



WEEK FOUR

1 JOHN 1:9

Confession/Being
Honest with God

SAY THIS

**Being truthful with God helps
keep you close to Him.**

DO THIS



BED TIME

Has anyone ever lied to you? It hurts when someone doesn't tell you the truth and then it's hard to trust that person again. That's why it's so important for you to be honest! Are there specific times when you're tempted to tell a lie? Pray for each other that you would have the courage to always tell the truth.

REMEMBER THIS

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

LIFE APP

HONESTY – Choosing to be truthful in
whatever you say and do

HONESTY: A BIG THING THAT'S BUILT IN SMALL WAYS

By Jon Acuff

Restaurants are one of the greatest places to teach your kids honesty. Amusement parks are good, too. A movie theater will work in a pinch as well. How? What do those three things have in common? Age restrictions.

Restaurant menus, amusement parks, and movie theaters are all places that will give you a discount if your child is a certain age. The kid's menu is always cheaper than the adult menu. A toddler price is usually cheaper than an adult ticket to a theme park, and movies are less expensive for kids, too.

What's interesting about those restrictions is how easy it is as a parent to be tempted to break them. Kids grow up quickly. One minute, your five-year-old is getting the cheap price at a restaurant and the next he's six, and you should be paying the full rate. You'd never do this, because you're a morally upstanding member of your community much like me, but you'd be surprised at how many parents blur the lines on this moment.

As a dad, I admit it's not always easy. Your kid is barely six, and now you have to pay double for a movie ticket? It's

not the money that's the real issue in that moment though, it's the honesty. We define honesty as "choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do."

That means in big things we're honest, and in small things, too. The tricky part is that kids remember those moments. A strong foundation of honesty is built brick by brick. And when we as parents fudge the rules and order from a kid menu when our kids are too old, we send them a signal. Our actions tell them, "You should always be honest, unless you can save a few dollars." No one would ever say that out loud, but that's what we do if we're not careful when confronted with something as simple as an age restriction.

Practice honesty this summer with your kids. Practice at restaurants, amusement parks, and movie theaters. Honesty is a big thing that's built in small ways.

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