

Offstage: Drop the Act

Use this guide to help your family learn about how God wants us to live with integrity.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Integrity:
choosing to
be truthful in
whatever you
say and do.

Memory Verse

Anyone who lives
without blame
walks safely. But
anyone who takes
a crooked path will
get caught.
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

Bible Story

A Matter of Trust
(Naaman and
Elisha's Servant)
2 Kings 5

Key Question

Why is it important
for people to
trust you?

Activity

Truth or Lie

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and writing utensil for everyone who's playing.

WHAT YOU DO:

Each person writes down 5 truths and 5 "lies" about themselves that you may not know. Make sure the truths and lies are mixed up randomly on the list. *Note: These can be simple like, "My favorite color is blue, or I really don't like pizza."*

Take turns sharing facts, letting everyone try to guess which ones are true, and which ones are lies.



Talk about the Bible Story

Who was someone in our story who did not show integrity? (*Gehazi: he lied*)

Who showed integrity in the story? Give an example how they showed integrity. (*Naaman—apologized when he was wrong; asked for forgiveness; offered thanks and gifts*)

How did Gehazi's lack of integrity affect others? How do you think it affected Gehazi and Elisha's relationship? (*Allow for response.*)

How can our choice to be truthful in whatever we say and do affect others? (*Discuss.*)

Why does lying get us in trouble? (*We lose trust with the people and break relationships. Lying hurts our reputations and how people will trust us in the future.*)

What about when we lie and nobody finds out? Do those lies hurt anyone if we're the only ones who know we lied?

When we lie, there are consequences. There were consequences to Gehazi's lie, weren't there? Let me tell you a story about a time I didn't tell the truth. (*Share a personal story about a time you told a lie. Make sure you include the consequences.*)

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, we pray that our family would be one that's known for its integrity all the time. Help us to remember that when we're honest, we build trust and strengthen our relationships with each other. We pray that we are like Naaman—that when we're wrong, we're quick to apologize and ask for forgiveness. Thank You for loving us and forgiving us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

Integrity means choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

WEEK
3
K-5TH

DAY 1

Read Ephesians 4:25

“Cheaters never win.”

“Honesty is the best policy.”

“Lying lips sink ships.”

Have you heard any of these sayings before?

Honesty is always the best policy because even if you do get in trouble for something you’ve done wrong, being honest about it means less trouble for sure. And lying lips, can tank or sink your relationship with others.

Here’s a little integrity challenge. The next time you’re tempted to do or say something untrue, think about the people around you. **Remember that when you’re not truthful, you lose trust.** Ask yourself if telling that lie or doing something dishonest in the moment will help or hurt your relationships. If it’s hurtful, it’s best to choose integrity instead. And remember, you can always ask God to help you make choices that honor Him and others!

Create your own integrity phrases like the ones above. Try to keep it to five words or less. Share your new integrity slogan with a family member or friend.

DAY 2

Read Luke 6:31

Today’s verse is often called the golden rule. Jesus taught us this rule so we would know how to treat each other. But this is especially true when it comes to integrity! Strong friendships are built on trust.

How would you change the scenarios below so that the person treats you the way you want to be treated? Your sister breaks something of yours. When you ask her what happened, she says she never touched it.

Your best friend passes out invitations to her birthday party at school. It’s the end of the day and you haven’t received one. When you ask her about it, she denies that she passed out invitations at all.

Your friend borrowed your favorite pencil sharpener without asking. When you say something to him, he lies and says he hasn’t seen it.

When it comes to living with integrity this week, make sure you apply the golden rule. **Ask God to help you treat others the way you want to be treated so you build trust!**

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you lose trust.

DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:9

- Biting your nails.
- Brushing your teeth twice a day.
- Chewing with your mouth open.
- Cleaning up after you're finished.

Habits. We all have them. Some are good and some are just plain bad! Did you know that you can actually change your habits? The best way to break an old habit is to replace it with a new one.

When you become a follower of Jesus, you are a new creation. The old way of doing things, the old way of living should be left behind. So instead of falling into old habits that are dishonest, we should follow Jesus' example. With God's help, we can replace our old habits and choose to be truthful so that others can trust us.

Think back to this past week. Did you fall into the old habit of lying about something to avoid getting in trouble? Ask God to forgive you and to help you make a different choice next time. **And if you've hurt someone with your lie, make sure you ask them for forgiveness too.**



DAY 4

Read 1 John 3:18

What's the difference between saying "I love you" and showing someone you love them? Is it easier to say you love or to show you love?

