

# Year 1

## God is Truth 3 Weeks



### **Outcomes**

At the completion of this module students will understand that:

- The definition of 'true' and 'false'
- The Bible tells us what is true
- The Bible has the best instructions for doing what is right and true
- God wants us to always tell the truth

### **Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:**

Finding out the truth about the world around us: exploring materials; using our five senses to find out about materials; using magnets to find out about materials

### **Link between "God is Truth" and classroom topics:**

Children will learn the definition of 'truth' and 'true'. Truth tells us about things that are real. When we say that something is true we mean that it is real. When we tell the truth we say what really happened. When we look at materials we can find out about how things are made. Are they made from wood, stone, part of an animal, part of a plant or from plastic? We can become detectives to find out the truth about materials. Sometimes things look as if they are real but they are not. To find out what is real and true we can do testing on materials. We can use magnets to test whether something is made of iron. We can use heat to see if a substance melts, (e.g. sugar). We can use our 5 senses to test whether things are real. We can use the Bible to find out what is true in the world around us.

### **Values:**

honesty, fairness and respect for truth and justice; integrity

# God is Truth

## Week 1

### God wants us to tell the truth.

#### Bible Reference

Acts 5 Ananias and Sapphira

#### Puppet play: Dad's Birthday cookies

##### SCENE 1

**Billy:** Hi Betty!

**Betty:** Hi, Billy!

**Billy:** Guess what I've got for you?

**Betty:** Ah..... Can I play with it?

**Billy:** Well, not really.

**Betty:** Can I eat it?

**Billy:** Yes.

**Betty:** A peanut butter sandwich?

**Billy:** No. Look! Two chocolate cookies - one for you and one for me.

**Betty:** (*Munch, munch*) It's really nice of you to give me this cookie Billy. Where did you get it?

**Billy:** Well, Mum made some cookies especially for Dad's birthday party tomorrow night. I saw them on the bench and thought how much you would like one.

**Betty:** But did your Mum say you could have one?

**Billy:** Well, no, but I'm sure she wouldn't mind.

##### SCENE 2

**Mum:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. That's funny. I'm sure I made 10 cookies. Billy did you take 2 cookies from the plate?

**Billy:** No Mum. I've been outside the whole time.

**Mum:** Are you sure you didn't take them?

**Billy:** No Mum. Not me!

##### SCENE 3

**Betty:** You know Billy, I really think we should tell your Mum about those cookies.

**Billy:** Oh, I don't know. I only took the cookies because I wanted to make you happy.

**Betty:** But the Bible says we shouldn't take things that don't belong to us. That's called stealing. Come on Billy Let's go and see your Mum.

##### Scene 4

**Mum:** Hi, Betty. Hi, Billy.

**Billy:** Mum, I have something to tell you. I know what happened to the missing cookies. I took one for Betty and one for me. I'm sorry I took them without asking and I'm sorry I told you a lie when you asked me if I took them.

**Mum:** I'm glad you told me the truth Billy. God forgives us when we are sorry, and I forgive you too. Come on, let's make some more chocolate cookies together.

### **Bible Lesson: Ananias and Sapphira**

This is a true story about two people who told a lie. The story is found in the Bible.

Once there was a man called Ananias and his wife Sapphira. They were two people who worked for God in the temple.

God wants people to give money to the church. This is the way people give money to God. God doesn't really use the money Himself. He doesn't need to buy things, but the church can use the money to help other people who need things.

Ananias and Sapphira knew that it was important to give money to the church. They sold a piece of land. It might have been a farm. We don't really know, but anyway, they received a lot of money for it. Then Ananias had an idea. Why don't we say that we are giving all the money to the church, but really, we'll give only some of it, and keep the rest for ourselves. Then everyone will think how good we are for giving all the money.

Ananias and Sapphira took their money to the temple.

"This is all of the money we got from selling the farm," said Ananias.

"Really?" said the person in charge of the money. "You kept none for yourselves?"

"No," said Ananias.

"Well then, God must be very happy that you have given everything to Him."

