



October 30th, 2011
Scoundrels 3

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

Wild Bill is a big time rancher from a big city. But he uses his street-smarts to take advantage of everyone. He shorts an employee some money but talks fast to cover it and confuse him. He overhears a good idea and passes it off as his own later. Finally, he cheats at a card game at the saloon. This time though, Honest John catches him cheating. Now all of the other cheats come out as people put together what happened to them that day.

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at: <http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-95/Cheating>. 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)*

Play a quick card game or board game as a family. At some point during the game, let your kids catch you trying to cheat. Ask your kids how it makes them feel when they find out that you are cheating to win the game.

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

Have your child lookup and read Deuteronomy 25:16, or read it yourself: "...the Lord is disgusted with anyone who cheats or is dishonest."

Then read the phrase for this week: "You could be a sneaky cheat, but God can always smell your stink."

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 Wild Bill tried to cheat at a game of cards at the saloon, but Honest John caught him cheating. Then, the people find out about all the other cheating as people figure out what happened to them that day.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- What does it mean to cheat? Can you remember a time when you cheated or were tempted to cheat at school?
- What happens to people when they cheat? Does your teacher at school talk about the punishment you would face if you were caught cheating?
- Even when we don't get caught, who still knows when we've cheated? How does God feel about cheating?
- When we cheat or do something that God says not to do, what should we do?

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

1. Cheating is breaking the rules in order to win or to do better than we normally could.
2. God always knows when we cheat, and He hates cheating! God is honest, and He wants his followers to always be honest too.
3. When we cheat or do something else that is wrong, it is important to ask God to forgive us and then go and make it right with anyone we've hurt.

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 cheat and why it is better in those situations to follow the rules.

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