

Creation Story (Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4)

After God created the earth and the heavens, the water and the sky, the day and the night, all living beings of the sea, the land, and the sky, He created humans.

God created human beings, making them in his image. And God looked at everything he had made and saw that it was very good.



Of all the creations, human beings alone are made in God's image. Each person is unique—there has never been nor will there ever be another person exactly like you.

God loves you and never wants anyone to hurt you. No one has the right to hurt you and you don't have the right to hurt anyone else. Because each person is made in God's image, we should treat everyone with respect.



Respect

What are some ways we can show each other respect?

-Being kind

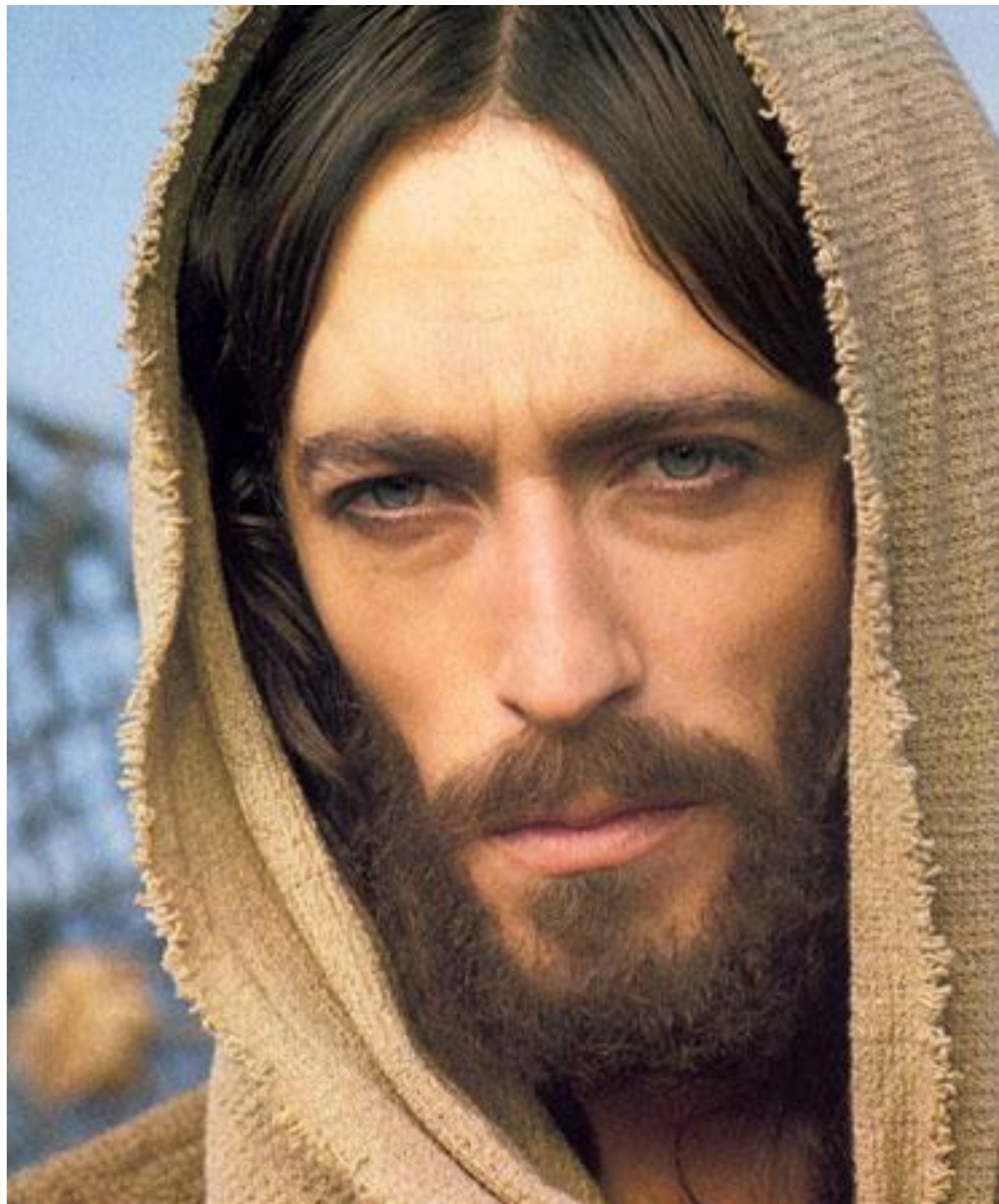
-Being helpful

-Telling the truth

-Asking children who are not participating in games to join in

-Sharing

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Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” because Jesus is the truth, we know that we can trust what he says. God also wants us to be truthful. Telling the truth, even when we are afraid of the consequences, is one way we show respect for each other and build right relationships.



