

City Reopening Celebration—October 18th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: A Matter of Trust (Naaman and Elisha's Servant) • 2 Kings 5

Today's Bottom Line: When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIRV)

EARLY ARRIVER ACTIVITY: "Reverse Charades" Disney Edition

As kids arrive, lead them in the game of "Reverse Charades" using the on-screen SLIDES. Split the group up into 2 teams. Choose 2 Guessers from each team. Guessers will stand with their backs to the screen, and everyone else acts out the clue, trying to get their team's guesser to be the first to guess the clue. If your service is low in numbers, you can play this game with one guesser at a time. Play as many rounds as time/slides allows.

WELCOME VIDEO: Runtime 2:00

WORSHIP: You Won't Let Go and Higher than the Sky

Worship Leader prays, then directs kids' attention to the screens

CG: "Which Sauce is Boss?" Video (Runtime: 3:30)

"Wow! That was so fun! Hi, everyone! We've got a great story for you today that comes from the book of 2 Kings. (*Hold up Bible.*) 2 Kings is one of the books that tells the history of God's people. To get us started, let me introduce you to a man named Elisha.

SLIDE: Elisha

Elisha was a prophet of God who lived a long time ago. He shared God's words with the people of Israel. Elisha had a trusted servant named Gehazi.

SLIDE: Gehazi

"As you're about to see, Gehazi faced a true test of integrity when he and Elisha crossed paths with a man named Naaman."

SLIDE: Naaman

"At that time, the nations of Israel and Aram were enemies. Naaman was an army commander for the king of Aram. Naaman was a brave soldier . . . but he had a skin disease.

SLIDE: Sick Emoji

Soldiers from Aram had captured a young girl from Israel. She was working in Naaman's house. The young girl mentioned that there was a prophet named Elisha who could heal Naaman. She told Naaman's wife . . .

Open the Bible to 2 Kings 5:3 (NIRV) and read.

"I wish my master would go and see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would heal my master of his skin disease."

"So, Naaman went to see the king of Aram and told him what the girl had said. The king of Aram told Naaman that he should go to Israel. In fact, he gave Naaman a letter to the king of Israel, asking the king to heal Naaman of his skin disease. Let's find out what happens next in this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“Gehazi told a lie. That lie got him some new clothes . . . but it destroyed the trust he had built with Elisha.

“That’s what happens when we aren’t truthful. When we tell a lie, we show that we don’t have integrity . . . and that can really hurt our relationships with other people.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “When you’re not truthful, you lose trust.

“Let’s ask God to help us live with integrity so that others will know they can trust us. Will you pray with me?”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this story that helps us see what happens when we’re not truthful. Help us live with integrity and **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** so that everyone will know they can trust us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“God is ALWAYS trustworthy. And He wants us to be trustworthy, too! He wants us to live with integrity.

“Remember what happened with Gehazi. He thought he had a chance to get something for himself . . . even though he’d have to tell a lie to get it. But Elisha knew what had happened. After that, it would be really hard for him to ever trust Gehazi again.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “When you’re not truthful, you lose trust.

“We can always look at Jesus and find the very BEST example of integrity. Jesus proved that we can ALWAYS trust Him. Jesus did what He said He would do, and He showed us what it means to be trustworthy and truthful.

“When we choose to live that way, we show the world what God is like. So tell the truth! Do what you say you’re going to do. Be a person of integrity so others know they can trust you. We’re going to do some fun activities all together as a group next! Everyone turn your attentions to the screens for this month’s Music Video while we get ready for our All Together Activities!”

CG: October Theme Music Video (Runtime: 4:00)

NOTE: Once, the video is complete, lead the All Together Activities from the attached sheet with ALL kids together in one group from your Stage.