

**GET WISDOM! Lesson 10:**

**BE WISE! IT'S BEST FOR YOU TO SPEAK WHAT'S TRUE.**

(**Proverbs 6:17, 19**; 12:19; 12:22; 19:5; 25:18)

**“There are six things the Lord hates.  
There are seven things he cannot stand:**

<sup>17</sup>a proud look,

**a lying tongue,**

hands that kill innocent people,

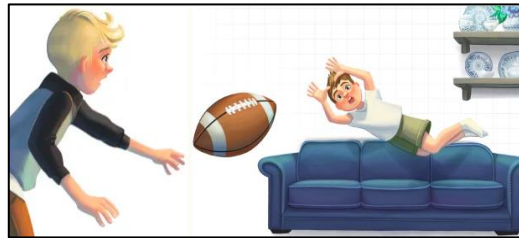
<sup>18</sup>a mind that thinks up evil plans,

feet that are quick to do evil,

<sup>19</sup>**a witness who tells lies**

and a man who causes trouble among brothers.

Solomon tells us to be wise and always tell the truth. Sometimes people think that lying isn't so bad if it doesn't hurt anyone. But God wants us to *always* be honest. There is no excuse to bend the truth – even a little. *God hates lying.*



Here's a story a boy named James

James ran to the window when he heard the rain falling outside. “Man! How am I going to practice now?” he said. James had just signed up for football, and he had a game coming up. James' younger brother, Mitch, looked out of the window too. Then James had an idea.

“Hey, Mitch,” James said. “Want to help me practice my football passes?”

“Inside?” Mitch asked. “Mom would get really mad.”

“She won't find out,” James said. “She's at the store. We just have to be careful.”

“Well, OK,” said Mitch.

James and Mitch started throwing the football. James made a catch in front of the couch. Then another. He was getting pretty good! He threw the ball back to Mitch. The ball sailed over Mitch's head. Mitch jumped, his arms outstretched, but it was too high. CRASH!

“Oh no!” Mitch said. The football had smashed into the shelf where Mom kept her fancy dishes. He and James stared at the pile of broken plates.

“Maybe we can glue them back together?” James said.

They tried to fit the pieces together. But some were chipped and couldn’t be glued back right. *Maybe we could throw the broken ones away*, James thought. *Mom might not even notice*. But as soon as the idea popped into his mind, he knew it was wrong. He wanted to be wise and make the right choice.

“We have to tell the truth,” James said. When Mom got home with little sister Annie, James and Mitch told her the bad news.

“Mom,” James began, “I know we’re not supposed to, but we were playing football inside. I threw the ball too hard, and it crashed into the shelf and broke some plates. It’s my fault. I’m sorry.”

Mom looked at James and Mitch. She looked sad for a moment, then said, “Thank you for being honest. I’m proud of you for telling me.”

“How can I make it right?” James asked.

“Well, you can start by helping me clean up the broken glass,” Mom said. “Then while you help me with Annie, we’ll talk about ways you can earn money to replace the plates.”

After they cleaned up the mess, James spent the afternoon playing with Annie. He felt bad that he broke Mom’s plates, but he learned that it always feels good to be honest.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Sometimes telling the truth isn’t easy. But, telling the truth up front is always best.



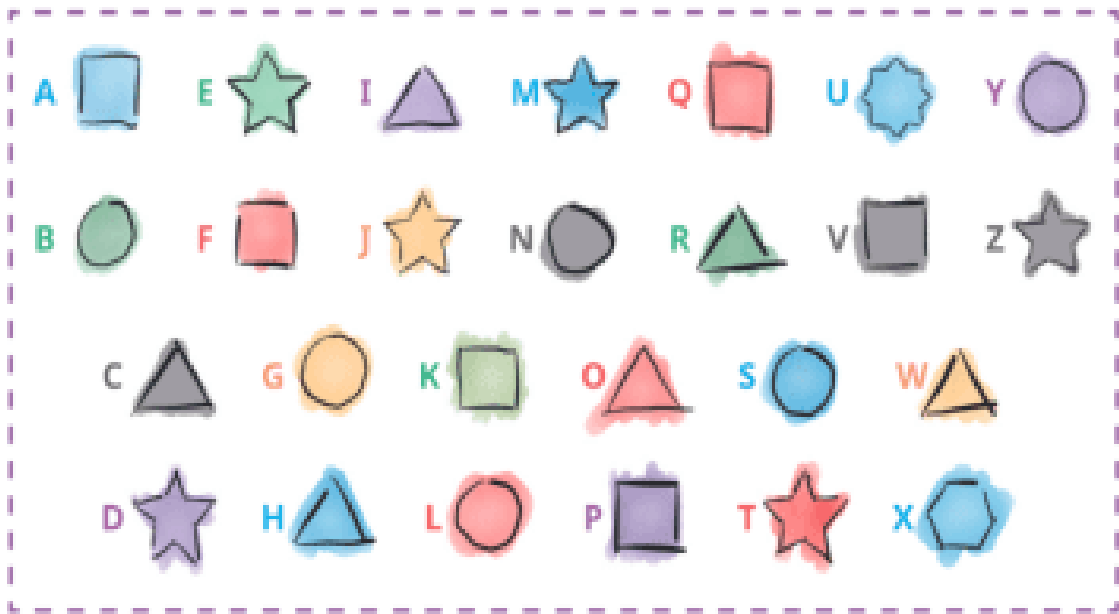
- Lies will be found out. It’s better to tell the truth.  
“Truth will last forever.  
But lies last only a moment.” (Proverbs 12:19)
- The person who tells the truth is trustworthy.  
“The Lord detests lying lips,  
but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”  
(Proverbs 12:22)

**Decide now: I want to please God.  
I will tell the truth, even when it is hard.**

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Find the Hidden Message.

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the



code below to fill in the blanks with the right letters.

### UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

#### Read Proverbs 25:18

"Anyone who lies about his neighbor  
hurts him as a club, a sword or a sharp arrow  
would." (ICV)

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I PROMISE TO  
TELL THE TRUTH

Proverbs 6:19  
says that God hates  
“a witness who tells lies.”

Has anyone ever lied about you?  
Did they blame something on you  
that you didn't do?  
How did that make you feel?

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