

Lesson 4 - I Will Tell The Truth!

Teacher and Co-Teacher Digital Media Script

Watching The Bible Lesson And Skit On Video

PURPOSE:

The children will learn that we should choose to tell the truth even when lying seems to be the easiest option.

Materials/Props Needed:

- Good News Lesson 4 MediaShout® or ProPresenter® File.
- Costumes: Black shirt, dark pants/jeans.
- Props: Two headsets or radios with earpieces, and enough Sour Patch Kids, or other candy, for the winning teams.
- Opening Activity Supplies: See Help Sheet for a list of supplies.

Begin the Opening Activity.

Lead the children through the Opening Activity "Headlines Or Head-lies?" or another Large Group Activity to engage the children's attention as they enter the room. For a detailed example, watch the "Good News L4 Teacher/Co-Teacher Training Video."

Begin Large Group Time with the "Countdown Video". [1]

Teacher and Co-Teacher enter.

TEACHER

(To imaginary stage crew) Alright everyone, in your places please. (looking at kids in audience then yelling back at crew) And our studio audience is mostly in place so we will begin shortly!

CO-TEACHER

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Good News studio! Our show that we're working on is called Good News and it is the news show for the tri-cities area and the world!

TEACHER

I'm the Executive Producer, Teacher's name.

CO-TEACHER

And I'm the Senior Producer Co-Teacher's name. And we do all of the necessary things behind the scenes to make sure our on air talent looks and sounds good.

TEACHER

We are close to being ready to begin but first let's go over our Studio Guidelines [2] so there are no unnecessary interruptions once the filming begins.



CO-TEACHER

Good idea! [3] Studio Guideline #1 - Stay quiet in the studio at all times, unless you are told to do otherwise.

TEACHER

[4] Studio Guideline #2 - Pay attention while in the studio to those on set. Raise your hand if you want to talk.

CO-TEACHER

[5] Studio Guideline #3 - Keep your hands and feet to yourselves while in the studio.

TEACHER

And [6] Studio Guideline #4 - You're the audience, so keep your energy and excitement up and have fun!

CO-TEACHER

(looks at watch) Oh boy just in time. Our broadcast, is starting right now! Cue up the intro segment and then be ready to go to commercial.

TEACHER

Intro segment going live in 3...2...1.

Play "News Intro Video." [7]

ANNOUNCER (IN VIDEO)

Good morning! You're watching Good News! With your anchors Tim Hunter, and Trudy Grapevine. And Rick Rexworth on sports. Will Wheelright, traffic. Dr. Oppenheimerstein on Science. Cooking in the Kitchen With Dinah. Your Action News reporter, J.J. Barnstormer. And Fernando the Weather Puppet on weather. It's the best morning news show on this channel, at this time, in the tri-cities area. Today's show is brought to you by Honesty. Because telling the truth is the right thing to do. (Main Point appears on screen) **I Will Tell The Truth!**

CO-TEACHER

Intro is finished and commercials are rolling. Honesty. Now that is a good theme for a broadcast, especially being a news organization!

TEACHER

Right! But it isn't just people in the news that need to be honest. We should all be honest. So let's make today's word from our sponsor the Main Message for today: **I Will Tell the Truth!** [8] And it wouldn't be a Main Message if we just forgot about it. We need to remember it. And the best way to do that is with some shouting and some motions.

The Teacher leads the children by first demonstrating the Main Message with motions. These motions should be similar to cheerleader-type hand motions. The teacher can make up the motions or have the children help come up with them. Once everyone has gone over the Main Message have the children repeat it with motions two or three times.

CO-TEACHER

I'm glad the microphones weren't on or your shouting might have blown the speakers in televisions all over the tri-cities area!

TEACHER

Me too! I think the owner of the studio would allow us to give out a prize for that, don't you?



STUDIO GUIDELINES

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STUDIO GUIDELINES

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STUDIO GUIDELINES

KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELVES WHILE IN THE STUDIO.



STUDIO GUIDELINES

YOU'RE THE AUDIENCE! KEEP YOUR ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT UP, AND HAVE FUN!



I WILL TELL THE TRUTH!

CO-TEACHER

Absolutely!

Play the Drumroll/Winner Song for the winning team. [9] Encourage the other team to be good sports by clapping or giving standing "O's" for the winning team. Award the winning team with a Sour Patch Kid.

TEACHER

Before we go back on the air, let's talk a little bit about the importance of being honest. First off, I have to admit that I haven't been completely honest every day of my life. In fact, when I was younger, there were times that I lied to try and get out of trouble.

CO-TEACHER

Yeah, I'm guilty of that too. I've also lied to try and make one of my stories sound more interesting or to make people be impressed by me.

