I Will Tell The Truth!

From Good News Jr.
Lesson 4

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - TRUTHFULNESS

Great leaders are honest with everyone.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should always tell the truth.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Peter lies about knowing Jesus - Matthew 26:69-75

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Tell The Truth.*

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON:

- Ask your children the Leadership Questions.
- Read the Leadership Story, found in Matthew 26:69-75, to your children.
- Do the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: TRUTH BALL PASS

Materials Needed: A ball

Get a ball and have one person one roll it to another person. In the first round of the game, everyone will tell the truth. Before the ball gets to the second person, he or she must say something true about the first person or about something in the room. Some examples include: You are smiling. The TV is off. Keep playing until everyone in your family has had a turn.

In the second round, have everyone tell something that is not true as the ball is passed. Some examples might include: The TV is on. You are wearing something green. I like to eat broccoli. After you have played both versions of the game, ask the following questions.

1. What things did we say in the first round of the game? *(Things that were true.)*
2. What things did we say in the second round of the game? *(Things that were a lie.)*
3. What things does God want us always to say - things that are true or things that are lies? *(Things that are true.)*

Remind your family that in the game, everyone said two different types of things - truths and lies. In our lives, we should always tell the truth. God wants us to tell the truth, so let's always remember to tell the truth.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your children memorize this verse.
"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Tell The Truth!

Child Leadership Questions:

1. When Ethan went out to do his story, what happened to his microphone?
   (It broke.)

2. Did Ethan tell Anchor Sunshine the truth about what happened to the microphone?
   (No.)

3. Anchor Sunshine showed Ethan a special report to help him learn that it's better to tell the truth. Did Ethan decide to tell the truth after hearing the special report?
   (Yes.)

4. In the special report that Ethan watched, who watched as Jesus was arrested?
   (Peter.)

5. Later, Peter was resting by a fire. Several people came and asked Peter if he knew Jesus. Did Peter tell the truth each time or did he tell a lie?
   (He told a lie each time.)

6. How many times did Peter lie?
   (Three times.)

7. How did Peter feel after he lied?
   (Sad.)

Peter knew he should tell the truth and not lie. You can remember this story of Peter to remind you to always tell the truth.

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