

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Say Anything

No Secrets with God
1 John 1:9

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Being truthful with God
keeps you close to Him.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Integrity—Choosing to be truthful
in whatever you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Friend Like You" from *This Love*, "Jesus, I Will Trust You" from *This Love*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Turnin' It Around
Application Activity: Leader, May I?
Memory Verse Activity: Don't Get Caught!
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. In preparation for today's content, take a moment to be honest with God about where your heart is today, confessing anything that may weigh on you. Thank God for always forgiving us, no matter what the situation is. Thank God that He is always accessible and will always draw close to us when we ask Him to.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "Emoji Faces" Activity Page, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids as they arrive and encourage those who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Shuffle the "Emoji Faces" cards and lay them face down on the floor in a grid pattern.
- Let the kids take turns playing "Memory" with the cards, turning two over at a time to find a match.
- If a kid finds a match, he or she may take another turn.
- If not, play moves to the next kid.
- Once all the matches have been found, lay them face up and encourage each kid to select one emoji face that depicts how they're feeling this morning.

NOTE: Several kids may attempt to grab the same emojis since there are only two of each one. If this happens, encourage each kid who gets one to share why they feel that way then set it back in the center for another friend to select.

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- Let kids choose a partner.
- Instruct each kid to write their name on the top then

write down two true statements about themselves on their card. Then, they trade cards with their partner.

- Once cards have been traded, the partner writes one “made-up” statement about their partner on the card.
- Collect all cards, shuffle, and read them aloud to the group.
- To make it challenging, mix up the statements on the cards as you read them so that the third, made-up statement isn’t always the last one you read.
- Call out the name of the kid on the card, then let the kids vote on which two statements they believe are true and which statement is false. (Don’t let the two kids who wrote the statements on the card vote.)
- Repeat until you’ve read and voted for every card.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

“Was it hard to decide which statements were true and which statements were false? How does it make you feel when someone isn’t truthful? (*Pause for discussion.*) In this game, the point was to come up with a statement that seemed true even though it wasn’t. But in real life, no one likes to hang out with someone who isn’t truthful. **[Transition] In our Bible story today, we’ll hear how being untruthful hurts not only our relationships with others but also our relationship with God.**”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

MADE TO EXPLORE

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* 1. TURNIN' IT AROUND

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Magnets and metal objects

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out the magnets and metal objects to the kids.
- Let them discover how to attract the objects to the magnets.
- Hold up two magnets for the kids to see. Flip one magnet over and show the kids what happens when you try to push them together.
- Let the kids partner up with their magnets. Encourage partners to move their magnets close to each other until they click together.
- Then, instruct one partner to turn their magnet over and try to connect them again.
- Discuss the following:
 - What happened with your magnets the first time when they faced each other?
 - What happened the second time when you turned one magnet in the opposite direction?
 - Why do you think the magnets refused to go together the second time?
- Ask the kids to hold up the two magnets with one facing in the opposite direction.
- Point out how this is a picture of our relationship with God when we mess up and try to hide what we've done. Our dishonesty separates us from God.
- Then, ask the kids to flip the magnet over so they come together.
- Talk about how when we are honest about what we've done (when we confess and tell the truth) and turn to God, we can have a right relationship with Him.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our Bible story today, we talked about how we ALL mess up. You mess up. I mess up. Your parents and grandparents, siblings and cousins, teachers and coaches—EVERYONE messes up. We all at some point think our way is better than God's way, and we choose to be dishonest. And a lot of the time, when we mess up, we try to hide what we've done OR we try to make up for it by doing lots of other good things.

