

2019
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
“Christian Living”
Elementary Class Material
Tuesday Lesson
“Lying”

LYING - THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES WHEN WE SIN

Tuesday

Ananias and Sapphira

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-36, Acts 5:1-11, 1 John 1:6, 1 John 2:21, Colossians 3:9, Romans 1:25

Memory verse: Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25

Key people: Ananias, Sapphira, Peter

Background information: In Acts 4:32, we learn the believers shared everything they had. The people did not claim any of their possessions as their own. In verses 34 and 35 of Acts, chapter 4, it tells us no one had a need. Occasionally someone would sell their house or land and bring the money and lay it at the apostle's feet. The money was given to anyone who had a need. The Bible gives us the example of Barnabas in Acts 4:36. Barnabas sold a field he owned and brought the money and laid it at the apostle's feet.

The story:

In Acts, chapter 5, we learn about a man Ananias and his wife Sapphira. Ananias and Sapphira were believers. Ananias sold a piece of their property. Ananias kept back part of the money for himself. His wife, Sapphira knew that Ananias was planning on keeping a portion of the money and went along with it. Ananias took the rest of the money and laid it at the apostle's feet. This made it look like Ananias had sold the property and given all the money to the apostle's. Peter asks Ananias, "How is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?" "Didn't the land belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to man but to God." The Bible says that when Ananias heard this he fell down and died. All who heard about this was seized with a great fear. Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried Ananias out and buried him.

Three hours later Sapphira came in, she did know what had happened to Ananias. Peter asked Sapphira, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

Sapphira answered Peter, "Yes that is the price." Peter said to Sapphira, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." Acts 5:10 tells us that at that moment Sapphira fell down at Peter's feet and died. The young men came in and finding her dead, carried Sapphira out and buried her beside her husband.

Discussion:

1. What is a lie? The opposite of the truth, something not true.
2. Is "Just kidding" telling the truth?
3. Was it wrong for Ananias to sell his property and lay the money at the apostle's feet? No, Ananias was doing a good thing by sharing.
4. What was wrong with the way Ananias gave the money to the apostle's?
 - A. Ananias led them to believe he was giving all the money from the sale.
 - B. Ananias had the right to do whatever he wanted with his money.
 - C. Ananias lied about the amount.
 - D. Ananias should have been honest and told the truth.
5. How can telling lies hurt someone?
 - A. It hurts the reputation of the person telling the lie.
 1. Loss of trust in that person.
 2. Loss of faith in that person.
 - B. It hurts the person the lie is being told about.
 1. People turn away from the innocent person. Loss of friendship.
 2. Innocent person is gossiped about.
 3. Innocent person is embarrassed.
 4. Innocent person gets in trouble for something they did not do.

Too Many Tricks

Read the story "Too Many Tricks" or "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". Discuss how not telling the truth can have consequences.

Tell the Truth

Cut apart these truth-telling situations. Role play ways to tell the truth in these situations.

Patchwork of Truth worksheet

My Contract worksheet

The Lie Detector Test

Dishonesty Doesn't Pay worksheet

Too Many Tricks!

It was April Fools' Day, and Holly loved to play tricks on her friends. At school that day, she told Kristy that she had a spider in her hair. Kristy screamed and ran around in circles, shaking her hair wildly. Holly laughed and laughed, then she said, "April Fools'!"

When the class was outside at recess, Holly told Mike that his mother had come to pick him up. Mike went back into the classroom, but no one was there. He came back to the playground and got very angry when Holly said, "April Fools'!"



That night, Holly thought about how fun it was to play tricks on people. She decided she would keep on doing it even though April Fools' Day was over. She lay in bed, thinking of tricks to play on her friends.

Every day, Holly would say something untrue and watched what would happen. She thought it was funny that people always believed her, even when she was telling a lie. She told Lexie that Mrs. Herring had changed her mind about giving homework, so she didn't have to do it. Then Lexie got in trouble when she didn't turn in her homework. "Gotcha!" Holly laughed.

Holly even played a trick on her teacher. "Oh, no, Mrs. Herring," she said, "you must have sat down in some gum! It's stuck to the back of your dress!" Mrs. Herring tried to see the gum but couldn't find it. "I'll be right back, class," she said, as she left for the restroom. She came back into the classroom glaring at Holly who was pretending to do math problems. Holly was thinking, "Gotcha, Mrs. Herring!"

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Too Many Tricks!

One spring day, a dark thunderstorm rolled across the sky. It began to lightning and thunder. With a loud crack and pop, the lights went out. Holly was in the library, returning a catalog for Mrs. Herring. Holly smelled smoke. She looked around and saw a fire near the back of the library! "Run to the office, Holly," the librarian said. "Tell them to sound the fire alarm."

