



Jehovah-El Emeth, The LORD God of Truth

MAIN IDEAS

- God does not lie; every word of His proves true.
- Satan is a liar.
- God will lead us in the truth if we trust in Him.

MEMORY VERSE

*Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
—Proverbs 30:5*

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 2:16-17
- 2) Genesis 3:1-5
- 3) Numbers 23:19
- 4) Proverbs 30:5
- 5) John 8:44

LESSON SUMMARY

Lies are everywhere; we swim in a sea of constant untruth. We hear them in the media, read them on paper, and view them on the screen. They are perpetuated by celebrities, leaders, neighbors, and friends. If our powers of discernment are not sharpened, we can subtly fall into believing the untruths.

There is one absolute source of truth—*Jehovah-El Emeth*, The LORD God of Truth. He never lies; indeed, it is impossible for Him to do so. Every word of His proves true—always. He has most clearly revealed His truth in His book. It is completely reliable and the only sure guide in life.

To discern truth from error we must know *Jehovah El-Emeth*, for He will lead us into the truth. We must know His Word, for it is the only reliable source of absolute truth. And we must subject everything we hear to the scrutiny of God's Word. *Jehovah El-Emeth*, The LORD God of Truth, protects those who take refuge in Him from being deceived.

May you love the truth, rely on God's Word, and run to *Jehovah-El Emeth* for protection from the deception of the enemy who prowls around seeking to destroy your faith.

Pray that your child would love the truth, hate lies, and be convinced that God's Word is the only reliable source of absolute truth. Pray that your child would know Jehovah-El Emeth, The LORD God of Truth, and walk according to the truth.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Lies are everywhere. As you go through your week, help your child identify lies. Discuss the subtlety of the enemy and our vulnerability to lies. Then identify God's truth regarding the subject of the lie.
- Talk about God's truth being the only reliable guide to life. Why is this? What are the consequences of detouring from God's principles?

ADDITIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY

Look at some advertisements together. Discern truth and lies in them. To what do the untruths appeal? How can you be more discerning about what you read and hear?



ACTION STEP

During the application time, each student was asked to decide on a personal response to what was learned. After recording this step below, discuss how your child can apply this response to his or her life this week.



Applying God's Truth

MEMORIZE

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PRAY

Ask God to help you love the truth, hate lies, and trust that God is the only source of absolute, reliable truth.

ASK

Ask your dad or mom to tell you about a time he or she lied and the consequences of that lie; or about a time when someone lied to him or her and the hurt that the lie caused.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- **Write:** Identify one lie this week, how you heard it, and the truth of the situation according to the Bible. Find a verse that shows the truth. Record your findings below.

- **Think About It:** There are different kinds of lies, and some are subtle like these:
 - stretching the truth—exaggerating
 - minimizing the truth (e.g., admitting that something is wrong, but treating it as less important than it really is, like telling your parents that a bad movie had “just a few bad spots in it;” using language that softens the truth, like calling an aborted baby just “tissue” rather than admitting that it is a baby)
 - a partial truth—hiding the truth in order to deceive (e.g., telling your parents that you did your math homework, but not admitting that you also had other homework to do)
 - telling your side of a story without giving a fair account of the other side of the story

Was there a time in the past few weeks when you told one of these subtle kinds of lies? Record it below. Then confess it to God and to the person to whom you lied. Ask God to give you a love for telling the truth.
