

Represent
Wk 2/4: Be Honest
January 16 & 17, 2021

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to realize that honesty is the best policy, even when it's not easy to share or hear.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 22:1-37 (Whole Story)
1 Kings 22:12-17 & 26-28 (Main Parts to Read)

THINK ABOUT THIS

Middle and high school students give a great amount of power and weight to their friends. **That means your students hold a great amount of power and influence in their friends' lives.** How well are your students representing Jesus to their friends? You may have students all over the board on that and they may have never thought about that before. Preaching isn't the only way to share the Gospel; how your students treat their friends will most likely leave a bigger impact than the words they say. **The main goal for this series is for you to engage your students in conversations that help them reflect and grow in how they are treating their friends and representing Jesus through their character.**

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Let's represent Jesus well by being honest.

GET THEM TALKING

Who is your favorite pair/group of movie/tv show friends?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever told a "little white lie" that grew out of control? Why do you think that happens?

READ 1 KINGS 22:12-17 & 26-28 and answer the following questions:

2. Michaiiah said he would tell the truth, but then he gave into pressure and sarcastically said what everyone wanted to hear. Can you share a time when you felt that kind of pressure?
3. Why can it be hard to tell the truth sometimes?
4. Why do you think it is important to be honest with your friends?
5. Does a good friend tell the truth, even if it's something their friend doesn't want to hear? Why?
6. Are you willing to listen to your friends when they are being honest about, even you if it's something you don't want to hear?
7. Is there someone you need to apologize to because you got mad at them for telling you a truth you didn't want to hear?
8. Is there someone you need to tell the truth to even though it may be hard?

NEXT STEP

Reflect for a moment: What is a bigger struggle for you: hearing honesty or speaking honesty?

If a friend has been honest with you recently, go to them this week and thank them.

If you have a friend you need to be honest with, go and talk to them this week.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

1 KINGS 22:12-17 & 26-28 (NLT)

¹² All the other prophets agreed. “Yes,” they said, “go up to Ramoth-gilead and be victorious, for the LORD will give the king victory!” ¹³ Meanwhile, the messenger who went to get Micaiah said to him, “Look, all the prophets are promising victory for the king. Be sure that you agree with them and promise success.” ¹⁴ But Micaiah replied, “As surely as the LORD lives, I will say only what the LORD tells me to say.” ¹⁵ When Micaiah arrived before the king, Ahab asked him, “Micaiah, should we go to war against Ramoth-gilead, or should we hold back?” Micaiah replied sarcastically, “Yes, go up and be victorious, for the LORD will give the king victory!” ¹⁶ But the king replied sharply, “How many times must I demand that you speak only the truth to me when you speak for the LORD?” ¹⁷ Then Micaiah told him, “In a vision I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep without a shepherd. And the LORD said, ‘Their master has been killed. Send them home in peace....’”

²⁶ “Arrest him!” the king of Israel ordered. “Take him back to Amon, the governor of the city, and to my son Joash. ²⁷ Give them this order from the king: ‘Put this man in prison, and feed him nothing but bread and water until I return safely from the battle!’” ²⁸ But Micaiah replied, “If you return safely, it will mean that the Lord has not spoken through me!” Then he added to those standing around, “Everyone mark my words!”