One big way you can show someone how much you love them is by choosing to be truthful in all you say and do. Just like love is about more than words, integrity is more than just using honest words or telling the truth. It's about our honest actions too. While the words we say are super important (just like saying "I love you" is important), we need to back up those words by being honest in how we live and treat others.

Write a note to yourself by filling in the blanks below. Ask God to help you show love by choosing to be honest in all we say AND do this week.

Dear _____,
(Your name)

Don't just talk about love, show _____ love by
(Friend/ family member)

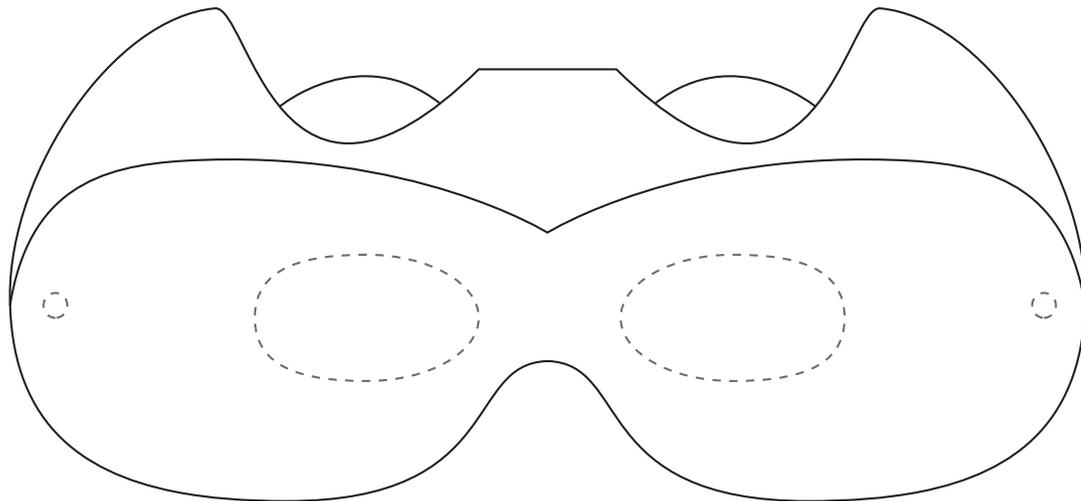
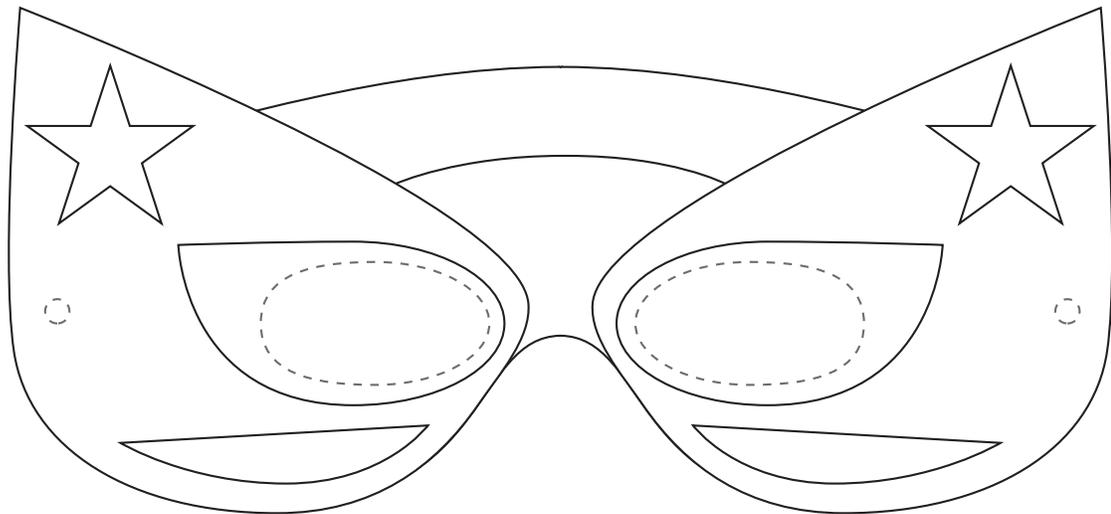
(a specific example of integrity)

