



October Week 3

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Today's Bible Story: A Matter of Trust (Naaman and Elisha's Servant) • *2 Kings 5*

Today's Bottom Line: When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIRV)

Monthly Life App: Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

What You Need:

- "Gehazi's Gaffe" Activity Page (print or read directly from your device)
- "Emoji Mojo" Activity Page, one for each child. Cut out the emoji cards and have one of each face nearby.

What You Do:

- Watch the Bible story video presentation.



What to Do:

Email to families to print out. Instruct them to cut apart the cards and give one of each type of card to their child before Virtual Small Group begins.

- After the Bible story video, move into this week’s activity.

Activity:

- Ask kids to grab their “Emoji Mojo” cards.
- Tell them to notice the faces and what emotions those faces are showing.
- Read “Gehazi’s Gaffe,” pausing where shown and signaling kids to hold up the appropriate emoji.

What You Say:

“Gehazi saw a chance to get some stuff from Naaman. And so he chose to be dishonest so that he could get it. But Gehazi’s dishonesty had serious consequences. What happened after Gehazi lied to Naaman? (*He got the silver and clothes, but he got sick.*) How do you think Elisha felt when he knew that Gehazi had been dishonest? (*sad, angry, hurt*) Gehazi got the stuff he wanted, but it cost him a healthy life. It also cost him Elisha’s trust. His lie hurt himself AND his relationship with Elisha.

“When we lie to get what we want, we end up hurting ourselves and others, too. ***[Make it Personal] (Think back to when you were a kid and tell the group about a time that you lied to get something that you wanted. Tell kids how you felt afterward and also the consequences of your lie—especially if others lost trust in you.)***

“So, remember to be truthful. Because ***[Bottom Line] when you’re not truthful, you lose trust.***”

As you pray, encourage kids to repeat the prayer after you.

“Dear God, thank You for always being truthful. (*Kids repeat.*) Help me to be truthful (*kids repeat*), in all I say and do. (*Kids repeat.*) So others will trust me. (*Kids repeat.*) Amen.”

Gehazi's Gaffe Activity Page

Naaman was the commander of the army of Aram. Even though Naaman was an important man, he had a problem no doctor could solve—a terrible skin disease. (Pause.)

One day, Naaman heard about a prophet in Israel named Elisha who might be able to help him. (Pause.) So, Naaman went to the king of Israel. When Elisha heard that Naaman was looking for help, he sent a messenger. It may have been his trusted servant, Gehazi.

Gehazi took Elisha's message to the king. Gehazi announced, "Elisha says, 'Tell the man to come to me!'" Sure enough, the king of Israel sent Naaman straight to Elisha.

When Naaman arrived, Elisha sent his servant out the door with a message. "Go! Wash yourself in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed. You will be pure and 'clean' again." (Pause.)

Naaman was upset. (Pause.) "I thought Elisha would come out himself. Can't he just say some words and wave his hand and make me better? And the Jordan River? Ew! It's full of muck and tadpoles and . . . ew! Forget it!"

Naaman left, angry. (Pause.) But his servants convinced him to follow Elisha's instructions, anyway. So, Naaman dipped seven times in the murky Jordan River. When he rose from the water the seventh time, his skin was perfectly clean! He was healed! (Pause.)

Naaman raced back to Elisha's house. This time, the prophet came outside, along with Gehazi. Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God anywhere except in Israel! Please take a gift from me!" (Pause.)

But Elisha said, "No! I serve the Lord. You can be sure that he lives. And you can be just as sure that I won't accept a gift from you."

But after Naaman left, Gehazi took off running down the road to follow him. When Gehazi caught up to Naaman, he said, "My master sent me to say that . . . uh . . . two young prophets have come to visit. Please give them 75 pounds of silver and two sets of clothes." (Pause.)

Naaman replied, "Of course! Take twice as much." Naaman's servants carried the heavy bags of silver and clothing back up the road, but as they approached Elisha's house, Elisha asked Gehazi, "Where have you been?" And Gehazi answered, "Who, me? I didn't go anywhere." (Pause.)

"Didn't my spirit go with you?" Elisha replied. "I know Naaman greeted you. I know you took money and clothes. You and your family after you will have Naaman's skin disease forever." (Pause.)

Sure enough, Gehazi's skin was soon covered with sores, just as Naaman's had been. His lie had won him some new clothes, but it had cost him Elisha's trust—and a full and healthy life.
(Pause.)