



# MOMENT OF TRUTH

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

**Bottom Line: When you are not truthful, you lose trust.**  
**Memory Verse: An honest person has respect for the Lord. -Proverbs 14:2a**

### GAME: PENNY RACE

*What You Do:* Put 5-6 pennies across the room. Have children walk on their knees to collect the pennies one at a time and put them into a bowl.

*Discuss:* “Zacchaeus might have been a short guy, but he was a giant when he learned that when you are truthful and make things right, you build trust. Then we can be a ‘giant’ like Zacchaeus turned out to be too. We can strive to always make things right when we blow it, instead of saying things like, ‘I was just kidding,’ or ‘I didn’t mean it.’ Don’t take the easy way out and ignore the situation. Do the right thing and make it right.”

*Optional Discussion:* “Let’s check out these pennies. What do you know about Abraham Lincoln? Do you know what Abraham Lincoln’s nickname was? It was ‘Honest Abe.’ How do you think he got that name and reputation? Abe Lincoln was known for his honesty. He once overcharged someone a few cents at the store where he worked. Abe made it right by walking several miles that night after work to give the person the few pennies they were owed. I’m going to let you keep one of these pennies today to remind you that you can be known for your honesty and build trust with others when you make things right.”

### ACTIVITY: I'M SORRY

*What You Do:* Read the following scenarios. After each scenario, have the child act out the apology and how they could make it right. Discuss how just saying “I’m sorry” isn’t enough sometimes; we have to try to make the situation better.

- You lied and told your mom you studied for your spelling test. You missed every word. What do you have to say?
- You told your little brother that all the cookies were gone and when he left the room, you shoved the last one in your mouth. Then he walked back in and caught you red-handed. What do you have to say?
- You are invited to go to the movies with a friend. It costs \$7.00. You want to get popcorn so when your mom asks you how much the movie costs you say \$12.00. Your mom questions why it’s so much. What do you have to say?
- You are selling candy bars for your team’s fundraiser. You tell every person you ask that you only need to sell one more to earn a prize hoping that will convince people to buy the candy bar. One customer comes back a 2nd time and you don’t recognize her. You tell her you only need to sell one more. She questions your honesty. What do you have to say?
- Your mom asks you if you gave the dog fresh water today. You didn’t. Your mom sees that the dog’s water bowl is empty. What do you have to say?
- Your friend wants to come over and play. You don’t want them to and say you have too much homework. Ten minutes later your friend sees you riding your bike. What do you have to say?
- Your dad says you can have two cookies after school and you take five. At dinner, you are not hungry and your dad asks you how many cookies you ate. What do you have to say?
- You accidentally crush some flowers in your neighbor’s yard. When you see your neighbor you run away. The next day they ask you about the flowers. What do you have to say?
- Your classmates are not well behaved for a substitute teacher. You know you were part of the problem. When your teacher returns the next day, he asks the class what happened. What do you have to say?

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: BUILDING TRUST CARDS

*What You Do:* Print the activity cards. Match the people cards with the situations that build trust. For each match, come up with another way you could build trust with that person.

### PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for loving me. Please help me to tell the truth, even when being honest is hard. Help everyone who is sick or scared right now. I love you and trust you. Amen.

BEST FRIEND

COACH

TEACHER

PARENT

SMALL GROUP LEADER

NEIGHBOR

ALWAYS KEEP THEIR SECRETS

TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT

KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR OWN PAPER

HOW MUCH YOU PRACTICED

PLAYING AT HOME

ALWAYS TELL THEM THE

SHOW RESPECT BY FOLLOWING

ASK BEFORE GOING INTO THEIR

TRUTH, EVEN WHEN THEY

HIS/HER INSTRUCTIONS IN BOTH

YARD TO GET THE BALL YOU HIT

MIGHT GET UPSET

SMALL GROUP AND LARGE GROUP

OVER THE FENCE

**What to Do:**

Copy on white paper and cut apart. Make one set of cards for each Small Group.

**Building Trust**

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