



LESSON

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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

Truthful Heart: Speaking What Is True and Not Lying

Objective: Students learned that speaking what is true helps us to become more like Jesus.

Bible Verse: Leviticus 19:11 *“Do not lie.”* (NIV)

Bible Story: Jesus Tells His Disciples He IS the Truth (John 14:2-7)

Action Steps:

- 1. Bible Time:** As a family, read *Jesus Tells His Disciples He IS the Truth*, and talk about how we can know what is true in life. Discuss ways that your kids can have a truthful heart this week and times when it is difficult to tell the truth.
- 2. Scripture Memory:** Practice singing or reciting the memory verse each day as a family.
- 3. Practice:** Review with your children how truth comes from God, and the Bible is our book to find out about truth. Remind them of the importance of telling the truth even when you may get in trouble. If your children confess something they did, praise them for telling the truth, (even though you still may choose to correct them for what they did wrong). **Place stickers or checkmarks next to TRUTHFUL on your Character Trait Sticker Chart every time you catch your children displaying a truthful heart.**
- 4. Model:** Show your kids how you practice being truthful. When tricky situations arise where it may be difficult to tell the truth, share with your kids, if appropriate, how you chose to speak truth even though it was hard or share previous examples from your life. Children will pick up character traits more easily when they see a good model from parents! ☺