But God was not happy. Ananias had not told the truth. He only said that so that others would think he was a good person. Sometimes people tell lies so that others will like them. Maybe they say that they have very special, expensive toys when really they don't at all. Maybe they tell lies about things they've done, or places they've been to, just to sound important. God doesn't want us to tell lies about the things we do. He just wants us to be ourselves. He loves us just the way we are. We're all very special to God.

### **Discussion**

- What does it really mean to tell a lie?
- When we are tempted to tell lies?
- Do some people exaggerate or lie to make other people like them?
- What happens when people find out we weren't telling the truth?
- Does God know when we tell a lie?

### **Activity**

Allow children to use the puppets to demonstrate real life situations. Examples:

Mum asks child if he has finished doing a job. Child says "yes" when really he hasn't.

Mum asks who broke the bowl.

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## Week 2

### God wants us to obey the truth.

God tells us what to do in His Word, the Bible. God wants us to obey Him, and do what the Bible says.

#### Bible References

2 Kings 22 & 23 The story of the boy king, Josiah.

Exodus 20 The Ten Commandments

#### Bible Lesson: Josiah the boy king

Josiah was eight years old when he became king. He was a good king. He obeyed God. He was sad that the building where his people worshiped God was falling down. Josiah got workers to fix it. One day someone found a scroll in the temple. A scroll is a rolled-up piece of paper with writing on it. This was a very important piece of paper. It was the book of God's laws, called the Ten Commandments. The scroll was taken to King Josiah. Josiah read the writing. "We must follow these laws," he said. "We must do what God wants."

The people did what Josiah said. They obeyed God's laws, which had been lost and forgotten. God was pleased with King Josiah and God blessed him.

#### Discussion

Look at different kinds of Bibles.

Olden day Bibles called scrolls.

The first words from God were written on flat pieces of rock. (Ex. 20)

Some of the things God said to Moses were: -

- Love God and don't worship statues.
- Love and obey Mum and Dad.
- Do not steal or kill.
- Always tell the truth.

Josiah, the boy king, found a scroll with these laws written on it. He knew the people were not obeying God. What did he do?

The words of Jesus are also in the Bible. We must obey them too. Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart and love other people too."

#### Activities

- Make a crown that would have been worn by Josiah the boy king.
- Make a scroll. On the scroll write, "**God's Word is Truth**".
- Children can dress up. Use the cardboard crown, and pieces of material for a robe.



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## Week 3

### Build your life on the truth

#### **Bible references:**

Matthew 7:24-27 Build your life on the Rock

John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life".

#### **Bible Lesson: The wise and foolish builders**

Once there was a wise man. He wanted to build a house.

"Where shall I build my house?" said the wise man. "I know. I will build it in a strong place. A rock is very strong. I will build my house on a rock."

The wise man worked hard. He built his house on a rock.

When a big storm came, he was safe inside his house. His house was very strong because he had built it on a rock.

Once there was a foolish man. He wanted to build a house too.

"Where shall I build my house?" said the foolish man. "I know. I will build it in a place where I can have fun. I can have fun on the sand. I will build my house on the sand."

The foolish man worked very hard. He built his house on the sand. When a big storm came, he was not safe at all. His house fell down. His house went out to sea. The foolish man had no house.

Jesus said, "You should be like the wise man. Build your life on a rock. If you obey my words it will be like building your life on a rock, safe and strong."

#### **Discussion**

Tell the children that we are going to have a quiz.

For every idea we must answer true or false. (That is, we must say if it is true or not true.)

Ask two volunteers to come up as contestants. They take turns to answer the questions. Ask two children to keep score.

## The Quiz

1. Butterflies have wings. (T)
2. Cats have kittens. (T)
3. Christmas is in June. (F)
4. Coconuts grow on trees. (T)
5. Potatoes grow on trees. (F)
6. Spiders have 6 legs. (F)
7. Birds lay eggs. (T)
8. Snakes lay eggs. (T)
9. Soccer balls are oval. (F)
10. One apple and two more apples make four apples. (F)

How do we know what is true?

We can find out what is true by taking a close look.

Many people do not believe that the Bible is true because they haven't taken a close look.

If everyone listened to what the Bible says then they would find out that it is true.

Jesus said, "Build your life on the Rock."

Jesus also said that He is the TRUTH. If we want to know what is true then we must follow Him.