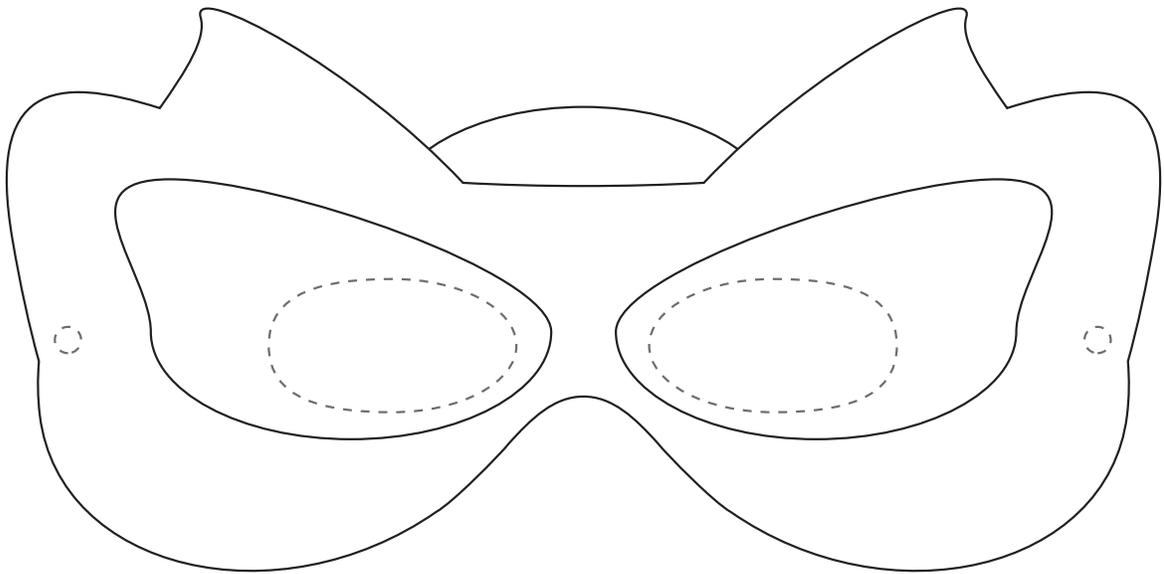
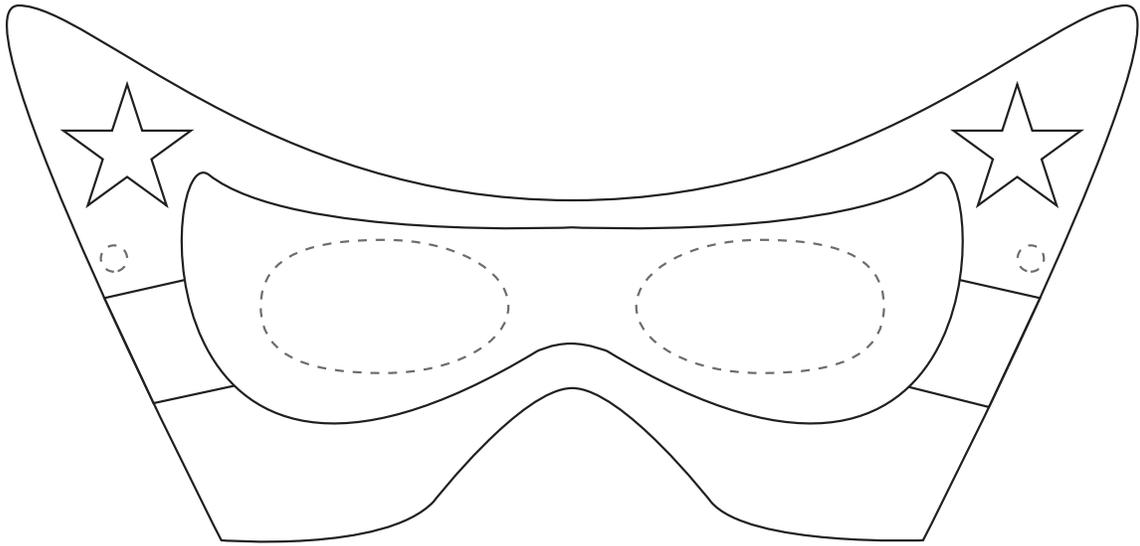
Then it will truly be love.