TEACHER

Well, unfortunately, we have all told a lie at some point. But, no matter what our reasons were, lying is wrong. The Bible tells us that we should always tell each other the truth. It won't always be easy, and yes, sometimes we may get in trouble for it, but being honest is the right thing to do.

CO-TEACHER

Right, and another thing I've learned is that even if a lie gets you out of trouble, you feel terrible about it afterwards.

TEACHER

And eventually people will discover the truth, and when people catch you in a lie, they will stop trusting you. You can even lose friends because of lies.

CO-TEACHER

That's right. *(to children)* Think about it. Would you want to stay friends with people you can't trust because they tell you lies all the time? *(allows children to respond)* Of course not.

TEACHER

I agree. *(looks at watch)* However, I have some late breaking news!

CO-TEACHER

Late breaking news, but the broadcast hasn't started yet.

TEACHER

It's supposed to start right now! That's the late breaking news! I sure hope we can keep them from saying any crazy things that chase our viewers away. The last couple of episodes have been a bit rough.

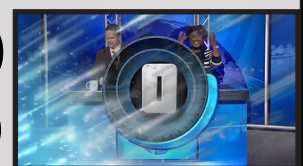
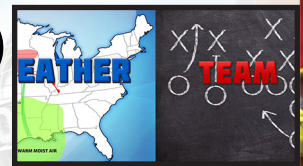
CO-TEACHER

(To backstage) This is what we trained for, people. Let's get ready to go on the air.

Play "Skit Part One" Video. [10]

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

I need everyone's help on this countdown. 5...4...3...(points for 2)...(points for 1)...(points for 0)



TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Good morning, I'm Tim Hunter, your lead anchor!

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

And I'm Trudy Grapevine. Here is today's top story.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

A new library has opened in town. So come by and read a book!

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

(sighs)

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Is something wrong, Tim?

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

That story was just so boring.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Well, what do you suggest? We report what's happening.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

I'd like to try something else. *(to camera)* This just in, the new library that opened in town earlier today is currently being swarmed by bees the size of basketballs! This is an urgent warning. Stay away from that library!

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

(confused, looking for the story) Um...Uh...Tim where did that report come from?

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

I made it up. You try it!

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

(looking around confused) Um...Uh.

Trudy continues to look confused as the "Viewers Leaving Alert" appears on screen.

We can still hear Tim and Trudy as the Teacher and Co-Teacher speak.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

Did he just say he made up that story? And now he wants Trudy to lie, too?

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

(speaking into headset) Trudy, don't do it.

"Viewers Leaving Alert" ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

I uh....just received even more information about that library story, Tim. It isn't just bees. It's also being attacked by... dinosaurs! Oh the horrors!

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Dinosaurs, really? Incredible! Also, it seems a mudslide is heading toward the library as well...wait it's not mud! It's chocolate ice cream!

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Yeah! And...and... sprinkles! Don't forget to mention the sprinkles.

Tim and Trudy continue to lie as the "Ratings Falling Alert" appears on screen. We can still hear Tim and Trudy as the Teacher speaks.

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

(speaks into headset) Stop lying! Cut to the next segment now!

"Ratings Falling Alert" ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

(puts finger to ear) We'll keep you up to speed on this developing story. But for now, here's Rick Rexworth on sports to tell us about the recent loss by our favorite local basketball team the Otters. Rick, what do you have for us?

Rick is standing off to the side on a separate set.

RICK REXWORTH (IN VIDEO)

Thanks, Tim, but I don't feel like reporting that the Otters lost. I really like that team and I'd rather say that they won. So that's my report. The Otters won their game 2000 points to zero in yesterday's match against the Bulldogs. I'd also like to report that this means the Otters are now undefeated. (pauses) And I have free tickets to all their games where everyone sits in a suite and gets free popcorn and candy...(thinks) and all the soda you can drink! It's going to be a great season! Here's some more scores I just made up... I mean that I'm reporting on. Yeah, that's the ticket!

Screen lists several games all with high scores for one team. Teacher speaks while the scores are displayed on screen.

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

This lying problem is getting worse. Didn't any of them pay attention to our sponsor's message about telling the truth?

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

(speaks into headset) John, tell Tim and Trudy stand by to cut to traffic.

Footage of sports scores ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Thanks, Rick. I'm glad the Otters didn't lose their game like everyone thought. (winks) Wink.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Indeed. We sent out our traffic reporter, Will Wheelright to assess the growing traffic jam downtown. He should be there by now.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

How's that traffic jam, Will?

Scene changes to blue screen studio shot of Will Wheelright, sitting in a chair and reading. He is startled when he notices the camera is on him.

