

B4KIDS CHURCH AT HOME

**4TH/5TH** 

## MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



## TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY] WHAT'S IN THE BOX: Dominos and God Time Journal pages

WHAT YOU DO:

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

A Matter of Trust Naaman and Elisha's Servant 2 Kings 5

#### **TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

Why is it important for people to trust you?

#### **TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

#### **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 need to make the wise choice.

- Gather at a table or counter.
- **Spread** out the dominos.
- **Instruct** your preteen to build a domino track by standing up dominos and placing them about half an inch apart, so that when one domino falls it knocks the next domino down.
- As they build, **ask:** 
  - What are some reasons people might lie? (To not get in trouble, to hide something embarrassing, to make themselves look good, to get people to like them, because they are mean, because they simply aren't thinking of how it will affect others)
- After they have created a domino track, **say:** "You did a great job of setting up your dominos for a chain reaction. Integrity, like your domino tracks, can also result in a chain reaction—what you do and say affects not only you but other people too."
- Ask:
  - What can be a consequence of lying?
  - Encourage your preteen to give examples of how being dishonest can result in a chain reaction. What can be a consequence of being someone who is dishonest? Be prepared to give an example: When I lie about finishing my homework to my parents, they may not believe me in the future when I tell them I got an A on my math test.
- **Memory Verse Challenge:** You still have time to send in a video of yourself reciting the memory verse. Have fun with it and make sure your parents know you are doing a video. This shows integrity. And they may even help!
- God Time Journal Pages: Consider using these or your own journal throughout the week

# Journal Week 3

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

> WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO TRUST YOU?



## Day 1

Go to www.b4church.org/b4kids and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

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Even if you already wathced it, feel free to check it out again!

#### SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:\_\_\_\_\_

2. You learned: \_\_\_\_\_

3. You'd like to know: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Day 2

#### Read 2 Kings 5.

As you read chapter five, circle any numbers you see. How many circles do you have? (See the answer below.)

Those numbers may not mean much, but they do illustrate something important: God is into the details. He knows all the "numbers" of our lives. Luke even teaches us that God knows how many hairs are on our head! That means we can trust Him no matter what. And the more we try to follow after God, the more we should be someone others can trust. And for them to be able to trust us, we have to tell the truth every single time.

## Day 3

From reading the story of Naaman and Gehazi, it seems like Gehazi had an honesty problem, and that it probably had a lot to do with what he wanted.

In other words, if he had his eye on something, he was going to do whatever it took to get it.

Maybe that's not your particular honesty struggle. Maybe you have found yourself lying to keep from getting in trouble or you sometimes exaggerate stories to make people like you more, or to one-up your friends. The great thing is that it's not too late to ask forgiveness and make a change! You can begin living a life of integrity today! You can use the prayer below to help you press re-start.

"Dear God, as You know, I struggle with being honest when it comes to .Ithink it's hard for me

#### because

Please forgive me for not being honest, and help me to begin being honest in everything I say and do. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen."

## Day 4

You've probably played the game two truths and a lie before.

It's a pretty fun game, but it only works because you know the person is telling you one lie, and as soon as the person makes their guess, you come clean.

Find a friend, sibling, or parent to play the game with. Each of you should take a turn sharing two truths and a lie. When you're done, take some time to talk about it. Share with each other why it isn't upsetting to play the game, but in real life, if someone lies to you, it really damages the relationship.

Talk with each other about the importance of trust, and commit together to be truthful to each other and to everyone around you.

## Day 5

Have you ever known someone who was always lying? Even when they say something kind to you, you aren't sure how to take it, right?

Imagine being that person. The one that no one can trust. It must be pretty lonely.

On the other hand, if you're someone others can trust, they will want to be around you. They will want to spend time with you and confide in you. And that feels pretty awesome.

Grab a dry erase marker and head to the bathroom mirror. Draw a circle around your face and then a rectangle around the circle so it looks like a picture frame. Now imagine what people would think when they see a picture of you. Do they think about how kind, loyal and trustworthy you are? Or do they see someone who they aren't sure they can trust? Around the picture frame, write some words that you hope describe how others see you, like honest and trustworthy. Every time you look in the mirror, think about how important it is for others to see you like that!

There were 11 numbers in this story.