

LESSON 9
“HONESTY”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

John 4:1-30; 39-42
(KBC Study Bible, pages 1152-1154)

CHARACTER WORD

Honesty – Truthful words
and ways

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be honest and share
the truth about Jesus with
others.

MEMORY LINK

John 14:6

Jesus said to him,
“I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one comes to
the Father except through Me.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1171)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED
THIS WEEK**

GET CONNECTED Memory
Link cards, Hang
10 pages, index cards, pens,
highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: KBC Study Bibles
Option 2: Beach ball

BIBLE CONNECTION Water
bottle

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang
10 pages, index cards, pens,
highlighters

**MAKE-IT-STICK
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Rulers, sponge balls,
cups

Option 2: Water bottles

Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman

WHAT’S THE POINT?

It is interesting that those who deny the existence of God are the same ones who say there is no absolute truth and that everything is relative. But we know that God exists and He sets the standard for truth. We know His Word, the Bible, communicates that truth to us. When some say Jesus is one of several truths and one of several ways to eternal happiness, we know that in John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

The woman in our Bible story today met Jesus at a well and had a very honest conversation. Jesus told her things about herself that a stranger would not have known. She knew Jesus must be a prophet. Then Jesus reveals Himself to her and immediately, she was changed! She ran home to share the good news with her community. Many believed because she was willing to be vulnerable and completely honest with Jesus when confronted with the truth.

We have the same opportunity. We know the truth about who God is and have full access to all that He wants us to know about Him in His Word. He just wants us to be honest with Him and let Him change our life.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today’s lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- Today’s character word is honesty. What does honesty mean to you?
- Have you ever had someone tell you something that was not true? How did it make you feel?
- Why is it important to always be honest?



Guide students to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God



Worship is designed to bring students’ focus toward God and to communicate the truth of who He is. It is the responsibility of the worship leader to narrow their attention, help them focus completely on God, and prepare their hearts to hear from God. Be intentional when you prepare the order of worship songs. Choose high-energy songs first then transition to quieter worship music.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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John 14:6
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(KBC Study Bible, pg. 1171)

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Ask students to hold their Bibles high in the air. Count how many remembered to bring their Bible. *Today’s Bible story is found in the New Testament and is in one of the first four books called the gospels. These 4 books tell the story about Jesus. Say the Gospel books with me. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). The Bible is God’s word. That means that it contains the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We can believe what we read in the Bible.*

Focus on today’s Memory Link

Instruct students to open their KBC Study Bibles to John 14:6 on page 1171. Read the Memory Link aloud. *In our lesson today Jesus meets a woman who learns this amazing truth about Jesus. This verse tells us several important facts about Jesus. First we know that what Jesus tells us is true. We also know that Jesus is the way to the Father. Who is this Father? Yes, it is God. So our verse tells us that Jesus is the only way to God.* Ask students to repeat the verse several times with you. Ask the them to stand each time the word “truth” is recited.

Teaching Tip

Repetition is the key! The more the students repeat a verse the more likely they are to memorize it and hide it in their hearts. Keep repetition from becoming boring by challenging them to repeat verses at different volumes or by using different accents.

Option 1 - HONESTY RELAY

KBS Study Bibles

Instruct surf teams to line up single file for a relay race. Ask Surf Team Leaders to stand opposite the lines to listen to the memory verse. Give the first student in each line a Bible to carry. Tell them they are carrying the truth to tell another. On “Go!” the students will walk to the Surf Team Leader while carrying the Bible, say or read the memory verse, return to their team then pass the Bible to the next person in their line. Continue until all have said the memory verse.

Option 2 - CIRCLE PASS

Beach ball for each surf team

Instruct students to pass the beach ball around the circle to one another while saying a word in the verse. Keep the ball moving around the circle until the verse and reference has been repeated. Play a few times until the kids have memorized the verse. For an extra challenge, time the kids to see how fast they can say the verse while passing the beach ball.

She must have thought to herself that if Jesus was truly a prophet then maybe He would know about how to worship God. So she asked Jesus who was right about worship? Is it my people the Samaritans or Your people the Jews? Jesus told her God wants true worshippers. He wants those who worship in spirit and truth. This reminded the woman of something she already knew that someday a Messiah (the Christ) would come. Look at Jesus’ answer in verse 26. He told her, “I who speak to you am He.” Wow. At that moment she knew and believed that Jesus was the true Messiah that she had heard was to come.