Holly did, but the principal said that without electricity, the alarm wouldn't work. He told Holly to run to her classroom and tell her teacher while he quickly told the others. Holly ran into her room and breathlessly said, "Mrs. Herring! There's a fire! We have to get out of the building."

"No, Holly," said Mrs. Herring. "I'm sure you are just going to get us all soaked in the rain and then say, 'Gotcha!'"

"No, really, Mrs. Herring! Lightning struck the building and started a fire in the library! We have to get everyone out!" Holly pleaded. Mrs. Herring decided she better check it out. She looked in the hallway and saw the other classes quickly walking out of the building. "Line up, children! Quickly!" she said, as she led them out of the room.



As the fire trucks put the fire out, Holly went to Mrs. Herring and told her she was sorry about what happened. Holly said, "I've told so many lies that now people don't believe me when I tell the truth! I won't play any more tricks, I promise. I will always tell the truth from now on."

Talk About It

- What might have happened if the teacher had ignored Holly's warning about the fire because she thought Holly was not telling the truth?
- If you tell lies often, what do people think when you tell the truth?
- Is it ever okay to lie?

TELL THE TRUTH

Photocopy and cut apart these truth-telling situations.

Jesus expects us to be honest, even when it's hard. Role play ways to tell the truth in this situation.

A Piece of Cake

There was one piece of cake left. It was supposed to be your brother's. But you were really hungry, and you ate it. Now your brother is screaming that his cake is gone.

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An Important Message

Your dad was expecting an important call from his boss. You were supposed to stay home and take the message. You forgot and went out to play catch with your friends. You remember just as your dad is pulling into the driveway.

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An Artful Answer

Your friend wants to enter a picture in an art show. He asks you what you think of it. You think you've seen him draw other pictures that are a lot better.

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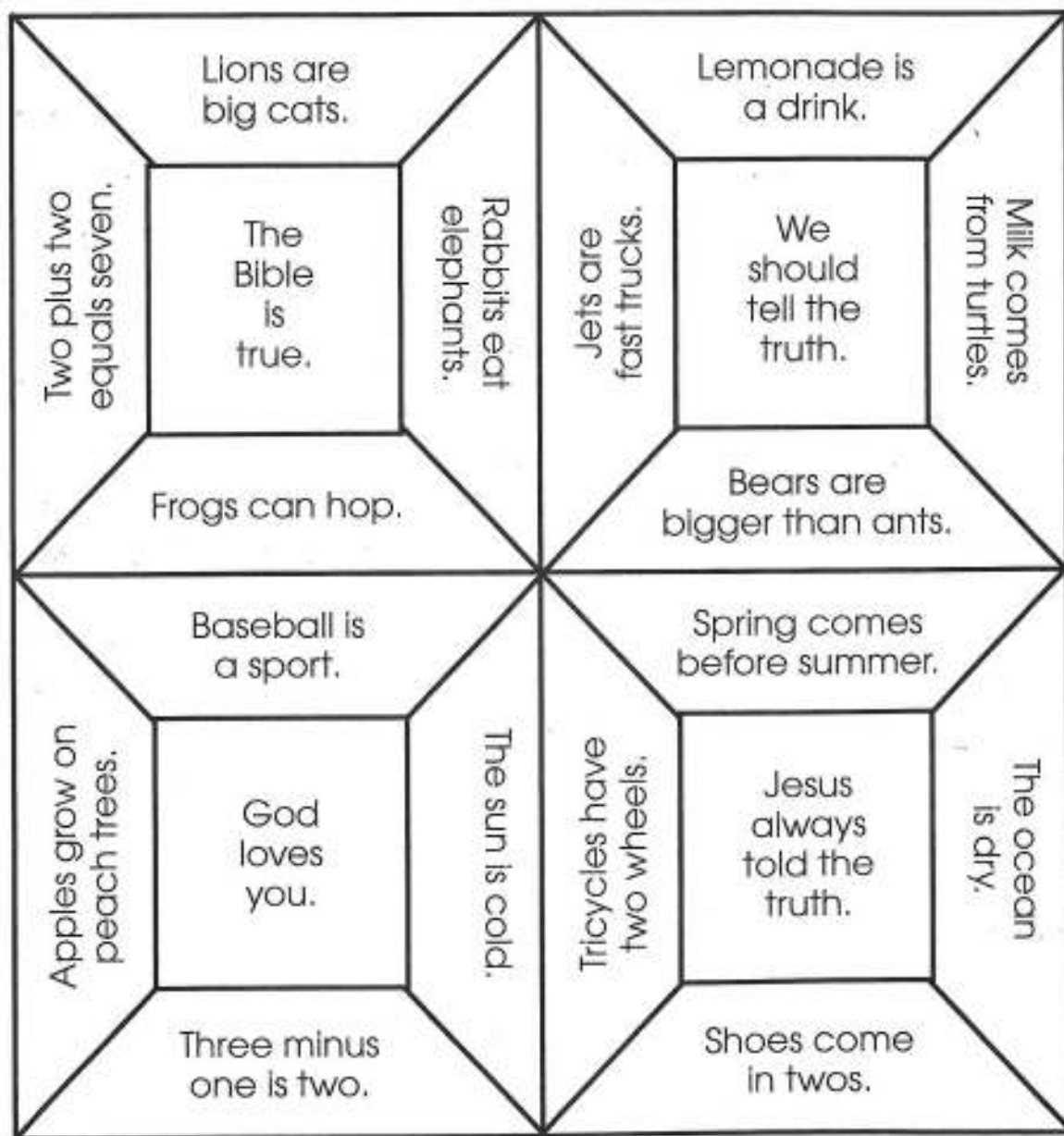
The Stain

