



Monthly Application: **Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do**

Key Question: **Why is it important for people to trust you?**

Bible Story: 2 Kings 5

- *Who is Elisha? (a prophet) What is a prophet? (a person who speaks directly for God)*
- *Who is Gehazi? (Elisha's servant, his job is to do what Elisha tells him)*
- *Who is Naaman? (a big deal, an army commander for the king of Aram, rich, highly respected, a brave soldier)*
- *Who showed integrity in the story? Give an example how they showed integrity.*
- *Who did not show integrity? Give an example how they did not show integrity.*
- *Why do you think Gehazi lied?*
- *How did Gehazi's lack of integrity affect others? How do you think it affected Gehazi and Elisha's relationship?*
- *How can our choice to be truthful in whatever we say and do affect others? (To prompt discussion, **ask:** Imagine you are playing a game with a friend and you decide to cheat so you get a better score—who could your actions affect and how?)*
- *Why do you think integrity is so important? Why do you think it's important for people to trust you?*
- *What happens if we're dishonest with someone a few times in a row? How does that affect what that person thinks of us and our relationship with them? When we choose to be dishonest, can we ever be sure our dishonesty won't affect anyone? Why or why not?*
- *How can choosing to be truthful affect our relationships with others?*

Digging Deeper: Read our month verse Proverbs 10:9

- *What are some consequences of living without integrity? What can you lose by being dishonest?*
- *Integrity is not just about what you say. Integrity is about being truthful in what you say AND do; integrity is when your words line up with the way you act.*
- *How can this verse encourage you to choose integrity?*

Spend time in prayer: Asking God to help you to tell the truth and choose integrity even when it's hard.

Monthly Memory Verse:

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9