



October Week 3 Preteen

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

Today's Key Question: Why is it important for people to trust you?

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 (NIV)

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: "The Story" Activity Page (either print a copy or read directly from your device)

What to Do:

- Watch the Bible story video presentation.
- After the Bible story video, start a quick conversation about what it means to be truthful and have integrity, and let kids share something they learned through the Bible story or something they thought was funny or interesting in the video.

Activity:

- **Ask:**
 - Who is Elisha? (*a prophet*) What is a prophet? (*a person who speaks directly for God*)
 - Who is Gehazi? (*Elisha's servant, his job is to do what Elisha tells him*)
 - Who is Naaman? (*a big deal, an army commander for the king of Aram, rich, highly respected, a brave soldier*)
- Ask for three kids to volunteer to act out Elisha, Naaman, and Gehazi.
- Tell kids that everyone will get an opportunity to be an actor if they would like.
- Encourage kids to take a few minutes and find simple props for their character.
- Examples for props could be:
 - Elisha: a Bible
 - Naaman: a sword, a stick pony or a medal and a several of dot stickers on his body
 - Gehazi: an apron or a messenger bag, or a serving tray

- Instruct actors to get into character and to act as you read Scene 1 from “The Story” Activity Page.

Note: “The Story” Activity Page is an optional tool to help you lead kids through this activity. The original script calls for kids to SWITCH roles quickly, however, it will be easier to omit that for virtual platforms. Delays in the internet might lead to confusion or missed words.

- Encourage kids to ham up the acting.
- Continue reading each scene as directed in “The Story” Activity Page, pausing to choose different actors for the different scenes. (If you only have a few volunteers, you can keep the same actors between scenes.)
- After the “play” is complete, clap for them and prompt them to take a bow.
- For review, ask the following discussion questions:
 - Who showed integrity in the story? Give an example how they showed integrity.
 - Who did not show integrity? Give an example how they did not show integrity.
 - Why do you think Gehazi lied?
 - How did Gehazi’s lack of integrity affect others? How do you think it affected Gehazi and Elisha’s relationship?
 - How can our choice to be truthful in whatever we say and do affect others? (*To prompt discussion, ask: Imagine you are playing a game with a friend and you decide to cheat so you get a better score—who could your actions affect and how?*)

Close your group in prayer:

“Dear God, You are Healer, Protector and Friend. Thank You for the example of integrity through Elisha. I pray that the words that I say and the actions I choose are truthful and honest. I pray that I can lead a life of integrity and strive to do what is right in Your eyes. Amen.”