

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Heavenly Father, You have promised to exalt the truth and to oppose falsehood. I praise You for being good and truthful. Please forgive me for the times when I have spoken falsely or acted untruthfully. Help me honor all that is right and true.

Lord, please help me explain to these children that telling the truth is always the right response. Help the children grow in their understanding of right and wrong. In Jesus' name, amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 5:4b "When you tell a lie! God knows!"

BIBLE STORY – DOUBLE TROUBLE (BASED ON ACTS 5:1-11)

Jesus' friends loved each other. They talked about Jesus. They prayed together. And they shared everything they had. What a wonderful way to live.

But two people in the early Church were not always truthful. Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, owned some land. One day, they sold the land. Now they had lots of money. What would they do with all the money?

Ananias and Sapphira wanted their friends in the Church to think they were very generous. They wanted people to look up to them and respect them for giving money to the Lord. So, Ananias and Sapphira decided to pretend that they were giving all the money to help others. But they really kept some money for themselves.

Ananias and Sapphira wanted people to notice them. They wanted to feel important. They wanted their friends to praise them. So, Ananias and Sapphira told a lie.

Lying makes God really sad, (make a sad face)

But telling the truth makes Him glad. (make a happy face)

Ananias brought some of the money to the Church. He told Peter, "Here is all the money from the land that we sold." Ananias wasn't telling the truth. HE wasn't being honest He told a lie.

Lying makes God really sad, (make a sad face)

But telling the truth makes Him glad. (make a happy face)

Peter knew Ananias wasn't telling the truth. He said, "Ananias, why did you lie? Why did you keep part of the money for yourself? It was your land to do whatever you wanted with. You didn't have to give any money to the Lord. You should have told the truth. Instead you lied to God. He knows what you have done."

Lying makes God really sad, (make a sad face)

But telling the truth makes Him glad. (make a happy face)

When Peter said these words, God punished Ananias. He suddenly died- and some men carried him away. Later that day, Sapphira came to the Church. She didn't know what had happened to Ananias. Peter asked her, "Sapphira, is this all the money from the land you sold?"

"Yes", she answered. Sapphira wasn't telling the truth. She wasn't being honest. She told a lie.

Lying makes God really say, (make a sad face)

But telling the truth makes Him glad. (make a happy face)

Peter knew Sapphira wasn't telling the truth. He said "How could you lie to God? He knows what you have done. " Then God punished Sapphira, just like her husband. On that day, everyone learned that God knows the truth.

PRAYER:

Ask God to help the children tell the truth, even when it is hard to do.

ACTIVITIES:

Potato Faces (Supplies: A picture of a potato, googly eyes, glue, and crayons)

Hand each child a picture of a potato, along with 2 eyes, and crayons. Have the children decorate their potato. Please make sure they add a happy face to their potato. Use this picture to talk about how God feels when you tell the truth. Explain to them if they would have put a frown, that would be how God feels when lies are told.

To tell the truth

Help your children practice telling the truth by saying obvious untruths and having them tell you the actual truth. Speak to each child individually and say something about him or her that is untrue. That child will need to correct the untruth you said and say a true statement instead. Always reassure that God always wants us to tell the truth.

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