You're having a fight with your sister when your mom isn't home. You get really mad and throw a pillow at her. The pillow knocks her glass of red Kool-Aid onto the carpet. Your mom comes home and finds the stain.

Patchwork of Truth

Name _____

Can you tell the difference between a lie and the truth? Read all the sentences in the patchwork quilt below. If it is a true statement, color that space yellow. If it is a lie, color that space black. If you color the design correctly, you will see a quilt design.

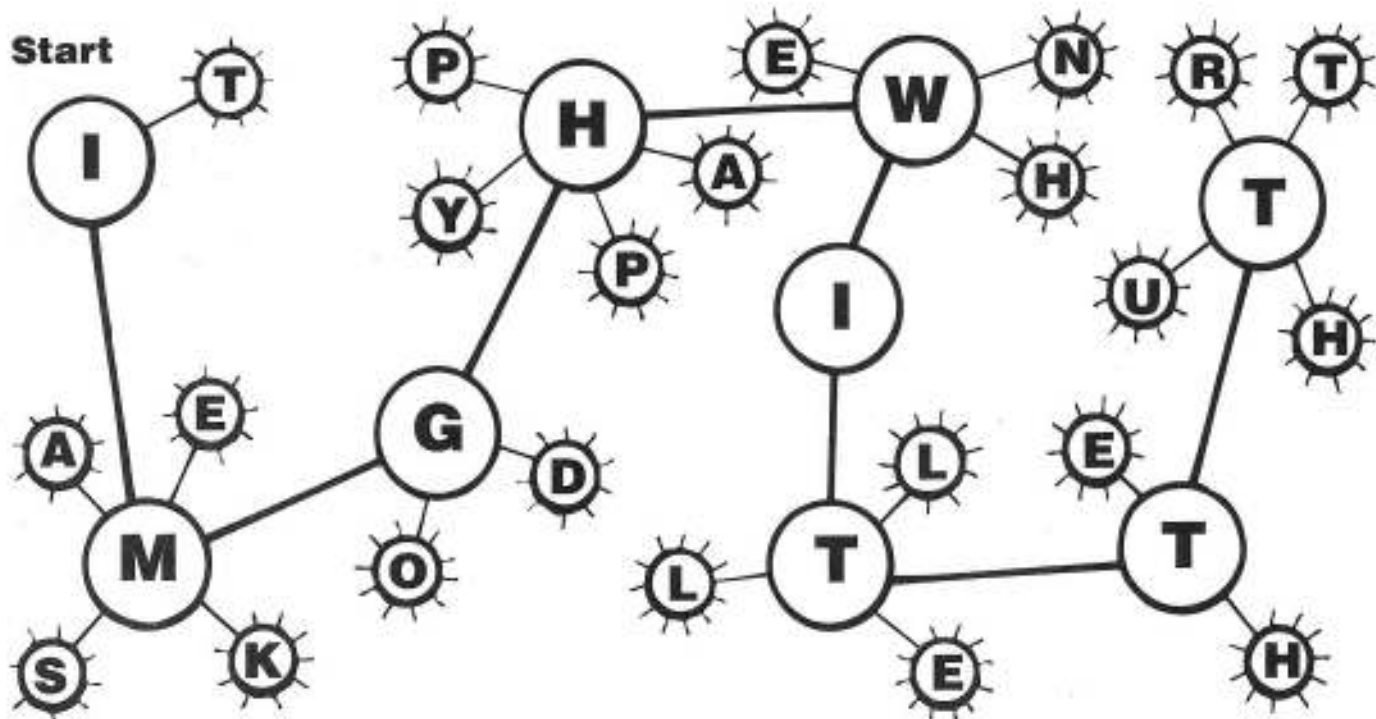


"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable . . . think about such things." (Phillipians 4:8)

My Contract

Name _____

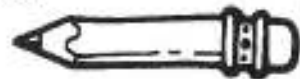
Use the letters in each cluster to spell a word. Each word starts with the letter in the middle of the cluster. Write the words in the blanks in order.



