Driven: What's Inside Matters Most



Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us 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, NIrV

Bible Story

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Daniel 3

Bottom Line

When you do what's right, others can see God.

Activity

Stat-You

What You Need:

Internet access

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "Have you seen a statue before? Statues are usually made of hard materials like stone or metal. They do not move!" Show your child a picture of a statue, like the Statue of Liberty, by finding an image on the internet.

Say, "Let's have a contest to see who can be the better statue. When I say 'go,' we'll both strike a silly pose. The first person to move loses. Ready? Go!"

Strike a pose—the sillier, the better—and see how long you and your child can stay still. Play several rounds of the game, making a different pose each time.

When you're finished, say, "Those were some very unique statue poses! In our story today, the king built a statue, and everyone was supposed to bow down and worship it. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused because they had integrity!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow down and worship the king's statue? (They knew that they should only worship God.)

Do you think it was hard for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to stand up for what was right? Why? (If they refused to bow down, they'd be thrown into the fiery furnace.)

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to stand up for someone or something you believed in?

Why is it important for us to stand up for what's right? (We can make a difference, AND others will be able to see God working through us.)

Parent: Share about someone you know who lives in a way that honors God and helps you see what God is like.









Prayer

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

"Dear God, it can feel scary sometimes to stand up for people and things we believe in. It's not always easy to do what's right. But we know that when we do, other people will be able to see the difference You've made in our lives. Help us to be like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and make choices that will honor You. We love You! Amen."

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Key Question

When has someone helped you see God?

Activity

Verb-ing

What You Need:

Index cards, writing utensil

What You Do:

Write the following verbs on the index cards (one word per card):

- Jump
- Hug
- Run
- Sniff
- Pet
- Punch
- Squat
- Blink

Then, mix up the cards. Say to your child, "You'll draw a card and look at it without letting me see it. Then, you'll act out the word on the card. I'll try to guess which action you're doing. Let's see how quickly we can guess all of the words correctly. Ready?"

Allow your child to act out each verb. Guess the action... but feel free to wait a few seconds before you guess so they really have to act out each one!

When you're finished, say, "Great job acting out those action words. You know, our actions are important. They actually show a lot about what we believe."

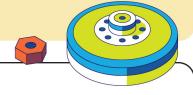
Talk About the Bible Story

Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow down and worship the king's statue? (They knew that they should only worship God.)

What did their actions show about what they believed? (Their actions showed that they believed in and followed God.)

Why is it important for us to stand up for what's right? (We can make a difference, AND others will be able to see God working through us.)

Parent: Share about someone you know who lives in a way that honors God and helps you see what God is like.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for the people in the Bible who help us see You. Thank You for the people in our life today who also help us see You. We know that our actions can show a lot about our relationship with You. Please help us to honor You and live in a way that helps people see the difference You've made in our lives. We love You! Amen."