



Connect

We will play a guessing game but this one will have a twist.

Start with one kid as the actor and the other kids including the parents will be the guessers.

How to play:

- From the list below, the actor will choose 1 word to act out and the guessers must guess what the actor is doing.

swim	walk	jump	dance	crawl
smile	do exercise	run	kick	kneel
sit	shrug	think	sleep	fly

- The twist is, the guessers will have to keep their eyes closed while guessing. They should not see what the actor is doing. Each guesser can make 1 guess only per round.
- After the guessers have made their guess, the actor will reveal what action was done. Whoever guesses correctly will be the next actor. Do as many rounds as you want, letting other players be the actor.

After playing the game, talk through the following points with the kids.

- When it was your turn to act out and they were able to guess what you were doing, have you thought of changing your action since nobody saw your action?

- Did you feel that it was easy to trick them since they do not see what you are doing?

In our everyday dealings, we tend to think that it is fine to make unrighteous decisions and actions when no one is watching. Today, we will learn that it is important to always choose to do what is right with or without an audience.

Read the Word

Choosing to do what is right is easier for all of us when we are in front of an audience. But what about when we are alone and nobody sees us, are we still committed to always do the right thing? Let us look at the example of Samuel as he leads the Israelites with integrity.

1 Samuel 12:1-5

And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you. 2 And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day. 3 Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me[a] and I will restore it to you." 4 They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand." 5 And he said to them, "The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they said, "He is witness."

Samuel was Israel's prophet. He led Israel for about 40 years. Because He had the fear of God in his heart, Samuel led the people honestly. He did not take advantage of his position. People knew that what he said was true and his judgements were fair. And because of that, they trusted him. This is what integrity means.

Like Samuel, we too can be people of integrity. This means we can lead ourselves and others with honesty, incorruptibility and consistency in doing the right thing even when no one is watching. On our own, this is not easy to do but the Holy Spirit is always with us to remind us and help us do the right thing.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Have you ever taken a toy without permission from the owner? What happened?

7-12 years old

- Have you ever copied answers during a test but didn't get caught? How did that make you feel?

Kid/s to Parent:

- Have you ever been caught doing something when you said you didn't do it? How did that feel?

- Do you think a good leader should have integrity? Why or why not?

Taking something without permission, copying answers during a test, doing something and not admitting you did it - whether you get caught or not - these are all examples of acts without integrity. Some may seem small and inconsequential but they are still dishonest. Anytime there is any hint of dishonesty, it will be difficult to build trust.

Let's always practice integrity even when it is difficult. After all, God sees all that we do and He will help us.



Dear God, thank You for reminding us of the importance of integrity. We pray that You always empower us through the Holy Spirit to practice integrity in everything that we do. When we are in a situation where it is not easy to do the right thing, please help us. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Did you know that the word integrity has its root from the Hebrew word *tōm* or *tumnaah* meaning a "whole, complete, sound, unimpaired or perfect". This word *tōm* occurs around twenty times in the Old Testament and refers to "integrity" of character. *Tōm* also expresses the idea of integrity in relation to honest motives and moral uprightness(e.g., 2 Sam. 5:11; Psalm. 7:8; 25:21; 26:1; 101:2; Prov. 2:7; 13:6; 20:7; 1 Kings. 9:4).

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