"But the awesome, amazing, wonderful thing about following God is that we don't EVER have to be afraid to tell Him when we've messed up. He knows, anyway. And when we're honest, it's like turning that magnet around. When we turn back to God, He always forgives, always accepts, always offers His love to us. So remember this week, if you're tempted to keep something from God, or you find yourself acting like it's no big deal, think about these magnets and remember that **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**"

UNMASKED

DROP THE ACT

WEEK
TWO
OCTOBER 2020

SMALL GROUP

2-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

(* 1. TURNIN' IT AROUND, CONTINUED)

[Make it Personal] (Tell your few about a time when you messed up and didn't talk to God about it. Maybe you lied about something, and it started to eat away at you or it forced you to tell other lies to cover it up. If possible, select an example from childhood that kids can relate to. Give specific examples of how you felt disconnected from God and how eventually being honest helped you feel closer to God. And as always, make sure your example is age appropriate.)

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



2. LEADER, MAY I?

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Closer to God Scenarios" Activity Page, scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Fold each "Closer to God Scenarios" strip in half.
- Give each kid a folded scenario and guide them to line up on one side of your small group area.
- Stand on the opposite side, as far away as you can from your group.
- Call out a category from the list below, then call on a kid at one end of the line to read their scenario aloud.
- All kids who fall into this category will move forward or backward whatever number of steps on the scenario strip read.

*NOTE: This game is similar to "Mother, May I" with kids moving forward or backward to get to you. However, **who** gets to move is determined by the category you call out, and the number of steps they move is determined by what's written on the particular scenario strip that is read during that round.*

- Play then moves to the next kid in line.
- Remember, call out a category FIRST, before the scenario strip is read.
- Continue until all scenarios are read or one or more kids reach you on the other side of the small group area.

Categories:

- Kids with a summer birthday (June, July, or August)
- Kids with more than one sibling
- Kids with no siblings
- Kids wearing sneakers
- Kids wearing pants that aren't jeans
- Kids wearing jeans
- Kids with brown hair
- Kids with green eyes
- Kids who are left-handed
- Kids who don't like fruity candy
- Kids with curly hair
- And so on—If you're running out of time and need to finish the game quickly, call out broader categories like "everyone with socks on" or "everyone with a nose."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, friends! This game was sort of a picture of what happens when we're dishonest with God. When we try to cover up what we've done, or we refuse to be honest, it's like moving away from God. But God already knows what we've done, and He ALWAYS forgives us when we're honest. 1 John 1:9 tells us that when we confess our sins, when we're honest and admit what we've done, He will forgive us and make us pure. So this week, when you find yourself hiding something remember that **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**"

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



3. DON'T GET CAUGHT!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Select a volunteer to read Proverbs 10:9 aloud to the group.
- Explain to the kids that you will play a version of "Freeze Tag."
- Select a kid to be "it" for the first round.
- Say the verse together. When you get to the word "caught," kids should scatter so they don't get tagged.
- As soon as someone is tagged, say, "FREEZE," and kids freeze in place.
- The kid who was tagged will be "it" for the next round.
- Repeat as long as time and interest allow.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our verse reminds us that anyone who lives without blame, who chooses to live with integrity, walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path, who chooses to be dishonest with their words or actions, gets caught, just like some of you were 'caught' in this game of tag. This week, when you find yourself leaning toward making an unwise choice to be dishonest with your words or actions, remember that feeling of being caught in this game. Choosing integrity always keeps us safe because **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**"

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and application



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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Magnets from "Turnin' It Around"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Let each kid hold a magnet.
- Pray together that God would help us be honest because **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**
- Allow anyone who would like to pray aloud to do so. Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us, NO matter what. You always listen, always forgive, always love, even when we mess up. This week, help us be honest with You and admit when we've messed up, knowing that You will forgive us. We love You. Thanks for loving us, no matter what. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share the magnet example as a picture of how **being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.**

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Print the "Emoji Faces" Activity Page; two copies cut apart for each small group
- Scissors

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; one for each kid
- Pencils

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

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- Metal objects like paper clips, pipe cleaners (cut into one-inch pieces), washers, brads, etc.

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles

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[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Magnets from "Turnin' It Around"

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.