

# Construction Crew/ Kid Builders!

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## I Tell You The Truth

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## Liars are Losers

**Memory Verse:** Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart.... Psalms 86:11

**Lesson Overview:** In this lesson, students will learn about God's Truth. They will come to know and understand what God's Truth is along with its significance. They will become familiar with the significant impact Truth has upon their lives and how important it is to absorb it into their hearts. It must be stressed that God's Truth is the Word of God. By the end of this lesson, students will understand that Jesus is God's Word, and that we are to live our lives and act just like He did and do the things He did too.

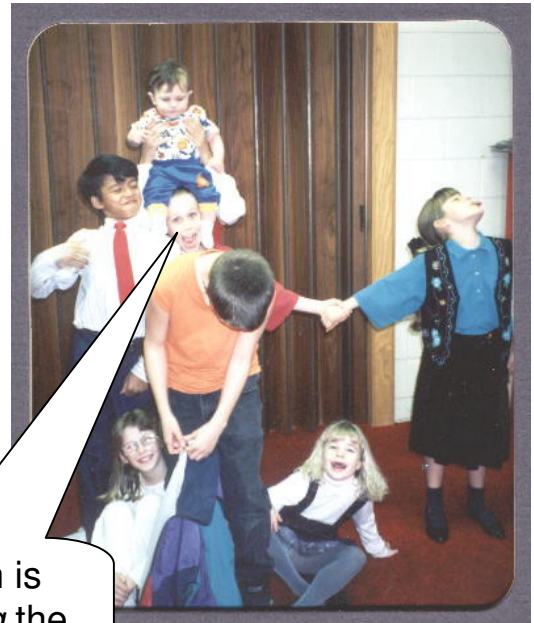
### Requirements for the lesson:

1. A motorcycle rider with bike and riding gear
2. Lots of children

### Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson:

**"90 MPH Armor!"** An excellent example and object lesson, is to have someone in the church demonstrate the armor of God with a motorcycle and motorcycle gear. Have the person ride up to the children dressed out for riding, and then give a short analogy of the armor of God to the motorcycle and gear. If you don't know anyone in the church who does this sort of riding, then get a motorcycle rider from outside of the church to come. Then, relate the armor to the items the person's wearing. It could be a great witness to the rider!

**“Super Duper Trooper Armor!”** This illustration is a lot of fun! All you need is a lot of kids. You will probably want to borrow a few willing toddlers and a baby from the nursery to complete the whole illustration. First, select a good-sized student who is both responsible and can support a lot of weight. Get the student up in front of the class. Explain to the class that without protection that it doesn’t matter how big or strong we are. The enemy will always take us out. But what if we add some armor and weapons? Now that would be quite a different story. Begin to “dress” our helper with the smaller children in the class. Be sure to explain the parts of the armor of God as you go. Dress them this way:



This young man is the one *wearing* the armor.

- a. **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace** (use your two toddlers): Have them sit on the helper’s feet.
- b. **Belt of Truth** (a student that’s about waist high or a little higher): Have this student stand in back of the helper and put both arms around the helper’s waist like a belt.
- c. **Breastplate of Righteousness** (bigger student that is slightly shorter than the helper): Have this student standing directly in front of the helper.
- d. **Sword of the Spirit** (another good-sized student—someone with long arms): Have the helper take this student by one hand with his or her right hand. The student being “the sword” can extent the opposite hand so that the left and right hands are like one long sword.
- e. **Shield of Faith** (a student close to the helpers height): Have this student stand a little to the helper’s left but somewhat in front of the helper. Have the helper hold out his left hand about lower-back height, make a fist as to hold the handle of a shield, and place it up to the other student’s back.
- f. **Helmet of Salvation** (the baby from the nursery—12-20 month range): While holding on continuously, have an adult classroom helper place the baby on the shoulders of the helper, which by now is quite buried in the other children. The point is that it is now very hard to get to our helper now that the armor is on.

# Lesson:

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: ***“90 MPH Armor!”***

***—or—***

***“Super Duper Trooper Armor!”***

## 1. Truth

Did you ever see someone whose pants were too big and they didn't have a belt on? They are always pulling up their pants, or even holding them up so that the pants don't fall off! In fact, it seems like they will never get anything else done besides trying to keep their pants on. This is just like someone that lies all of the time. Their pants get pretty big from all of that lying. They think, "I will get away with it if I just lie about it." However, we all know that it doesn't work that way. Once we start lying, we have to keep lying. Without a belt of truth, we have to keep working at lying and that's all we ever get done—keeping up our liar's pants. But, when you have a belt of truth on, then you don't have to worry about your pants! We never have to *work* at lying when we speak the Truth.

### a. What is Truth?

That's the greatest thing about telling the God's truth: we never have to add to it like we have to do with lies. It's so much easier when we tell the truth.

**QUESTION:** If truth is so important, then what is it?  
*(Allow the children to respond to the question, then proceed)*

### (1) Something Always Right

The Bible says that truth is something that is always right (and never changes). Someone may have said to you that there is no such thing as truth or that truth is just what you want it to be. That's a big, pants slippin' off kind of lie.

