

# Less Lies

## Small Group Application Activity Lesson 4 - I Will Tell The Truth!

### PURPOSE:

This activity will demonstrate that liars are actively avoided by others.

### DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will play a game where they have to depend on others for a truthful response. As more liars are revealed, it will be more and more difficult to avoid the liars.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet, tape, and different colored squares of paper.

### TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. There are many times when we rely on others to tell us the truth.
2. When you ask someone a question, do you want that person to lie to you, or tell you the truth? (*I want the truth.*)
3. Because we want the truth from others, we should tell the truth to others.
4. Today we will play a game where you will rely on others to tell you what color paper is on your back.
5. You will then have to go stand by the color of paper that the person tells you.

**For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, watch the Training Video.**

*Note: Have the children stand in a circle facing away from the center so that they cannot see you in the center or the people on either side of them.*

### DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. I am going to attach a color of paper to your backs.
2. Then I will put down a piece of the paper for each color. Different colors will be in different parts of the room.
3. Next, you will ask someone what color is on your back.
4. When the person tells you, you will go to the color paper that he or she says.
5. Everyone must tell the truth, unless I have chosen them to be liars.
6. You may only ask one person. No one else can tell you if the person is lying or not.
7. We will try it first with no one lying to see how it should go.

*Note: After they have gone to the correct colors, have them circle up again.*

8. That was pretty simple. Let's try it with a few liars.
9. I will change all of your colors and will choose people to be liars by tapping them on the head.

*Note: If people don't get the color correct, they have to try again, asking someone else what color they have. Play several more times, adding more liars each time until over half the group are liars. Each time it should take longer and longer because people will run into liars over and over.*

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### AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Running into a liar really hurt you in this game. It cost you a lot of time.
2. Because of that, what happened when you found out someone had lied to you? Did you avoid that person, or go back to ask him or her again? (*Avoided him. Avoided her.*)
3. In life, it works the same way. If you are known for not telling the truth, people will not want to be around you.
4. Which way did this game go smoothly, with more lies, or less lies? (*Less lies.*)

### CLOSING STATEMENT:

This game did not go smoothly with a lot of lies going around, and our lives are just the same. Lies hurt others around us, but they also hurt us. When we lie, we are the ones who suffer the consequences.