

# Impact Kids

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## Today's Bible Truth

- God always tells the truth, and we should too.
- Satan is a liar, and wants to deceive us.

**Bible Passage:** Adam and Eve Listen to Satan's Lies  
Genesis 3

## Memory Verse: Proverbs 12:17

*"He who speaks truth tells what is right. But, a false witness, deceit."*

## Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

The old adage, "One lie leads to another" is certainly true in today's Bible lesson.

- The serpent asks Eve, "Did God really say?" How often has your child tried this line? "**But, you didn't say I couldn't!**" Your child understands, but suggests that you didn't say *exactly* what they are now in trouble for doing?
- Eve uses the, "**He told me to!**" line.
- Adam tries the "**Well she did it first!**" line.

We deceive ourselves when we claim someone else's bad choice justifies our own.

## How to React to Lying in Children

- Don't ask, when you know the truth. Often children believe that their only hope of avoiding punishment is to lie. So, don't ask for a lie, state the truth: "You ate your sister's candy bar."
- Focus on the solution rather than the problem. "Your sister is upset that you ate her candy bar. What will you do to pay her back?" Place the blame, and the responsibility for resolving the situation where it needs to be, on the misbehavior of the child.
- Label the behavior, not the child. Do not call your child a liar. Children identify with the labels they are given. Instead say, "You need to be honest" or "That is not true" or "Sorry, but, I don't believe that."
- Consequences may be lightened when honesty and remorse are shown. This guides your child to know that honesty is more important to you than a one-time act of disobedience.

Speak the Truth in Love