

HONESTY

Be True to Who You Are: Peter and John

LESSON POINTS

- Honesty is being true to who you are.
- Being true to who you are helps you to be more courageous and bold.
- Being honest and true to who you are may not always be the most popular thing to do.
- Sometimes being honest might be dangerous.

BIBLE TEXT

Peter & John on Trial – Acts 5:26-42

Jesus has gone to heaven and the disciples have been charged with spreading His message. Peter and John were healing people in the name of Jesus and telling everyone about His salvation. The Jewish leaders had Peter and John arrested and told them to stop using Jesus' name and talking about Him, or they would be killed. Peter and John told the Jewish leaders that they could not do that. They had to be true to who they are and said they had to obey God and not man. The Jewish leaders didn't know what to say to that and let them go.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can being true to who you are help you to be bolder?
2. Tell about a time when you were afraid to be honest about what you believed.
3. Have you ever been made fun of or left out because you were honest and true to whom you are? Was it worth it?
4. Why is it important to you to be honest?

MINISTRY IDEA

Testimony Sharing

Have children get into groups of two. Ask children to take turns telling each other the story about how they asked Jesus to be their Savior. Tell children to give lots of details in their story - age, place, time of year, who was there, etc. If children haven't accepted Jesus as their Savior, have them tell the story of how they started coming to church. Encourage children to be proud of their story and to share it with anyone who will listen.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Story Pass

Pass out several sodas or candy bars. Tell a story about honesty. During the story have everyone pass the candy or soda to the left or right every time you say the word honest or honesty. Whoever has the candy or soda at the end may keep it. Tell them to be honest.

You Tube Video

"Beaver gets a haircut". Should they lie and cover it up or be honest, and tell the truth?

DEFINITION

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

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

God is ultimate authority.
Romans 13:1

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