

# OUR SIN MAKES US LIE

STORY: FALL / YEAR: VALUE

## BIG TRUTH: OUR SIN MAKES US LIE

Exodus 20:16; Leviticus 19:11; Proverbs 6:12-14; Jeremiah 9:3-5; Matthew 15:18-19; Luke 6:45; John 8:44; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

## BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:9

*“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.”*

## BIG IDEAS

- Our sinful hearts lie to us.
- Our sin causes us to lie to others.
- Our sin causes us to lie to God.

## BIBLE STORY: ACTS 5:1-11

Ananias and Sapphira were not honest with God or the people around them. They sold some of their land and lied about their profit because they wanted to keep more money for themselves. Their lie was not hidden from God and He made it known to others. Ananias and Sapphira lost their lives because of their lie. Our hearts cause us to lie.

## STORY: FALL

Everything was perfect in the world until we broke it. When humanity chose to sin, the world that was once perfect became messed up and broken. Sin is ultimately a rejection of God Himself. Because of sin bad things happen, we experience all types of pain, and death has come into the world. All of creation groans and wishes that the world be perfect and good like it was before.

## BIG AIMS



### Every child should know that:

- All people are broken in our sin and we suffer consequences because of sin



### Every child should feel:

- Burdened by the reality of their sin



### Every child should:

- Understand sin as disobedience against God and His plan



### Every child should want:

- To be rescued from a life of sin and brokenness.

## FAMILY DEVOTION: OUR LYING HEARTS

Our hearts are deceptive and cause us to lie to ourselves, to others, and to God. We reject God's truth for lies and this causes us great harm.

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**The sinful heart is full of deceit.**

- Deceit is not telling the truth or twisting the truth.
- Lying is a work of our sinful hearts.
- Our sinful hearts lie to us, causing us to believe many lies.
- Paul writes to believers to put this action away.
- Paul tells believers to stop being deceitful, to not lie to each other because it is not a Godly action.

**Since lying is part of our sin nature, we should not lie.**

- Lying is not a fruit of the Spirit.
- Paul tells us to stop lying.
- We should work to be honest with one another.
- Lying to each other shows we are following our sinful hearts.
- We should put these things away.
- They should not be part of who we are.
- Being honest and truthful is what it means to be like Christ.
- Paul is telling believers to put away their lies and dishonesty.
- Instead they should seek to be honest and truthful because these things are the things that Christ is.

**BIBLE STORY: ACTS 5:1-11**

*Ananias and Sapphira*

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**Opening Illustration:**

Have each child make his or her own scepter using empty paper towel holders. You can use different colors of wrapping paper, stickers, and markers to decorate the “scepters”. After the children make their own “scepters”, talk to them about what a scepter symbolizes (power and authority) and then talk about how we want to rule ourselves. We naturally reject God and His joy, power, and rule, and in turn we desire to rule ourselves.

**BIG IDEA: OUR SINFUL HEARTS LIE TO US.****Our sin natures are full of deceit.<sup>1</sup>**

- We all have a sin nature that is full of dishonesty.
- Ananias and Sapphira were part of the early church.
- They purposed in their hearts to lie about their profit.
- Their lie was based in the selfish desire of their hearts.
- They were following their sinful hearts, which were lying to them.
- Our hearts make us believe things that are untrue and see them as true.
- Ananias and Sapphira believed the lies in their hearts.



Play a game of “Do What I Say”. Say, “Touch your cheek”, but touch your eye. Say, “Clap your hands”, but slap your legs. Do this several times until several children do what you do instead of what you say. Talk with them about how hard it is to do the right thing. Remind them that our hearts lie to us and cause us to believe lies.

**Our hearts cannot be trusted to lead us rightly.**

- Ananias and Sapphira listened to their deceitful hearts and they made poor choices.
- They were deceived by their hearts and believed the lies inside of them.
- When we follow our hearts, we aren’t following God.
- Our hearts are sinful and lead us to sin.
- When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we are led in the right way and know how to please God.

*What led Ananias and Sapphira to make a bad choice? (Their hearts lied to them.)*

1. Proverbs 6:16-17: A lying tongue is an abomination to the Lord.

**BIG IDEA: OUR SIN CAUSES US TO LIE TO OTHERS.****Sin leads us to be deceitful.**

- Ananias and Sapphira lied to their friends.
- They lied to their fellow church members.
- Our sin causes us to be dishonest with others.
- We may hide part of the truth or exaggerate parts of it.
- Unless we tell the truth exactly as it is, we are being dishonest.
- Ananias and Sapphira chose to lie even when they were asked about the truth.
- Our hearts will lead us to lie to even our closest friends.



Divide children into pairs and have them look up the word “lie” in a thesaurus. Ask them to jot down the different words for lie that they find in the thesaurus. Talk with them about how sometimes we might not realize we are lying to others, but we are.

**Our lies can hurt others.<sup>2</sup>**

- Ananias hurt his family when he lied.
- He lost his life because of his lie.
- His wife, Sapphira, lost her life, too.
- Our lies hurt the people around us.
- Our sin causes us to lie to others.
- When we lie to others, we hurt our relationship with them.
- When we lie, we disobey God because He tells us not to lie.

*Whom did Ananias and Sapphira lie to? (They lied to their friends and fellow church members.)*

*Who do our lies hurt? (Our lies hurt others—our friends and family.)*

2. Exodus 20:16: We are commanded not to lie to others or about others because it is hurtful.

**BIG IDEA: OUR SIN CAUSES US TO LIE TO GOD.****Our sin makes us want to cover our lies up.**

- We lie to cover our sin.
- When we make wrong choices, our sin can cause us to lie about them.
- Ananias and Sapphira made a wrong choice.
- They kept the money that they should have given.
- When they were questioned, they lied to cover their sinful choice.
- We lie to cover our sinful choices.
- Our sin will cause us to lie to God like Ananias and Sapphira did.



Divide the children into small groups and ask them to make a list of situations where it is tempting to lie, such as not obeying parents, or not finishing homework, etc. Remind them that when we lie, we are really lying to God.

**When we lie, we are lying to God.**

- Our sinful actions show that we lie to God.
- Ananias and Sapphira were not honest with God about their hearts.
- They were pretending to follow Him, but their lies showed they weren't really being obedient to Him.
- Our continual lies show what is really in our hearts.<sup>3</sup>
- If we are not honest, we are lying to God about being one of His followers.

*When we continually lie, what does it show about our hearts? (It shows that we aren't really following God.)*

*Does a lie matter even if other people don't know about it? (Yes, it matters because God knows about it and it doesn't please Him.)*

*To whom do we really lie? (We really lie to God.)*

3. Luke 6:45: What is in our hearts comes out of our mouths.

## HOOKS



KNOW

**True or False**

Call out several true and false statements. Ask the children to stand if they think the statement is true and to remain seated if they think it's false. Use statements such as:



DO

Milk comes from chickens.  
The sky is green.  
(Point to your foot) This is my foot.  
The stars shine at night.  
God is the Creator of all things.  
The earth is flat.



FEEL

Lead the children in a discussion about how our hearts lie to us and we lie to God.



WANT

**Hidden Hearts**

Give each child a blank index card and a white crayon. Ask the children to draw a heart on their index card. Next, point out to them that we can't really see the heart, but God knows what is in our hearts. Next, have the children color over their heart with a marker. Lead them in a discussion about how our hearts lie to us and then we lie to others and to God.

- Our hearts are sinful and lie to us.
- When we lie, we are lying to God.
- Even though we may think no one knows we're lying, God knows what is in our hearts.