## All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE FOR YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS

## What's Wrong with Lying?

**Objective**: The students will be able to explain the consequences of lying/rewards of honesty and describe what the Bible says about lying.

"Think about the last time you were lied to; how did it make you feel? Why do people lie?" Allow everyone to say something regarding those questions.

## What is considered a lie?

Before you get into what the Bible says about lying, it is important to make sure that everyone understands what a lie is.

Watch this short Video clip – You may just click on the link or copy it and paste it in your URL.

https://www.thehopeline.com/how-can-i-stop-lying-ep-19/

Types of lies - White lies, Broken promises, Lies of fabrication, Bold faced lies, Lies of exaggeration, Lies of deception, Plagiarism, and Compulsive lying.

## **Discussion Questions**

Please use the verses and questions below to have a class discussion about the topic.

Also, if students tend to not volunteer to answer questions, call on a random person. Participation makes people to understand better.

As a group read **Genesis 3:4-5** and discuss the following questions:

- 1. The fall of mankind can be tied directly to a lie told by Satan to Eve. What does this tell you about the power of lies?
- 2. How do worldly things today tempt us with lies?
- 3. Do lies sometimes lead to more sin in our lives? Explain.

As a group read **Proverbs 12:22** and discuss the following questions:

- 1. Why do you think God hates lying?
- 2. What does this verse say delights the Lord?
- 3. How can one act faithfully? What does this mean?

As a group read **Luke 8:17** and discuss the following questions:

- 1. Do you think most lies are eventually revealed? What are the possible consequences that come from a <u>revealed lie</u> (truth came out)?
- 2. Why are secrets and deception usually brought to light? Think of times this has happened in your own life.

As a group read **Proverbs 12:19** and discuss the following questions:

- 1. How can truth endure forever?
- 2. Often, lies only last a moment. How come lies tend to be so temporary?

As a group read **1 John 2:4** and discuss the following questions:

- 1. Who does this verse call a liar?
- 2. Why is it a lie to say you know God and then not keep His commandments?
- 3. How does telling the truth, even in difficult circumstances, ultimately have the greatest pay off?
- 4. One of the many consequences to lying is that one lie oftenleads to another. Suggest many things that you can do to stop lying.

You want to go to a dance at school, but you know yourparents will say no so instead of asking you just tell them that you are spending the night at a friend's house.

You need money for the dance, so you ask you parents for some cash. They ask what you will need it for, and you say dinner.

A family emergency comes up and your parents try calling you while you are at the dance. You can't answer at the moment, but you go outside and return their call. When they ask what you are doing, you make something up about the sleepover.

They ask you to come home.

Your friend's house is just down the street and it takes you a long time to leave the dance and return home. Your parents ask why it took so long and you say that you had to stop to get gas and take another friend home.

Finally, you forgot one major thing before returning home. You forgot to change back into your regular clothes. Your parents ask why you are dressed in such fancy attire... you are caught. Not only are you caught in one lie, but your parents realize all the lies they have been told.

How would the truth have been easier in the scenario above? Discuss.