

I Can Be Honest

Teach your child the importance of being honest, and the blessings that come from being honest.

Purpose

To strengthen each child's desire to be honest.

“Honesty is a principle, and we have our moral agency to determine how we will apply this principle. We have the agency to make choices, but ultimately we will be accountable for each choice we make. We may deceive others, but there is One we will never deceive.” ~ James E. Faust

Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark Scriptures ~ Article of Faith 13

Find Pictures of ~ 2,000 Young Warriors

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Things you will need ~ anything else you might need for extra activities

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Spider Oreos

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Opening Song ~ I Believe in Being Honest (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 149)

Opening Prayer

Attention Activity ~ Play “Is It True?” Tell your child when you say something true they need to raise their hands high. When you say something is not true they need to leave their hands down. Do a couple of lines to make sure they have it down, then let them say a thing or two.

Scripture ~ Article of Faith 13

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. At least the beginning part. Explain how one of the things we believe in, as members of the church is being honest, and how important it is to be honest.

Scripture Story ~ 2,000 Young Warriors

Tell the story of the 2,000 young warriors. Explain how they were honest young men, read Alma 53:20 (they were men who were true). Tell your child how because they were honest and strong they were protected by Heavenly Father. Even though they were young and had to fight in battle none of them were killed, it was a miracle!

Story ~ “Kelsey Makes a Mistake” ~ July 2012 Friend (Link on Family Night Website)

Read the story about Kelsey and talk about how she made a good choice and was honest to her mom about the mistake she made. Make a big point in showing how her mom still loves her so much even though she made a mistake.

Activity ~ Web of Lies

Take a ball of yarn and tie it to something in the room. Explain that each time you tell a lie it is like putting the ball of yarn across the room and wrap it around something else. Pretty soon you will have a whole “web” of lies. The more lies, the bigger the web the harder it is to clean it up and get out of. Tell your child we don’t want to be in a web of lies. It is better to tell the truth.

Testimony ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how important it is that we are honest. It doesn’t need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

Closing Song ~ Jesus Once Was a Little Child (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 55)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Spider Oreos. Goes along with the activity!

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

- 1 ~ Watch Pinocchio! Talk about how his noes grows when he lies.
- 2 ~ Young Warriors Coloring Page.
- 3 ~ Go to your local library and try to find a book or two to check out about honesty/lying.

Other Materials ~

Basically all the ideas from this lesson is from The Primary 1 Manual, lds.org, and Sugardoodle.net

If you are looking for other materials to help with your lesson you can look in any of these places ~ There are links to them on the Family Night Website!

For Younger Siblings ~

If your child has a younger sibling, this could be a tricky topic to talk about with younger children. Luckily most younger children are a little too good at being honest. One of the best ways to teach about honesty is through teaching in the moment and keeping a calm head about things. If they lie, tell them what they just did and encourage them to tell the truth next time.