



October 16th, 2011

Scoundrels 1

I. Synopsis *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

The Whopperburg deputy has retired and Honest John is looking to hire a new one. He interviews a few good candidates until his standard of honesty comes up in the questions. He finally hires Rusty Trusty, a man who is less burly and tough than the others, because he believes he is trustworthy.

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at:

<http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-95>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

II. Hook: *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Watch this short animated Lego Western video clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhesyRoqHPg>

III. Book *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read 1 Chronicles 29:17, or read it yourself: "My God, I know that you put our hearts to the test. And you are pleased when we are honest..."

Then read the phrase for this week: "Cuz our God is true, y'all be honest too!"

IV. Look *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that Sheriff Honest John is looking to hire a new deputy sheriff after the last one retired. He interviewed both Butch Tappity and the Square

Dance Kid, but discovered they were not honest enough for the job. He then interviewed Trusty Rusty, and gave him the job because he was an honest man.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- What does it mean to be honest or trustworthy?
- Can you remember a time when you chose to be honest even though it was hard?
- Why should we be honest? Is it just to avoid getting in trouble or getting caught?
- Who showed us the best example in the Bible of what it looks like to be honest?

V. Took *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. Being honest or trustworthy means telling the truth in all situations.
2. We should be honest because God's nature is honest. We shouldn't be honest just to keep from getting in trouble or getting caught. We should be honest because it is right.
3. Jesus was our living example of honesty on earth and as we follow Christ we will become honest like Him.

Talk to your child about honesty and how important it is in being part of a family. Discuss some situations where your child might be tempted to be dishonest and why it is better in those situations to tell the truth.

VI. The Next Step *(what your child can do to get a deeper understanding of these concepts)*

Help your child complete the question on the Take Home Card and work on memorizing the week's verse and phrase. If your child can recite them to his or her teacher the following week, he or she will earn an extra point for his or her team!

VII. Close with Prayer