WILL WHEELRIGHT (IN VIDEO)

(startled, drops book) Oh...uh, hello, Trudy! I'm stuck here in my car in this brutal traffic jam. (picks up steering wheel and shifts position to look like he's driving, looks around, mutters to himself) Wait, there's no car. (shouts off camera) I need the car! Now!

An overlay of a car pops into the frame, but not quite in the right spot. Will shifts

to try and move himself to where the driver would sit.

WILL WHEELRIGHT (IN VIDEO)

Yes. See...I'm here in my car stuck in the traffic jam.

Will looks at the screen and notices that it is still just a blank blue screen.

WILL WHEELRIGHT (IN VIDEO)

(shouts offstage) Where's my traffic? I need traffic now!

Image of a camel appears on the blue screen.

WILL WHEELRIGHT (IN VIDEO)

Yes, no one is going anywhere for quite- *(notices the camel, shouts offstage)*
No! I need a traffic jam! Hurry up! Give me the traffic jam footage!

Images change to a traffic jam.

WILL WHEELRIGHT (IN VIDEO)

Finally! *(to camera)* Yes, as you can clearly see, I'm stuck in this horrible traffic jam. I'll keep you posted.

"Viewers Leaving Alert" appears on screen. Teacher speaks over video while the alert is on screen.

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

(shocked) He's lying, too. I don't believe this. *(speaking into headset)* John tell Tim and Trudy to cut to weather and get us to a commercial break!

"Viewers Leaving Alert" ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Thanks, Will. And now for the weather report from our talented Weather Puppet, Fernando.

Scene cuts to weather studio. Fernando the Weather Puppet is standing in front of a weather map.

FERNANDO (IN VIDEO)

It's cold outside and I was hoping it would snow. But I guess it's not going to. Oh well.

Snow falls and buries Fernando. Scene changes back to main desk.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Thanks, Fernando.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

We need to take a quick commercial break, but when we come back, we'll have some exercise tips from fitness expert Sergeant Niece!

Scene cuts to Sergeant Niece running a recruit through some calisthenics and yelling.

SERGEANT NIECE (IN VIDEO)

Again! Move it! Come on!

End Skit Part One.

CO-TEACHER

And we're out for commercial. Everyone on camera is lying today...well, maybe not Fernando or that Sergeant Niece guy, but definitely everyone else.

TEACHER

I know. Tim and Trudy lied to try and sound more interesting. Rick lied to try and make it so his favorite team won instead of lost. And Will lied so he could avoid getting in trouble for not being where he was supposed to be.

CO-TEACHER

So how can we get them to stop? If they keep lying people aren't going to trust us and will stop watching this show. Then it might get cancelled!

TEACHER

Well, I think I've got an idea...we'll show them the kind of damage that lying can do. *(starts typing on a keyboard)* Instead of fitness tips with Sergeant Niece, I'm going to present and broadcast a special report on a lesson from the Bible. *(To kids)* Alright everyone, pull out your notebooks and be sure to listen carefully and answer the questions on today's sheet! *(Looking backstage)* Okay, it's ready.

Play "Skit Part Two" Video. [11]

Scene is the main news studio. The crew is scrambling to get off set.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

Good plan and good timing, we're back from commercial and going live in 5...4...3...(points for 2)...(points for 1)...(points for 0).

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Welcome back, everyone, however due to a change in today's schedule we won't have time for Sergeant Niece's fitness tips.

Scene switches briefly to Sergeant Niece and the recruit. The recruit is out of breath and stops exercising.

SERGEANT NIECE (IN VIDEO)

Did I tell you to stop?! Move it!

Recruit continues exercising.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

That's right. Sorry to pull rank, Sergeant, but we're going to take a look at a special report on a Bible Story. Here it is.

BIBLE LESSON (IN VIDEO)

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Well, that was certainly an important story and worth reporting on. It's definitely given this anchor a lot to think about.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Yes, I believe we owe our viewers an apology. We were dishonest about the stories we reported on today. We're sorry.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Yes, the truth is that the library is open and it's a great place to get some good books. There are no bees or dinosaurs at the library and there is no flood of ice cream either. I'm sorry I lied and said there was.



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Scene changes to Rick Rexworth on the sports set.

RICK REXWORTH (IN VIDEO)

And I'm sorry for lying about the scores.

Scene changes to Will Wheelright.

WILL WHEELRIGHT (IN VIDEO)

I'm sorry I lied.

Scene changes to Fernando in front of the weather map. He is partially out of the snow.

FERNANDO (IN VIDEO)

And I'm sorry about the snow.

Fernando gets buried by another avalanche of snow. Scene changes back to main news desk.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

And we all pledge to do a better job of telling the truth in the future.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

I pledge to be more truthful as well. Thank you again for watching and for understanding. Please stay tuned after the credits for some late breaking news. I'm Tim Hunter.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

And I'm Trudy Grapevine, good bye.

