 71 percent.*)

If the audience got four or more questions correct, Host is safe from the "virus." If the audience got three or fewer questions correct, Host picks up the jar and takes one out.

"Wow, that was totally gross! I'm going to need some time to get my stomach right. Please welcome [Historyteller's name]."

Historyteller enters.

SETTING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH

LEADER: “Now, today’s Truth has a lot of villains and good guys. It’s a true event from the book of 1 Samuel (*hold up Bible*), but I thought it would be fun to watch it in video! Check it out.”

CG: 252 Story

WRAPPING UP THE BIBLE TRUTH

“Unfortunately, David learned something the hard way.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you’re not truthful, you hurt others. That’s also true for you and me. So many times in the moment, we’re only thinking of ourselves and how to keep ourselves out of trouble. But telling a lie is never the wise choice, and it can really hurt others. We often say in here that **[Basic Truth]** I should treat others the way I want to be treated. In this case, that means telling the truth so that others don’t get hurt. Let’s talk to God about it.”

Pray

LEADER: “Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You’re ALWAYS truthful with us. We love our family and our friends, and we don’t want to hurt them with our dishonesty. Please help us to always tell the truth, even when it might get us into trouble. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“If you have an offering with you today, raise your hand and we will bring the bucket over to you.”

“Now, up on your feet and give some mad respect to our Power Praise team!”

Power Praise team enters as Historyteller exits.

Worship

SFX: “Alive”

SFX: “Generation for You”

SFX: “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”

Host enters as Power Praise Team exits.

Closer

HOST: “Wow. David’s lie really led to some big problems, didn’t it? Maybe his lie seemed small at the time. He probably thought he would never be found out, so no big deal right? Well, God tells us that’s not true. Check out the memory verse.”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.”

“I like to think that if David knew what the domino effect of his lie would be, he would have made a

different, more honest choice. He could have avoided a HUGE amount of hurt later just by telling the truth. **[Bottom Line] When we aren't truthful, we can hurt others.**

"Say you break your mom's favorite coffee mug, but you decide not to tell her that, and instead you let your brother or sister take the blame. They could get in trouble for that.

"If you lie to others, you hurt them. If they lie to you, they hurt you. Think about how YOU would want to be treated when you're tempted to tell a lie. Then choose to be truthful. It might just keep someone from being hurt. That's why you want to be truthful.

"Here's the one thing to remember today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "When you're not truthful, you hurt others. All right, friends—we have a mission this week. Let's really practice being truthful so that we don't hurt the people around us! Deal? Remember, God can help you choose to be honest, so ask Him for help. Have fun in Small Group!"

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.

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Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (10 minutes)

9:00 & 11:30

Spreading Lies

What You Need: Coffee filters, washable markers, eyedroppers, cup of water, Styrofoam plates

What You Do:

- Give each kid a coffee filter, and instruct them to place it on a Styrofoam plate.
- Encourage your few to write this week's Bottom Line on their coffee filter with a marker.
- After completed, provide each kid with an eyedropper.
- Help them fill up their eyedropper about half way with the water from the cup.
- Instruct kids to slowly drop water in the center of the coffee filter.
- As they do, let them watch the ink from their Bottom Line spread across the coffee filter.

What You Say:

"It was a bit of a bummer to watch the words you wrote disappear as the ink spread across the coffee filter! Just like the water caused the ink to spread all over the place, being untruthful spreads to others. Have you ever witnessed how a lie can spread—maybe at school or with friends? *(Provide time to share stories.)* **[Make It Personal] (Share a personal story from a time you were untruthful and in the end hurt someone.)** Whether it's a lie we share, or it's from someone else, now we can see how **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you hurt others.**"

10:15

Comic Strip Scenarios

What You Need: "Comic Strip Scenarios" Activity Page, markers

What You Do:

- Hand out the Activity Pages and set out the crayons.
- Go through the scenarios one at a time.
 - Ask kids to describe what's going on in the pictures.
 - Then ask what could happen if the kid was untruthful. How could someone get hurt?
 - Then instruct them to finish the strip in the last square with the kid in the scenario being truthful.
- If you have mostly older kids (first graders) and have more time, challenge them to work together to come up with another three-strip comic where a kid could potentially not be truthful and it would hurt others.

What You Say:

"These are all scenarios that could maybe happen to us. It can be tempting to not tell the truth so we won't get in trouble or so we'll look good or for many other reasons. But often **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you hurt others**, and that's not a good thing. We don't want other people to get hurt because we weren't honest. That's not fair to them, is it? Whenever we think about not telling the truth, we should think about the fact that someone else could get hurt because we weren't honest. Let's all try to be honest and tell the truth from this point on so we won't hurt others with our untruthfulness." **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids a story about a time you lied when you were little and someone else got hurt as a result. What happened? How did that other person feel? How did you feel?)**

All Service Times**Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)****[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]***Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application***What You Need:** No supplies needed**What You Do:**

- Gather kids to sit.
- Ask if anyone has experienced a lie turning into a web, where one thing led to another and relationships were hurt.
- Allow time for your few to respond, giving time for each person to share if they desire.
- Tell kids that when they choose to be dishonest, the important thing is how they handle it afterward. It's important to go to the person they lied to, tell the truth, and ask for their forgiveness.

What You Say:

"Dear God, I want to live a life of honesty so that others may see who You are through me. I know that **[Bottom Line] when you're not truthful, you hurt others** and that dishonesty can keep people from seeing You reflected in me. So I ask You to guide me in those moments. Forgive me for the times I have let others down, and remind me of how I can point others toward You when I live a life of honesty. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share today's Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] When you're not truthful, you hurt others.**