

Sample Lessons from

Walking In Truth

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Introduction

Over the past few years, I have come to realize more and more the importance of truth. Truth is important to our Father in heaven, for it is a recurring theme in His Word.

Trust is one of the most important factors in a relationship. If we cannot trust our children, parents, or friends, on what can we base a relationship? How can we trust them if they do not consistently tell the truth? How can they trust us if we aren't consistently truthful ourselves?

The perfect example of truthfulness and trust is found in our heavenly Father, who always keeps His promises. We can trust Him completely. His Word guides us in truth. This book explores verses throughout the Bible that encourage us to be honest, truthful, and trustworthy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to earth from the Father full of grace and truth. His life is our model. If we follow in His steps, we will be walking in truth.

May the Lord bless your family as you study through this book. I pray that it will be an encouragement to you. Let us walk in truth as we keep our eyes on Jesus.

*For my dear and precious friends Annalisa, Rosemary,
Johnmark, Heather, Rebekah, Benjamin, James, and Bethany.
May the Lord guide you as you continue
growing in Him and walking in truth.*

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How To Use This Study

This book is divided into 30 two-page lessons. Completing five lessons per week will allow you to finish the study in six weeks. Completing one lesson per week will spread the study out over a school year. The format allows flexibility, however, if you chose to complete more or fewer lessons each week. This study was created using primarily the New American Standard Bible; but effort has been made to make the study usable with a variety of translations, including the New International Version, the King James Version, and the New King James Version.

Younger children may need assistance reading the lessons, writing the verses, and completing the puzzles. Older children will be able to complete the lessons on their own, but parents are encouraged to oversee the study so that the children can gain wisdom from their parents as they look into the Word together.

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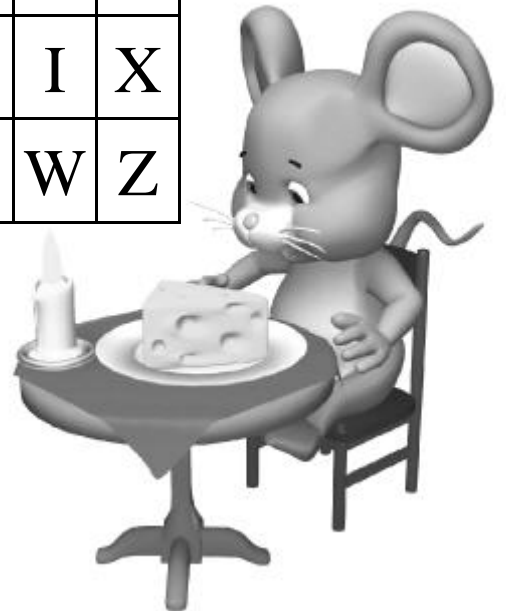
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Lesson 13

Which Is Better?

Color in all the boxes which contain a "W," "X," or "Z." When you are finished, write all of the letters in uncolored boxes on the blanks below in order from left to right.

I	X	Z	T	W	Z	I	Z	S	W
W	B	X	X	E	X	T	T	Z	E
R	X	W	T	Z	O	W	Z	B	W
Z	E	X	P	X	W	O	W	O	Z
R	W	T	W	H	X	Z	A	N	X
W	T	W	X	X	O	W	X	B	W
E	W	X	A	X	Z	L	X	I	X
Z	A	W	X	R	X	W	X	W	Z



Proverbs 19:22 tells us:

_____ .

Lesson 13 - continued

Which Is Better?

Sometimes people get rich by lying, or get a good score by cheating, or get something they want by stealing. Other people might be fooled by these people, but God knows their hearts. Their wealth and honor won't last. Their riches and treasures will fade away like a mist. Living in the truth of God's way brings true joy and treasures which will last forever.

Look up these two verses from Proverbs, copy them on these lines, and answer the questions below.

PROVERBS 21:6

PROVERBS 22:4

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Proverbs tells us that it is a bad idea to get rich by a _____.

To what does Proverbs compare treasures acquired by a lying tongue?

What three things does Proverbs 22:4 say are a reward for humility and the fear of the Lord?



Who is a Christian you know whom the Lord has rewarded with honor?

Why do you respect this person?

What is one way you can be humble?

Lesson 23

Truth In Love

Read Ephesians 4:15. We must speak the truth in love so that we will grow up into Jesus Christ. Children grow taller as they grow older. Both children and adults grow spiritually as they learn and study the Bible. They grow stronger in faith. They grow in their knowledge of God and His word. No one, no matter how old he or she is, should ever stop growing in Jesus. One way to grow spiritually is to speak the truth in love.

Copy Ephesians 4:15 on the lines below.

Ephesians 4:15

Find each of these words
in the puzzle two times:

SPEAK
TRUTH
LOVE
GROW
CHRIST

T	S	P	E	A	K	S	T
L	R	C	F	L	O	P	R
O	E	U	B	G	C	E	U
V	G	R	T	G	H	A	T
E	R	H	I	H	R	K	H
L	O	V	E	F	I	O	N
G	W	R	C	R	S	E	W
C	H	R	I	S	T	D	C

Lesson 23 - continued

Truth In Love

Speaking the truth in love means that we don't boast or brag or show off or try to put other people down. Speaking the truth is important, but we must always remember to speak the truth in love. We can speak the truth in love by speaking gently and compassionately and with respect for the people we are talking to, remembering to treat them the same way we want to be treated.

Read the following story about Tyler and Kelly.

One September morning, Tyler and Kelly both auditioned to be in the play their homeschool group was putting on. They both knew that only a few children were going to be given speaking parts. The rest of the children would be in the chorus. Tyler and Kelly both had their hearts set on receiving a speaking role. They talked to their mom about the try-outs all the way home. They were both very excited. The only thing left to do was to wait for Mrs. Hampshire, the director, to call them tomorrow and let them know what their part in the play would be.

After lunch on the following day, Kelly went outside to play in the backyard. Soon after she was out the door, the phone rang. Tyler's mom answered it.

"Oh, hello, Mrs. Hampshire," he heard her say. Tyler stood where he was as if he was frozen. He was nervous and could hardly wait for his mom to get off the phone and tell him the news.

"Thank you," Tyler's mom said, "I'll let them know." She hung up the phone and smiled. "Congratulations, Tyler Williams," she said. "You were chosen to play the lead role in the play!"

"I was?" Tyler exclaimed. "Oh, boy! What part did Kelly get?"

"She's going to be in the chorus this year. Mrs. Hampshire said she did a good job at the try-outs, but she's really too young for any of the speaking parts."

"Oh," said Tyler. He knew his sister would be disappointed. Tyler went outside and found Kelly trying to see-saw by herself. He sat down opposite her and they began to see-saw together.

"Has Mrs. Hampshire called yet?" Kelly asked. "Did we get the parts we wanted?"



Tyler has to answer his sister. He has to tell her the truth. What should he say? He could boast about the part that he got and make Kelly feel bad. Is there a nice way to break the news to her? How can he speak the truth in love? Write Tyler's kind and truthful reply to Kelly's question.
