

Faith Builders: Watch your words!

Parents, you are welcome to use these ideas to help build your child's faith and encouraging them to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Quick Pick

Talk about the importance of always telling the truth.

Read James 3:2-10 together to find out how

important it is to use our words in good

and honest ways.



“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.” Proverbs 12:22



Key Word

Lying means saying something on purpose that is not true.

Fun at Home:

With your family, write on separate index cards five or six questions about Proverbs 12:22 and about telling the truth (e.g. What does the word “detest” mean? Who does God delight in? What might happen if you tell a lie to your friend and the friend finds out?). Also write five or six questions about your family (e.g. Where did we go for vacation last year? What is dad’s favourite kind of ice cream? What TV show does [family member] always watch?). Mix up the cards and put them facedown in a pile. Get a bell or rhythm instrument.

One person chooses the top card and reads the question aloud. The first person to ring the bell or play the instrument answers the question and is given 100 points. Continue until questions have been answered.

Now, Do the Craft activity provided and/or the game!

GETTING CRAFTY:

What Each Child Needs:

Pattern scissors

ruler

two 30.5x45.5-cm pieces of craft foam in

two different colors

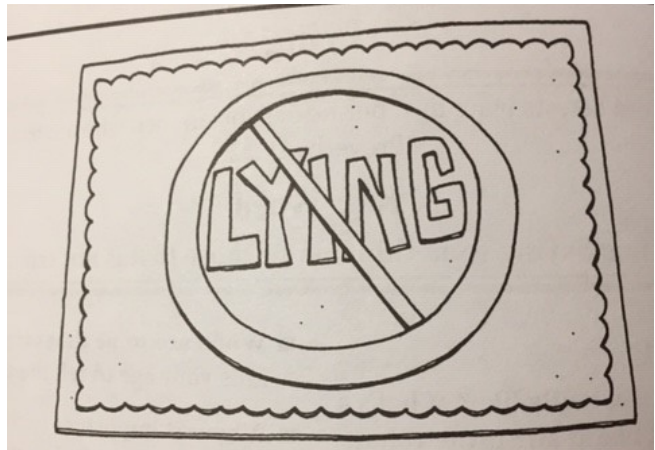
23x30.5-cm piece of red craft foam

23x30.5-cm piece of black craft foam

scissors

craft glue

Optional: letter stencils, pencils



What Each Child Does:

1. Use pattern scissors to trim 1.3-cm off each side of one of the large pieces of craft foam. Glue trimmed piece of craft foam to the top of the other large piece of craft foam. This will be the place mat.
2. Cut 0.6-cm strip off of the 30.5-cm side of red craft foam with regular scissors. Put this strip aside for later. Cut a large circle out of the remaining red craft foam. Then cut another circle out of the middle of the large circle, leaving a 1.3-cm ring. Glue the ring onto the center of the place mat.
3. Cut letters to spell the word "LYING" out of the black craft foam. (Optional: Trace letter stencils on foam and then cut out letters.) Glue letters in order inside the red ring. Glue the 0.6-cm red strip you saved across the word "LYING" from one side of the ring to the other. Trim red strip to fit circle.
4. Let everything dry completely before using place mat. The place mat can remind you to tell the truth!

GETTING ACTIVE

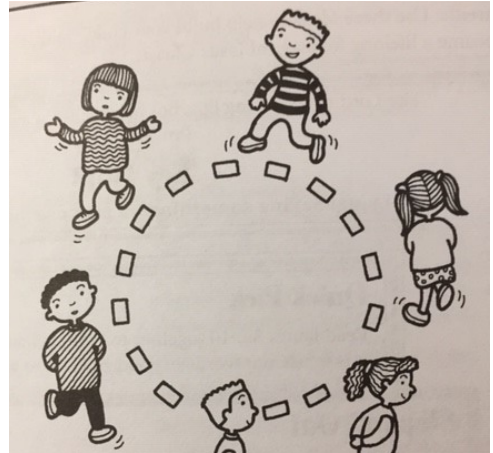
What You Need

Markers

Index cards

Children's music CD and player

Stopwatch or watch with a second hand



What You Do

1. Let's play a game to celebrate the fact that we can ask God to forgive us for not telling the truth. Print the word "forgive" on index cards, one letter on each card. Make one set of cards for child. Mix up all cards and place them facedown in a large circle on the floor.
2. Children stand around the circle of cards.
3. As you play music, children walk around the circle. Stop the music after 15 to 20 seconds. When the music stops, each child picks up the card closest to him or her and keep the card. With the next round of music things will become more interesting, as they now need to find the missing cards with letters needed to spell "forgive" and place duplicate cards facedown back in the circle. Add cards to the circle as needed so that there is always a card for each child.
4. When one or all the children have collected a complete set of cards to spell "forgive," ask children to answer the question: When is a time kids your age can choose to tell the truth? Discuss with each other.

Have Fun!