

REFLECTION IDEAS – TRUTHFULNESS

Luke chapter 19 verses 1 to 10

This video reflects on the importance of truthfulness – the quality of being honest and consistently telling the truth. But telling the truth is not always easy, sometimes we will need to be brave to tell the truth.

People lie to get themselves out of trouble; to stop themselves getting into trouble; to get away with something that they have done wrong; or to avoid embarrassment. Children sometimes feel under pressure to lie because they do not want to disappoint adults; others exaggerate wildly when they lack confidence to help them feel better about themselves or to gain approval. In certain situations adults can encourage lying – telling a 'white lie' in order to spare someone's feelings for instance. However, the difficulty with telling a lie is that one lie can often lead to another and over time an unhelpful pattern can emerge, and trust can be damaged in relationships.

Reflection

Why is it important to be truthful?

Can you think of a time when it has been difficult to be truthful?

'If you want to be trusted, be honest.' Reflect on the meaning of this statement.

Children Learn What They Live – a thought provoking poem

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and others.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

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Link

A short version of the bible story can be found here: <https://youtu.be/Fe7dTNID6h8>

Please check if this is suitable for your group.

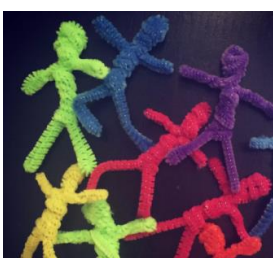
Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Can I be honest with you?

Description

In the Bible it tells us that God knows everything about us and we can be completely honest with him.

Who can you be completely honest with? Who knows you inside and out and loves you? Who do you feel safe to be yourself with?

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Instructions

Think about these people. Take a pipe cleaner and if you would like to, make a person shape to remind you of those people that you can be completely honest with. You may like to say a 'thank you' prayer to God for them.

Adapted from a Prayer Spaces in Schools resource

See below for activity sheet

A True or False Quiz

General questions

Usain Bolt ate 1000 apples at Beijing Olympics.

F – He says he ate 1000 chicken nuggets!

Tigers have striped skin as well as striped fur

T – Tigers have unique striped skin

The stars on the US flag are white

T – they are white on a blue background

The largest mammal in the world is an elephant

F – it is a blue whale

Sonic hedgehog full name is actually called John Spikey Hedgehog

F – His name is Olgilvie Maurice Hedgehog

Snails have 14000 teeth

T – they have a toothy tongue called a radula

True or False – the story of Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was a tax collector

T – Luke chapter 19 verse 1 says that he was a chief tax collector

Zacchaeus was a poor man

F – the Bible says he was rich

Zacchaeus did not want to see Jesus

F – it says he ran ahead of the crowd to try and see Jesus

Zacchaeus was a very tall man

F – the Bible says he was short

He climbed up onto a wall to see Jesus

F – he climbed up a sycamore tree

Jesus called to Zacchaeus and asked if he could meet him in the park

F – Jesus asked to stay at his house

Zacchaeus changed after meeting Jesus and decided not to lie and cheat anymore

T – he gave paid back four times the amount of money that he cheated people

Two Truths and a Lie

You might like to play this fun game with KS2 children as the team did on the GenR8 Truthfulness video.

To play, everyone sits in a circle. One by one each person in the circle says three statements about themselves that they have prepared in advance. Two of these statements must be facts, or 'truths' and one must be a lie. The other children then try to guess which statement is the lie.

Craft Ideas

There is a 'Zacchaeus in a tree' craft activity using a paper plate tree on the following link:

<https://preparingthemforgodskingdom.com/zacchaeus-craft/>

Other similar craft ideas can be found on Pinterest.

Colouring story

Colour in the pictures on the next page to re-tell the story of Zacchaeus meeting Jesus.



