

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.

OUR LYING HEARTS

Help your child draw a heart on two pieces of paper. Cut the hearts out and then staple them together, leaving an opening at the top of the heart. Next, help your child write down ways in which he or she has lied or may be tempted to lie. Place the papers in their paper heart. Remind your child that our hearts lie to us and we lie to God.

DISCOVER IT: (Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)

Acts 5:1-11

THINK ABOUT IT: (Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)

The early church was devoted to helping one another. They were selling their things and giving to each other. They were loving one another as Jesus had taught them to love. Ananias and Sapphira were part of the early church, but their hearts were not fully devoted to the church. They had a piece of property that they were able to sell. They wanted to seem like they were generous people, so they gave part of the money to the church, but they kept some of it back for themselves. Peter confronted Ananias about his offering because Peter knew they were not being honest. Ananias fell over dead immediately because he had lied to God. Three hours later, his wife, Sapphira came in. She didn't know that Ananias had died or that the others knew they had lied. When Peter asked her about the property they sold and the money they gave, she lied again. Her heart lied to her. It made her believe that she needed to protect herself, that she needed the money. Sapphira fell over dead, too, because she had lied to God. Our hearts are full of lies. We believe the lies and we lie to others. Our lies hurt us and others. All of our lies are lies against God because of our sinful hearts.

TALK ABOUT IT: (Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)

- What did Ananias and Sapphira sell? (They sold a piece of property.)
- Why did Ananias and Sapphira lie about how much they received for the property? (They wanted to seem generous and they wanted to keep some of the money for themselves.)
- What are our hearts full of? (Our hearts are full of lies that make us lie to others and to God.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Colossians 3:9 by playing a game of beanbag toss. Every time someone hits a designated mark with the beanbag, he or she gets to say the verse out loud.



DO

As a family, create a chart with each family member's name on it and the days of the week. At the end of each day, talk as a family and determine if you have lied and how. Place a sticker next to a family member's name if he or she has lied for that day. The sticker will help show how easy it is for us to lie even in little situations. Talk with your child about how even exaggerating the truth is lying and how we should seek to be honest always.



FEEL

Take your child on a walk through your neighborhood and talk with him or her about the importance of telling the truth. Talk through some situations that they may be tempted to lie about and talk about how it's always best to tell the truth even if it gets us in trouble.



WANT

Spend some time praying with your child asking God to help you all be honest and not lie.