

NOT COVERING UP MISTAKES



Play a game of hide-and-seek!

Designate an area where you can play a few rounds of hide-and-seek. You can add or make up your own additional rules or variations like :

- Designate a spot called the "tap spot". All hiders are one team. Whenever a seeker finds a player, both must run to the Tap spot. The first player who reaches it and taps the spot gets the point. In order for the seeker to win the game, he must have more points than the total of all the hiders.
- Only one person hides. Each person gets a turn to be the hider and the person who can hide for the longest time without being found is the winner!
- You are allowed to move hiding places as long as the seeker does not catch you!
- Instead of a person hiding, you can choose to hide an object.
- Other variations are welcome!

Hiding is very similar to covering up. When you hide something, it means you are not allowing others to see the truth. And often, this is not a good thing. Let's see what the Bible says.



1 Corinthians 13:6 says

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt it was better to hide the truth or to cover it up with a white lie? You may reason that after all, you are helping someone or protecting him, or it would be better for everyone. Sometimes, on the surface, you may seem right. But what happens when you've told a lie and you had to make up another lie to cover up your first lie?

That may sound familiar for many of us. We make mistakes, but that is not an excuse for us to create lies just to make it less of a mistake, or to entirely disregard that it is a mistake. Covering up the truth just buries us deeper into a lie. How do you get out of it? Go back to the truth!

You see, one of the beautiful things about love is it is always about the truth. When it is always truthful, it means trust can be present. But once it is tainted with a lie, trust is destroyed. And this is also why God is trustworthy because He is the truth. The truth, when spoken in love, will help a person grow toward maturity. It will help a person become more like Jesus!



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Is lying a good thing? Why or why not?
- Have you ever lied?

7-12 years old

- Have you ever had to cover up something for someone or even for yourself? What happened? What lesson did you learn from it?

Kid to Parent

- Have you ever lied in order to get away from being punished? What happened?
- How can we redeem ourselves if we made mistakes or lied to everyone just to cover our mistakes?

You know, God loves you so much that He does not want you to keep on sinning and covering up your mistakes all your life. He wants you to learn and grow from it so you can be the person He created you to be. Sometimes, it may mean that we go through difficult discipline but that is only because the result will be so much greater than the difficulty you have to go through. It is the same way when parents sometimes punish their children for making mistakes. They want their children to grow up and become mature adults and live lives the way God wants us to.

Maybe now is a good time to think about what you've done in the past and ask God to forgive you. Parents, you can put love in action by restoring your kids if they need to repent.



Dear God, thank You because You love us and for being patient with us. Thank You for offering us the chance to learn from our mistakes. Teach us always to be honest, to be sincere in asking for forgiveness. Help us to understand Your love for us always. In Jesus' name, Amen!



Do you know that sometimes cover-ups can cause drastic damage? There are many cover-ups in history that are known to have caused people's lives.

An example is the Titanic, a ship once hailed as "unsinkable". From its building stage to its voyage and to that fateful night when it sank, different cover-ups took place. Even when the news went out, it took so long for people to find out why many lives were lost that day.

You can read about some of them here:

<https://historyofyesterday.com/3-fatal-mistakes-that-led-to-the-sinking-of-the-titanic-42f064bd511b>