It's not always easy to tell the truth.

Let's say you broke your mom's favorite coffee mug and no one saw you.

What should you do?

“Tell the truth”



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Let's say you took your sister's cell phone without her permission and lost it.

What should you do?

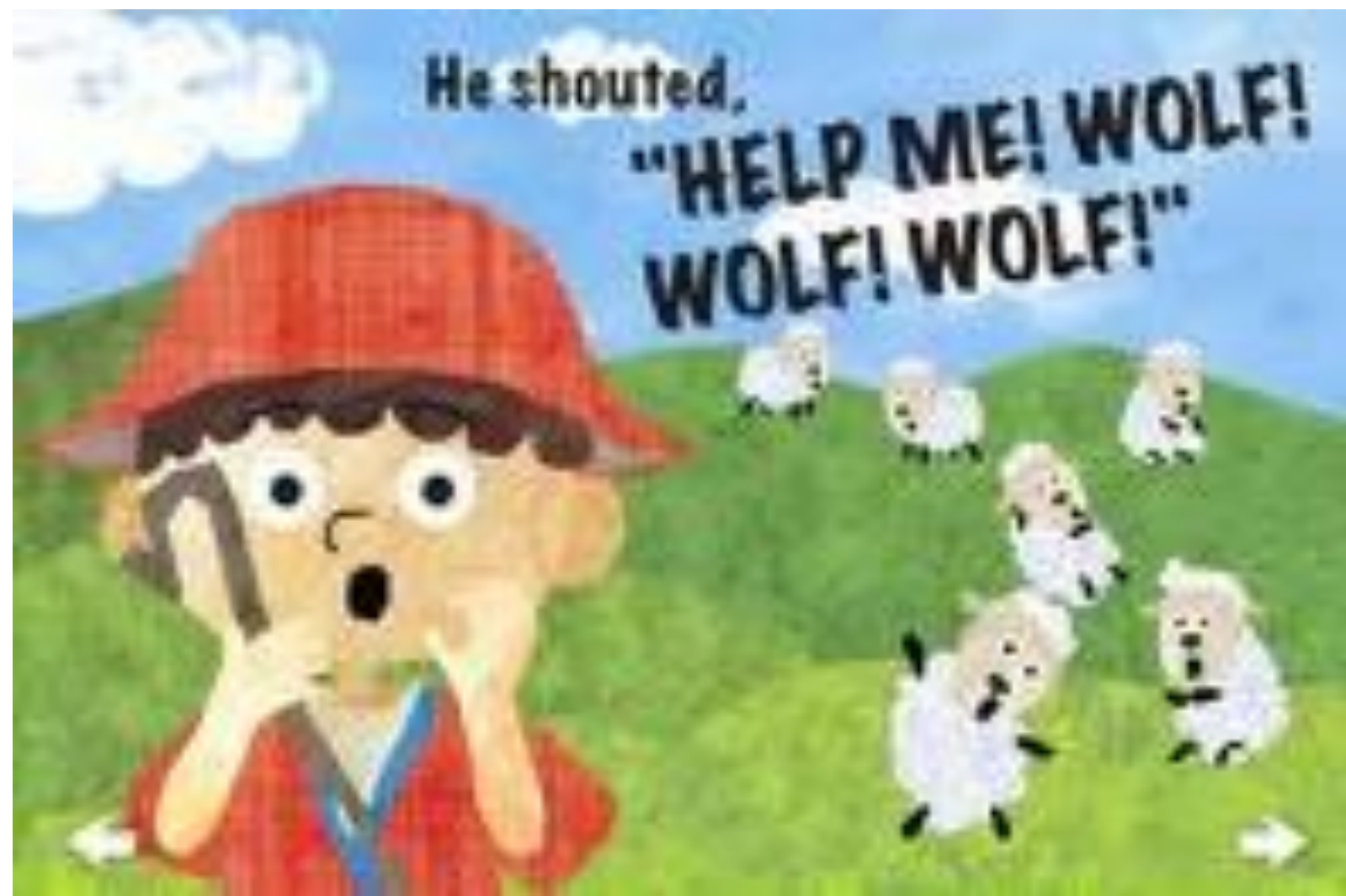
“Tell the truth”

Why would you **not** want to tell the truth?

