

Theme: Telling the Truth – Even When It's Hard

□ Character Focus: Honesty

Sunday School Lesson for Preteens

□ Scripture Focus:

Proverbs 12:22 (NIV)

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”

Also Refer to:

- Ephesians 4:25
- Colossians 3:9
- John 8:32

□ Introduction Story: “The Missing Game Controller”

Jordan and her younger brother Marcus were home alone after school. Their mom had said, “No video games until homework is done.” But Marcus couldn’t resist. He snuck the game controller from the drawer and started playing. When he was done, he quickly shoved the controller under the couch—just in time before Mom walked in.

Later that night, their mom couldn’t find the controller and asked both kids if they had seen it. Marcus looked at Jordan nervously but stayed silent. Jordan knew what had happened, but she didn’t want to get her brother in trouble.

What should Jordan do?

Was Marcus being honest?

Is staying silent the same as lying?

□ Discussion Questions:

1. What does honesty mean to you?
2. Have you ever told a lie to stay out of trouble? What happened?
3. Why do you think God delights in people who are trustworthy?
4. Is it ever hard to tell the truth? Why?
5. How can telling the truth—even when it's difficult—build trust with others?
6. What could Jordan do in the story that is both kind and honest?

☆☆ Memory Verse Challenge:

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