If you want to make a commitment to always tell the truth, copy the sentence below. Then sign your name and write the date.



I promise to do my best to always tell the truth.



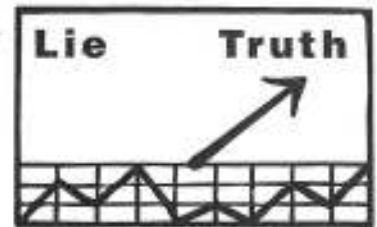
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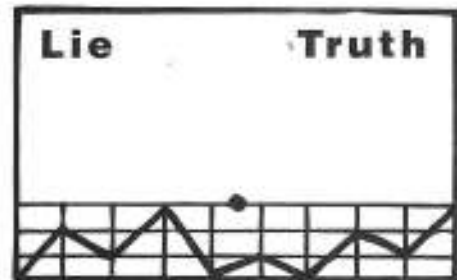
The Lie Detector Test

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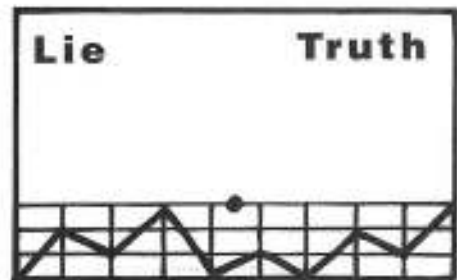
Pretend you are a police investigator giving a lie detector test. Read each story below. If the person is telling the "whole truth, and nothing but the truth," draw an arrow pointing to TRUTH. If the person is telling a lie, draw an arrow pointing to LIE.



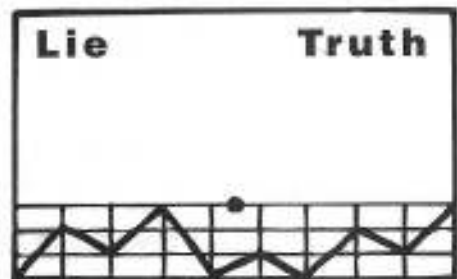
1. Brett had math and reading homework on Monday. He finished the reading homework and started to go outside to play. His mom said, "You can't go outside until you've finished your homework!" "I am finished, Mom," said Brett, as he ran out the door.



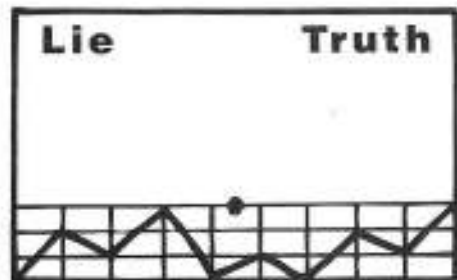
2. Travis and Jeremy were playing baseball in the yard. Jeremy pitched the ball, and Travis hit it hard. It went right through the window of Mrs. Carter's house next door! Mrs. Carter came outside and said, "Who did that?" Travis said, "I did, Mrs. Carter. I'm sorry!"



3. Justin saw a pencil on the floor near his desk. It was a Yankees' baseball pencil. "Cool!" thought Justin. He took it back to his desk to use to do his math problems. Later, he heard Robert tell Mrs. Starr that he had lost his brand new Yankees' baseball pencil that his dad had given him. "Here it is, Robert! I found it this morning," said Justin.



4. Emily was having a slumber party. Angle and Kristen started a pillow fight. They accidentally knocked over a lamp and broke it. Emily hid it behind the couch. The next day, Emily's mom found the lamp. She asked, "Who broke the lamp?" Emily said, "I think the cat knocked it over last night."



Name _____

Dishonesty Doesn't Pay

Read the clues and the Bible verse to name that Bible character!

1. This woman had a husband named Ananias.
2. She and her husband sold their property.
3. She knew that her husband lied about the profits.
4. Her husband died when confronted by Peter about his lie.
5. This woman also lied about how much money they had received.
6. She was buried beside her husband.
7. Read about this Bible character in **Acts 5:1**.

Name that Bible character!

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Fill in the blanks. Then arrange the letters in the numbered blanks below to spell this woman's name.

1. Ananias put money at the feet of the ____.

__ P __ STL __ S
1

2. This man questioned Ananias about why he lied.

__ ET __ R
2

3. Who filled Ananias' heart so that he lied?

__ AT __ N
3

4. To whom did he lie?

__ __ LY __ P __ R __ T
4

5. Ananias fell down and ____.

D __ __ D
5

6. Ananias' wife showed up about three ____ later.

H __ __ __ S
6

Her name was _____
3 1 2 2 4 5 6 1

