



[A Penny Lesson in Being Truthful](#)

Shalom Family MHNCBU! I would like to share a lesson I did with my kids on being truthful.

Start by asking your children who likes WORK, the chances are they will not raise their hands. Explain to them that telling a lie or not telling the truth is and can be HARD WORK!!! The objective of this activity is to give a visual example of how hard it is to cover up a lie. I also tied this lesson into how Christ told the truth to the high priest after he asked him if he was the son of God, although Christ knew he was going to be put to death for telling the truth about who he was, he told the truth anyways.

Matthew 26:57-68

⁵⁷ And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

⁵⁸ But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

⁶⁰ But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

⁶¹ And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

⁶² And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

⁶³ But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

⁶⁴ Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

⁶⁵ Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

⁶⁶ What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

⁶⁷ Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

⁶⁸ Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

I explained to the kids it's not always easy to tell the truth but it's very important as princes and princesses of The Most High to be truthful.



Here's what you need for the activity:

Bucket or pot

1 Quarter

Water

An even number of pennies to distribute to each child.

Fill your bucket halfway with water. Explain to the kids that the quarter represents a lie that you told, Drop the quarter into the bucket. Give each person equal number of pennies. Each penny represents another lie you tell to cover up the original lie (which is the quarter) each person gets to drop their pennies into the bucket attempting to cover the quarter.

After everyone has dropped their pennies, look at the original lie, (the quarter). If the kids were not successful in covering the lie, then they got caught telling a lie, and got caught telling all the other lies. If they are successful in covering the original lie, then count how many lies it took to cover for the one lies they told. For us it took 30 Lies to cover the original lie.

**** The main Point of the lesson on lying – It is hard work to try to cover up one lie that you tell and telling the truth and being honest is always the best option even if we must deal with the consequences. ****