



### **I Will Be Honest!**

#### **From Power Up Lesson 7**

#### **LEADERSHIP TRAIT - INTEGRITY**

Leaders with integrity understand and avoid the dangers of dishonesty.

#### **LEADERSHIP LESSON**

Your children will learn that we should always be honest because of the damage that dishonesty can cause.

#### **BIBLE STORY:**

The man of God from Judah. (1 Kings 13)

#### **WHAT DO I DO?**

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

#### **OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: TRUTH TOWER**

Build a tower or other structure out of Jenga™ blocks or other wooden blocks. Talk to your family about how the tower represents our lives. Have your family members talk about situations in which they might be tempted to lie. Some examples are: to get out of trouble, to avoid doing something unpleasant, to get out of schoolwork, to convince someone to do something for you. For every situation mentioned, have the family member take one or more blocks out of the middle of the tower. Eventually, the tower will not be able to stand and will fall over. Tell your family that lies damage our lives and the lives of others. When we tell lies, instead of being honest, eventually our lives will come crashing down, just like the tower. It is always better to tell the truth instead of lying.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

Help your child memorize this verse.

*"I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence." Psalm 101:7 (NLT)*



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**Read the Bible Story about the man of God from Judah in 1 Kings 13. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.**

1. True or False. Lies help you get out of trouble.
2. Pastor Mike told a story about two brothers. What happened in the story? Circle the correct answer.
  - A. The younger brother wasn't careful and spilled his drink all over the video game console.
  - B. The younger brother made dinner for everyone.
  - C. The dad broke the video game.
  - D. The older brother wouldn't share his things.
3. True or False. When the younger brother realized what he did, he told the truth.
4. Fill in the blanks. The younger brother lied and blamed it on his \_\_\_\_\_ and then blamed it on his \_\_\_\_\_. Now he was in big trouble.
5. In the Bible story, why was King Jeroboam not a very good king? Circle the correct answer.
  - A. He didn't have a strong army.
  - B. He had made idols for the people to worship.
  - C. He wasn't very brave.
  - D. He wasn't very strong.
6. Fill in the blank. God had commanded those who followed Him not to \_\_\_\_\_ anyone or anything but Him.
7. Who came to see King Jeroboam to let him know that what he was doing was wrong?



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8. The King listened to the man and then invited him to his home to eat and drink. What did the man of God say? Circle the correct answer.
  - A. I am not hungry.
  - B. What is for dinner?
  - C. I am a vegetarian.
  - D. God said I cannot eat or drink anything while I am here.
  
9. True or False. When an old prophet heard about this man of God, he wanted to talk with him. So he invited this man to his home to eat with him.
  
10. Fill in the blanks. The old prophet said that he was a \_\_\_\_\_, too and that an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord had told him to bring the man home with him and give him something to eat and drink.
  
11. True or False. The old prophet told the truth.
  
12. The old prophet was lying, but the man of God did not know this. What did the man of God do? Circle the correct answer.
  - A. He went and ate at the old prophet's home.
  - B. He took a nap.
  - C. He went for a walk.
  
13. The man of God was now disobeying God. What is it called when we disobey God?
  
14. The Lord now gave a message to the man of God that he would be punished. What happened to the man of God when he left the prophet's home? Circle the correct answer.
  - A. He was overcome by bandits.
  - B. A lion attacked and killed him.
  - C. He made it safely home.
  - D. He saw the king.



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15. True or False. The old prophet realized his lie caused great grief and pain. Lying leads to disastrous results.
16. What happens when we lie? Circle ALL the answers that are correct.
- A. It hurts people.
  - B. It makes us hungry.
  - C. It ruins friendships.
  - D. It causes problems at school, home and church
  - E. It keeps you safe

Find something you can keep with you at all times. It might be a small stone to put in your pocket or a charm you can wear on a necklace or bracelet. When you are tempted to say something that is not true, use that item to remind you to always be honest. Remember that being dishonest hurts others and it hurts you. Things will always be better for us in the end, when we tell the truth.

**Memory Verse:** Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. False.
2. A.
3. False.
4. Dad. Mom.
5. B.
6. Worship.
7. A man of God.
8. D.
9. True
10. Prophet. Angel.
11. False.
12. A.
13. Sin.
14. B.
15. True.
16. A. C. D.