What does she do? She dropped her water pot and went back to her city! She told everyone to come and meet Jesus..the Christ. So they did! The Bible tells us that many of the Samaritans believed because of the testimony of this woman. Then after hearing Jesus themselves, many more believed.

Who would like to volunteer to read verse 42 aloud?

The people heard the truth and believed in Jesus, the Savior of the world! They believed that He is the way, the truth, and the life!

Application

The Samaritan woman recognized the truth of what Jesus told her. She knew she needed to listen to Jesus, but she also recognized that others needed to hear this truth, too. She went to her town and invited others to listen and many believed. Who do you know who needs to hear the truth about Jesus?

Gospel Connection 

We can come to the Father through Jesus. He is the One who can rescue us from our sin. Open your Bible to the middle pages after page 626. The title says How to Know God. Follow along as I read. Read this page aloud to the group and point out the ABC’s.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Gospel Tip

Sometimes adults think they don’t have the skills to share the gospel with students. Yes, it’s important to know the basics of how to talk with them, like avoid using “churchy” words or ask open-ended questions. But really it’s about sharing the truth in love. Jesus went out of His way to have a conversation that extended love and mercy to a woman who had known very little. By extending love to our students at Beach Club® each week, we will be in a position to share the truth of the gospel. The biggest skill we need is the ability to have a conversation.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *Why do you think Jesus went through Samaria?*
- *Why was the woman surprised when Jesus asked her for a drink of water?*
- *What truths did Jesus tell this woman? (who He was, that she had several husbands, that He was the Living Water)*
- *What did this woman do that was surprising to you?*

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and lead them to highlight today's Memory Link verse.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Let's look at Day 4. It says, "After the woman talked to Jesus she left and hurried to the town to tell others about Jesus. She was very excited to tell what she knew about Jesus. Who do you know who needs to know Jesus? What will you tell them?" Can you think of someone who needs to know Jesus? (Allow students to answer.) What kinds of truths about Jesus can you tell them?

Pray

God, thank You for Your truth, the Bible. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sins. Help me to be like the woman in our story today and share this truth with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Involve students as often as possible. There are many things they can do such as helping check attendance, reading from the Bible, acting out a story, passing out snacks or holding a teaching prop. Giving students jobs can help with behavior and it gives them ownership of their Beach Club®.

Teaching Tip

Always come prepared with something to do in spare minutes. One idea is to keep a list of people and events studied during the year in Bible Connection Time (or refer back to the lessons if you keep a notebook) and ask review questions. You can give tickets to students who can answer the questions correctly.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word



Option 1 - PUTT PUTT

Rulers, sponge balls, cups

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Set 2 cups 6-8 inches apart on the floor about 10 feet away from the starting line. The first person in line gets to answer a review question. If the answer is correct, they may use the ruler to putt the sponge ball between the two cups. If the ball goes between the cups without touching, teams score 2 points. If the ball goes through but touches one or both cups only 1 point is scored.

Option 2 - CARRY THE WATER

Water bottles

Instruct surf teams to line up single file for a relay race. Give one small water bottle to each surf team. Instruct Surf Team Leaders to stand at a point about 10 feet away from their team. On "Go!", while balancing the water bottle on their head, the first student will walk to their Surf Team Leader, answer a question, then return to their team. If the water bottle falls off their head, they must stop and put the bottle on their head before continuing to walk. Continue until all questions are correctly answered.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is our character word today? (honesty)*
2. *In which book of the Bible will I find the memory verse? (John)*
3. *Name the two groups of people who didn't get along in the story. (Jews, Samaritans)*
4. *What did Jesus ask the women for? (a drink of water)*
5. *Why was it surprising for Jesus to ask the woman for a drink? (Jews and Samaritans didn't get along, men didn't talk to women they didn't know)*
6. *What did Jesus say He could give this woman? (living water)*
7. *What did the woman do after talking to Jesus? (she hurried to tell others about Jesus)*
8. *What did the people in the city do when the woman told them about Jesus? (they listened and many believed)*
9. *Name 1 of the 3 things Jesus said He is from the Memory Link. (the way, the truth, the life)*
10. *True or False: There are many ways to come to the Father. (False. Jesus is the only way!)*

Teaching Tip

Listen carefully during Bible Connection Time. If the Bible Connection Leader did not mention the answers to one of the review questions, you can teach that detail in Surf Team Time or come up with different or additional questions for the Make-It-Stick Review Game.

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John 14:6