Lights dim on the set as the credits roll. Tim and Trudy are pretending to talk to each other. Credits end with "Full Breakfast."

End Skit Part Two.

TEACHER

Whew! Great job, everyone! We got truth back into the program. (starts clapping) And I hope all of you learned something, too.

CO-TEACHER

I know I sure did. Now, let's check on that late breaking news before we go off the air for today.

Play "Tim Hunter's News Van Race To Report The News!" [12] Assign one of the vans to each team.

TEACHER

Now it's time to officially announce the winner with a drumroll!

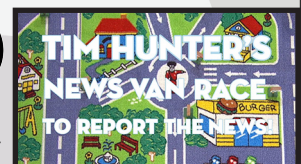
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CO-TEACHER

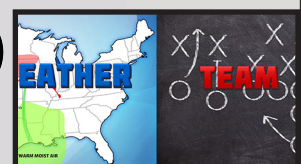
During this whole broadcast today, we've talked about how the Bible tells us to be truthful. Let's check an example of that. [14]



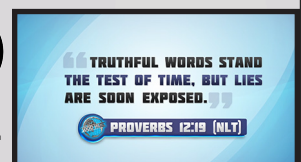
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**"Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed."
Proverbs 12:19 (NLT)**

CO-TEACHER

This verse tells us that when we tell the truth we can be confident that what we say will stand the test of time. But if we lie, we can be assured that the real truth will one day be revealed and then people will fully see our lie.

TEACHER

But people discovering our lie isn't the only reason not to lie. God wants us to tell the truth because ultimately it will help us to avoid problems and have a better life. And that's why He gives us all the commandments in the Bible. He loves us and wants what is best for us and He knows that following His commands will give us a better life and draw us closer to Him.

CO-TEACHER

Why don't we spend a few moments thanking God for what he has taught us today. Let's all stand and sing together and then we'll take up the offering.

Teacher and Co-Teacher lead the children in singing "Hosanna." **[15]**

TEACHER

Thank you for singing with us. We're going to continue our worship with our Offering **[16]** time. This time is for focusing on God and showing Him how thankful we are for Jesus and everything He has blessed us with. Please bow your heads and pray with me as we prepare to give.

Note: Lead the children in prayer. If you want to, include elements of the lesson you are teaching today. For instance, today we are talking about honesty. So, you might say, "Dear God, we know that You want us to be truthful. But we also know there will be times that lying will seem like a good idea. Please help us to always have the courage to tell the truth no matter what. And please forgive us for the times we have lied in the past. Amen."

OFFERING

TEACHER

Today's lesson was about telling the truth, but our lesson isn't over yet. We're going to learn even more, and also learn some ways we can apply what we've learned in our Small Groups.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY - SMALL GROUPS **[17]**

Teacher greets the children as they return from Small Groups.

CO-TEACHER

Welcome back! We still have some time left before we have to go. How about we stand and sing another song? Everyone up!

*Teacher and Co-Teacher lead the children in singing "Only Jesus." **[18]** When finished play the Drumroll/Winner Song for the winning team. **[19]** Encourage the other team to be good sports by clapping or giving standing "O's" for the winning team. Award the winning team with a Sour Patch Kid.*

TEACHER

We have one final bit of training for everyone before we are finished for the day. And, of course, I'm talking about Reporter Training. You'll answer questions and play a game and we'll see what you have discovered.

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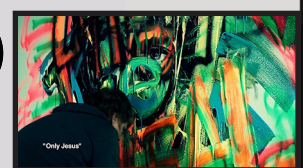
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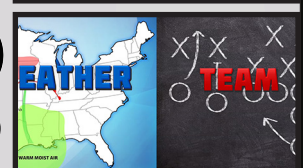
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WEEKLY REVIEW ACTIVITY - "Reporter Training" [20]

Note: Lead the children through the questions. Bring up a child from each team and have them compete to see who gets to answer. When the game is over, reward the team who answered the most questions correctly with a drumroll [21] and a Sour Patch Kid.

For specific instructions on how to lead the children through this Review Game, you will need to watch the "Good News L4 Teacher/Co-Teacher Training Video" and/or print out "Review_Game_Help_Sheet_Lesson_4" from your Lesson Materials folder.

CLOSING

CO-TEACHER

I am always impressed with the skills and knowledge from our Studio Audience! PALplus

TEACHER

Yep, this is a very good group. Well that's it for today's production. Remember this week our Main Message: **I Will Tell The Truth!** I hope to see you back in the Good News Studio next time as we continue to present the news and learn more about Jesus along the way!



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