

# HONESTY

## Not Keeping Your Word: King Saul

### LESSON POINTS

- Even when you mess up, if you will be honest, God can restore you.
- If you are dishonest, it is only a matter of time before you will get caught.
- Being honest means making the choice to take responsibility for your actions.

### BIBLE TEXT

King Saul Disobeys God's Command – 1 Samuel 15:1-9

Samuel told King Saul that God wanted him to utterly destroy all the people and animals of King Agag. When the victory was won, King Saul did not kill King Agag or the best of the animals. Samuel asked King Saul why he had not killed all. King Saul blamed the people and said he feared them. Because Saul disobeyed and wasn't honest, God rejected him as king of Israel.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it so hard for us to be honest when we have done something wrong?
2. How many times can you lie before you will get caught?
3. How long can you be dishonest without someone knowing?
4. Describe how you feel when the truth finally comes out.

### MINISTRY IDEA

Personal Prayer

Have a time in the large group where children are given the chance to confess any dishonest behavior to God in a personal prayer time. After they have confessed, instruct children to listen to God because He will tell them something encouraging He likes about them. Remind children that prayer is a conversation with God; they are not to do all the talking and not listen; God wants to talk to them as well.

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

Skit

Create a skit similar to "The Boy Who Cried Wolf."

Testimony

Find someone to share of a time when they told a lie and what happened as a result.

### DEFINITION

Honesty - does not steal, cheat or lie; sincere or genuine.

### FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Redemption

Ephesians 1:6-10; Hebrews 9:15; 1 Peter 1:1-19

### MEMORY VERSE

An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies. Some people make cutting remarks but the words of the wise bring healing. Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed. The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.  
Proverbs 12:17-19, 22