

HONESTY

Samaritan Women

LESSON POINTS

- Honesty allows Jesus to meet us where we are, so that He can take us to the next place.
- Nothing is so bad that we can't be honest about it.
- Honesty with God will take you to places beyond your imagination.
- Honesty allows us to impact others lives for God.
- Honesty opens the way to have deeper relationships with others.

BIBLE TEXT

Samaritan Woman - John 4

Jesus was in Samaria resting at a well. A woman came to draw water and Jesus started talking to her. Jesus asked her where her husband was. The woman answered him truthfully and said that she didn't have a husband. This woman's past was not too pretty. She could have avoided the truth with Jesus. Because she was honest, Jesus was able to give her new life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When was the hardest time you ever had being honest?
2. When we are honest in our relationships, what are the results?
3. Name some times when you haven't been honest with God about what was going on in your life.
4. Explain how being honest can take you to the next place with God.

MINISTRY IDEA

Letter to Jesus

Play some soft music and give each child a piece of paper and a pen. Have the children write a letter to Jesus telling Him anything about themselves (thoughts, feelings, actions) that they do not feel like they could tell anyone else. After they are finished writing, encourage children to listen and see if Jesus wants to tell them something in return. They can even write down what He tells them. Remind children that Jesus only says things that are positive and encouraging.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Play 2 Truths and a Lie Game

Ask each person in the group to think of two true facts about themselves, and one lie. Each person in the group takes a turn telling the group their three things. The group then has to agree on which is fact and which they think is a lie. Once the group announces their decision, the speaker tells the group the correct answer.

Skit

Create a modern day skit of The Samaritan Woman bible story.

DEFINITION

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

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Freedom can only be found in the truth.
John 8:31-36

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