Color and cut out a mask. Then on the back side, write a few things you think God might want you to be more honest about. Use string or tape to make a band to wear mask around your head. Send Stacy a picture of you and your mask and we will enter you in a drawing for 3 families to win a **TOY STORY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** - complete with snacks and games.

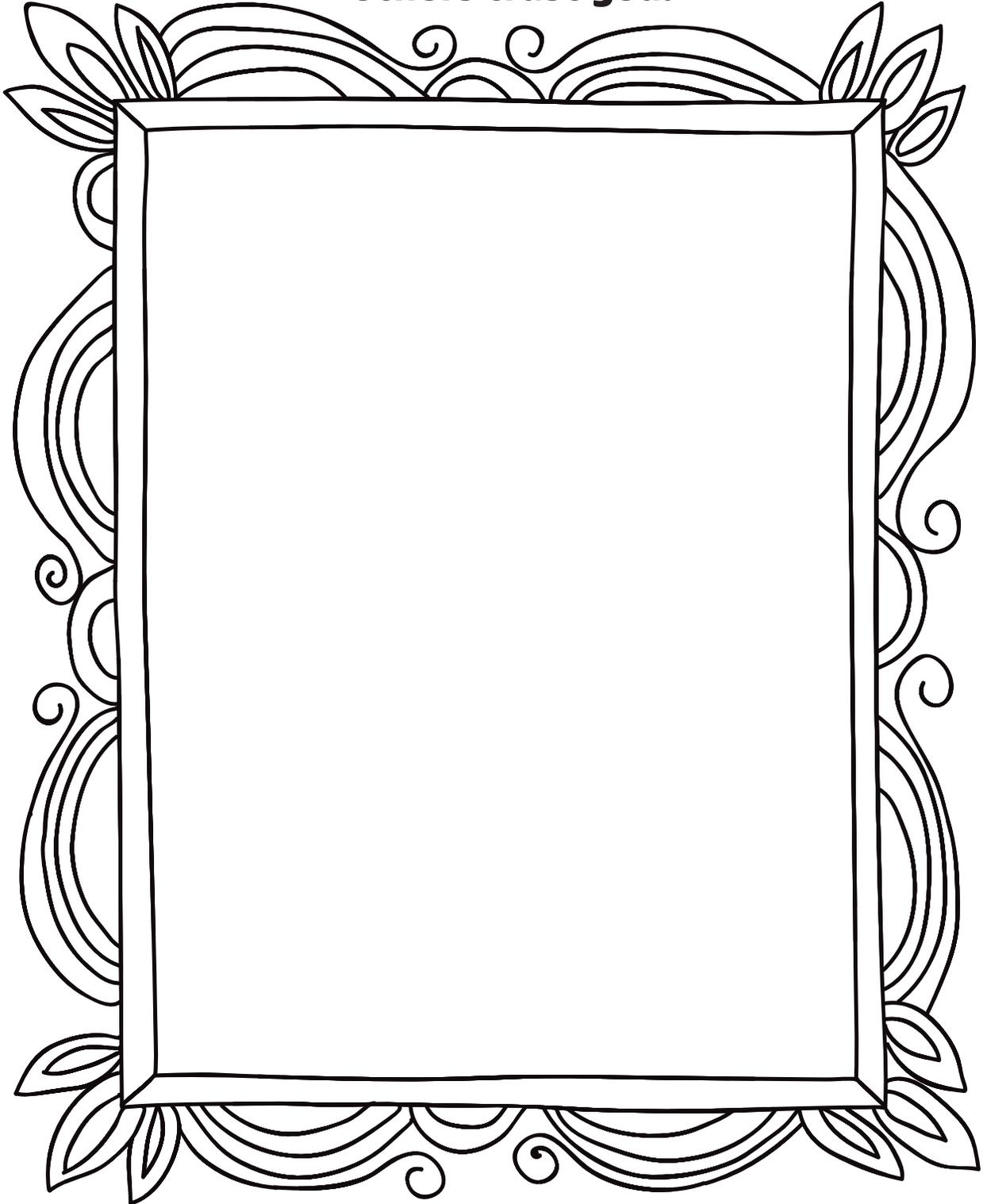
If you don't have a printer, feel free to create your own mask.

Movie Night Drawing : Text photo to Stacy 650-492-0043





**Draw a picture of you and your friends.
Remember, when you are truthful
others trust you.**





NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pick up empty boxes					Return	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
filled					boxes	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Last Day	← Last day to return boxes November 22					
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

