

**Building Families of Character**  
**How Can I Instill Honesty in my Kids?**

**Notes:**

- Create a \_\_\_\_\_ of honesty
  - \_\_\_\_\_ it
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- Create a culture of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Don't \_\_\_\_\_ addressing the lying
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with your child
  - Ask \_\_\_\_\_ to dig deeper
  - Emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ of lying
  - Point to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.
  - Develop a family \_\_\_\_\_ of confessing sin.
    - Confess or make \_\_\_\_\_ to those hurt.

Action Item: I can be more intentional in raising honest children by \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Group Questions:**

1. What impacted you most from today's message?
2. Share a situation when you caught your child lying (or when your parents caught you lying) and how it was handled. What will you do differently after hearing this message?
3. Discuss practical tips to encourage honesty in your home. ie. books, activities, bible stories, conversation starters, prayers, etc.
4. With your group, create a few questions that will help you dig deeper and uncover the reason your child is lying.
5. Discuss ways to develop a family tradition of confessing sin.

## Today's Verses

### Zechariah 8:16-17

These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,' declares the Lord."

### Psalms 24:3-5

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive a blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

### 1 Peter 3:10-12

Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

### Psalms 141:3

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

### Psalms 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

### Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.