

Offstage: Drop the Act

Use this guide to help your family learn about
how God wants us to live with integrity.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Integrity:
choosing to
be truthful in
whatever you
say and do.

Memory Verse

Anyone who lives
without blame
walks safely. But
anyone who takes
a crooked path will
get caught.
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

Bible Story

Say Anything
(No Secrets with God)
1 John 1:9

Bottom Line

Being truthful with
God keeps you
close to Him.

Activity

Hide-and-Seek-a-Toy

WHAT YOU NEED:

A small toy—like a small stuffed animal or toy truck

WHAT YOU DO:

Say, “Let’s play a game. I’ll close my eyes and count to ten. While I’m counting, you hide the toy somewhere *in this room*. Then, I have until you count to ten to find it. If I can’t find it, you get a point. If I do find it, I get a point! Then, we’ll switch. I’ll hide the toy while you count with your eyes closed. Let’s do it!”

Take turns behind the “hider” and the “seeker”.

After a few rounds, add up the points and see who won! Tell your child that hiding things from each other for a game can be fun. Ask them: “Who should we always be honest with?” *(God. We don’t need to hide anything from God.)*

Talk about the Bible Story

Do you ever talk or pray to God? What are some things you tell God? *(Share with your child. If not, talk about how you talk and pray to God.)*

Look up 1 John 1:9 (NIV) and read it together.

What does it mean to sin? Why should we tell God about it? *(We sin when we do something we know we shouldn’t. Everyone sins—moms and dads, included. God wants us to tell Him when we’ve sinned so that He can forgive us.)*

Once we confess our sins, does that mean we won’t do wrong things again? *(No, we are humans and we aren’t perfect. God knows we can’t obey Him perfectly and He still wants us to talk to Him about everything including when we mess up or disobey Him.)*

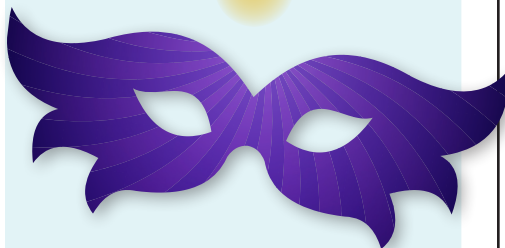
How does confessing our sins and being truthful keep us close to God? *(When we’re truthful with God, we remember that He sent Jesus to make it possible for us to have a forever relationship with Him.)*

Is there anything you need to tell God about right now? Let’s pray silently for a moment and talk to God.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

“Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for sending Jesus. Because of Him, nothing can separate us from You. God, sometimes we try to hide things from You. But You are interested in everything about us, and that is AMAZING to think about! We ask You to remind us to share our lives with You—because You love us. We love You, too! We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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Key Question

What do you talk
to God about?

Activity

A Dip in Forgiveness

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two small scraps of napkin, washable
marker, bowl, water

WHAT YOU DO:

Fill the bowl with water. Say, "Today's
video talked about how God wants us
to tell Him everything. He wants us
to talk to Him like a friend. And if we
mess up, we can ask God to forgive us,
and He will—no matter how bad we
think it is!

"Let's both sit and think about
something we've done or said recently
that we know we shouldn't have. You
don't have to say it out loud—just think
about it.

(Pause for reflection.)

"Now, let's both write 'FORGIVEN' on
our paper." *(Write FORGIVEN on the
napkin and prompt your kid to do the
same.)*

Put the napkin scraps into the water
and swirl the napkin around a bit.
watch how "Forgiven" starts to
disappear.



Talk about the Bible Story

Look up 1 John 1:9 and read it together.

How is what happened to the ink on our napkin similar
to how God forgives us? *(When we ask for forgiveness,
God forgives us and makes it so that the wrong things
we've done no longer separate us from Him.)*

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