

# iCLUB Online Lesson

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### NOTE TO PARENTS

What follows is a script which is similar to what I get when I choose a lesson to work from. **BUT it is only a guide.** I seldom use even half of the script and work with each iCLUB member based upon what they are saying and feeling.

In this lesson the focus is to promote honesty and see what the scriptures say on this topic.

Please read over the script first. Feel free to cut out whatever you wish but PLEASE keep the primary lines of focus and scripture. If you have a Bible, it is good practice for your child to look up scriptures. We do that each week.

The main things are:

- **Fun** in the activity and set the stage
- **Read** Scripture
- **Learn** what God expects in terms of honesty!

## TITLE OF GAME: HONESTY

*This activity is much easier than last week and is great to do with the entire family together. It applies to us all no matter the age.*

*Have fun with It!*  
*Kraig*

**Bible:** Proverbs 12:22

### **Supplies:**

- Index cards
- Pencils
- Blindfolds—enough for half of your students

### **GAME PREP**

Divide your students into two groups of equal size.

Choose one group and give each student in that group an index card and a pencil.

instruct them to write their name on the index card.

When each person in that group hands their index card back to you, hand them a blindfold and ask them to put it on.

Next, distribute the index cards to the people in the other group, giving each person one card.

### **HOW TO PLAY THE GAME**

**Say:** Everyone should either be wearing a blindfold or have an index card in your hand.

The goal of this game is for the person wearing the blindfold to find the person that is holding the index card with their name on it.

For those of you who are holding cards, I want you to find a place in this room to stand during the game—you cannot move.

When I say, “Go,” the people wearing the blindfolds will begin the search for their name.

Do not run!

Running without sight is a bad idea.

Oh, and you can't just ask if the person with a card has your name.

You have to ask a question about yourself that they can answer with a, "yes," or, "No."

If the person says, "yes," to the question, then you can ask if they have your name.

If they say, "No," then, obviously, they don't have your name.

Oh, and the question you ask can't be about your physical appearance.

It has to be something about who you are:

- Does your name play piano?
- Is your name in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade?
- Is your name a cheerleader?
- Is your name friendly?

Hopefully, the person that is holding your name knows you well enough to know the answer to the question.

When you find your name, you and the person who was holding your card can sit down.

Ready?

Go!

## **TEACH**

**Ask:** Great job with our game!

Now, I know that none of you intentionally gave someone the wrong answer just so they wouldn't win, right?

Have you ever told a lie?

That's a question that doesn't need an answer.

Of course you have!

And I have!

I wish I could say that in my life I've never told a lie, but that would be a lie.

Statistics say that by the age of four, 90% of children have learned the concept of lying.

**Ask:** So, how do we learn to lie?

*Allow a few responses from students.*

Unfortunately, we are surrounded by people who lie.

People lie to make themselves look good, get their own way, shift blame from themselves, avoid confrontation, and sometimes to be nice—the infamous, “You look great,” when you don’t really think they do.

Lying has become culturally acceptable, but here’s what the Bible has to say.

**Read Proverbs 12:22.**

*The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.*

There you go.

That’s the end of our lesson.

Not really, but it could be!

That’s pretty cut and dry.

God does not like lying.

**Ask:** Why do you think God detests lying lips?

*Allow a few responses from students.*

Here are some reasons God detests lying lips:

- Lying doesn’t produce godly character
- Lying leads us to suffer consequences that are not part of God’s plan for our lives
- Lying causes people to question us when we are being truthful

If we aren’t careful, lying can become a habit in our lives—something we do without even thinking about it because we’ve done it so much.

So, how do we combat the temptation to lie?

By focusing on godly things, staying away from those who influence us to be dishonest, being accountable to each other, and confessing and owning up to any lies we tell.

You really can do it, but it won’t be easy.

Lying is only acceptable in our lives if we allow it to be.

If we were to view lying as detestable and repulsive as God sees it, we would be encouraged to be honest.

In the New Testament, we read the story of a corrupt tax collector named, Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree in order to see Jesus over the crowds of people.

When Jesus finished speaking, he invited himself over to Zacchaeus' house.

At this point, in Luke 19:8, Zacchaeus stood up and said, *"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."*

When we spend time with God, we should have the same reaction.

The dishonest parts of our lives are exposed and our desire should be to make things right.

Take a few minutes to look at your own life and examine your heart.

You can make the choice to stop dishonesty and work towards living with truthfulness as the center of who you are.