- Afraid they will be mad
- Afraid we will be punished
- Being afraid of consequences

He shouted,

**"HELP ME! WOLF!
WOLF! WOLF!"**



Share the story of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf"

There once was a shepherd boy who was bored as he sat on the hillside watching the village sheep. To amuse himself he took a great breath and sang out, "Wolf! Wolf! The Wolf is chasing the sheep!"

The villagers came running up the hill to help the boy drive the wolf away. But when they arrived at the top of the hill, they found no wolf. The boy laughed at the sight of their angry faces.

"Don't cry 'wolf', shepherd boy," said the villagers, "when there's no wolf!" They went grumbling back down the hill.

Later, the boy sang out again, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!" To his naughty delight, he watched the villagers run up the hill to help him drive the wolf away.

When the villagers saw no wolf they sternly said, "Save your frightened song for when there is really something wrong! Don't cry 'wolf' when there is NO wolf!"

But the boy just grinned and watched them go grumbling down the hill once more.

Later, he saw a REAL wolf prowling about his flock. Alarmed, he leaped to his feet and sang out as loudly as he could, "Wolf! Wolf!"

But the villagers thought he was trying to fool them again, and so they didn't come.

At sunset, everyone wondered why the shepherd boy hadn't returned to the village with their sheep. They went up the hill to find the boy. They found him weeping.

"There really was a wolf here! The flock has scattered! I cried out, "Wolf!" Why didn't you come?"

An old man tried to comfort the boy as they walked back to the village.

"We'll help you look for the lost sheep in the morning," he said, putting his arm around the youth, "Nobody believes a liar...even when he is telling the truth!"



What lie did the boy tell?

("Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!")

What was the consequence?

(No one believed him when it really happened!)

Why is it important to tell the truth?

When we lie or tell half-truths, we are building walls between us, walls of mistrust.

If we lie, others will not trust what we say; even when we do tell the truth.

Even when we are afraid of what might happen, we must tell the truth.



It is important to always tell our parents or another trusted adult the truth.

God gave us parents and other trusted adults to care for us and protect us.

They cannot protect and care for us if we are not honest with them about what we are doing.

Even though we may be afraid of the consequences.

And especially if someone does something to us that makes us feel weird, uncomfortable, worried, or scared. We must continue telling trusted adults until they understand how we feel and do something to make us feel safe.



Sometimes it is hard to tell when someone else is lying. Most of the time when someone is telling the truth, **how they act matches what they say.**

Know when

to tell

Tell your parent(s) or a trusted adult:

- If someone asks you to lie.
- If someone tells you to keep a secret from parents.
- If someone says they like you but does something or says something to you that makes you feel **weird, uncomfortable, worried, or scared.**

True

False

True/False Game

(Each kid makes their own sign)

True is something that is real and honest.

False is something that is not true, dishonest, a lie.

Normally when someone is telling the truth, what he or she says matches how he or she acts.

Use the cards to signal if what I say is true or false

Action	Statement	
Run in place	"I am sitting still"	False
Smile	"I am so sad"	False
Pretending to cry	"I am so sad"	True
Turn your back to the class	"I can see you"	False
Cover your ears	"I cannot hear you"	True
Pretend to eat something and make a disgusted face	"That was so delicious/yummy"	False
Grab a small object and throw it on the ground.	"That was an accident."	False



*“Who is telling the truth?” page

Sometimes it's hard to tell when someone is telling the truth. We have to watch closely to see if what someone is doing matches what they are saying.

If someone says they care about you, but they are making you feel hurt or scared, you may need help figuring out the truth. Tell you parents or another adult you trust.

consequence

Whether we tell the truth or tell a lie, there are consequences.

“Consequence” is a word that means that something happens because of what we say or do.

(**Consequences can be positive or negative)



God created us to need others. Telling the truth is important. We need to be able to trust each other, to love and care for each other, to work together, to meet each other's needs, and to keep each other safe.



Sometimes it can be tough to tell the truth especially if we think we will get into trouble or if we are worried we will hurt someone's feelings. Telling lies may keep us out of trouble for a short time but almost always causes bigger problems later, especially when our lie is uncovered.

consequence

There are consequences for being dishonest. Sometimes it helps us to tell the truth by thinking about the potential consequences of lying. Consequences for lying usually include more trouble for us hurting our relationships, or risk to our safety.

When someone says “Do not tell your parents,” it is usually a sign that the consequence will not be good.