**QUESTION:** Who in this class has had a parent say to you, "Don't do that or you'll get hurt." *(Show of hands)*

**QUESTION:** Who in the class has had a parent tell them that and got hurt when you did it anyway? *(Show of hands)*

What our parents say to us is usually very true. What is even truer is the fact that you definitely got hurt and felt a lot of pain when you fell, got hit, or the like. Sometimes what is even worse than that is when we have to go and see the doctor to get a tetanus shot, stitches, or even a cast!

(2) A fact

The truth is also like a fact.

**QUESTION:** What is a fact? (*Something that you can not say is not true—it just is*)

Facts are also something that you can't change. Every-day the sun will rise in the east and set in the west. It's a fact that can't be changed. Tomorrow when you get up the air that you breath will still be there. God's Word is full of facts. It tells us that certain good things that we do will bring us blessings and other bad things that we do will bring us curses—guaranteed.

**QUESTION:** What is a blessing? (*Good things God gives us for our obeying Him*)

**QUESTION:** What are curses? (*Bad things that we bring upon ourselves for disobeying God*)

(3) Never wrong

If something is true, then it is never wrong. Electricity will shock you—this is never wrong.

**QUESTION:** Is God's Word true? (*YES!*)

If this is so, then God's Word is never wrong because it is called True.

(4) God

There is a source that all truth comes from.

**QUESTION:** Where does truth come from? (*God*)

God is truth, and nothing could be true if God had not made it that way. He is the maker of all things, and He never changes His mind. We can be glad because we would never know what was true if God kept changing it!

b. Questioning God's Truth

Lots of people try to change other people's minds about what is true and right. They even tried to change Jesus' mind about what was true. How silly is that? We call Jesus the Living Word because He was everything the Bible says to be—all wrapped up into God's Holy Son. Somebody asked Jesus this QUESTION: What is truth?

**QUESTION:** Who was it? (*Pontius Pilate*)

People will always try to get us to think that the Bible—God's ways—are not as true as we think they are. It's not good enough for us to just do God's truth. We have to *know* that God's ways are true. That way we will not go on and sin when we are tempted. Practicing God's Truth and then watching what happens in our lives is the best way to know that God's ways are really true. Good things—blessings—will happen when we obey His Word. We just need to have faith to try it out.

2. Why is Truth Important?

Truth is very important to us. We would never know what sin is if we didn't have truth.

**QUESTION:** What is sin? (*Anything that stops God's truth from happening—not obeying God and His Word*)

**QUESTION:** Why is it important not to sin? (*We will not make it into heaven*)

God's word says that if we don't keep His commandments that we are liars and the truth is not in us. If we do not obey God because we want to, then we can't say that we believe. If we do not believe, then we cannot go to heaven. That's what the Bible says.

**QUESTION:** Does that mean that if we accidentally sin that God will not let us in to heaven? (*No, but we need to always ask for forgiveness*)

God loves us and knows our hearts. He knows the difference between sin that we do by accident and the sin we do because we mean to do it. God doesn't like it at all when we sin on purpose. That's when we make up our minds that we just don't care what God wants—we're going to do what we want.

a. God's Order

God wants the world to be in order. In our homes we all have rules that we have to live by. One rule may be to pick up our rooms or feed our pets. If we don't pick up, then we will never find anything. We'll trip and fall at night over stuff on the floor. Likewise, what do you think will happen to the poor dog if we don't feed him? Maybe *dog gone*.

God has rules for us too. They help us understand how we should live, because sin always tries to keep us doing wrong. That's why God gave us a wonderful belt of truth.

b. God Teaches Us

**QUESTION:** Do you think God is waiting for us to sin so He can keep us out of heaven? (*NO!*)

God wants us to win. We can't do what is right unless we learn His ways. God wants to go with us everywhere that we go. He will teach us what is right if we learn His Word and listen for His voice.

**READ:** **Psalms 25:4, 5** *Have a student look up and read.*

"Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

c. Learning To Be Free

God wants us to have His truth so that we can be free. The more that we know and learn about God, then the more free we are.

**READ:** **John 8:32** "...know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

3. Using God's Truth

**QUESTION:** What should you do with Truth?

You may be surprised at some of the things God wants us to do with His truth. He certainly wants us to use it. In fact, it isn't worth anything if we just put it in a little box.

a. Buy God's Word

Did you know that God wants us to *buy* His truth? It's true.

**READ:** **Proverbs 23:23** "Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding."

When we buy God's truth, what we are really getting is wisdom, discipline, and understanding in return. That means that God will teach us and help us to be very smart and to do what is right. But there is one thing that we don't want to do: sell our truth.

**QUESTION:** What do you think this scripture means by "do not sell it?" (*Don't trade it for sin*)

God gives His truth to anyone who wants it. Truth is only good if you give it away. We give God's truth away when we love others and show God's love. We don't expect to get anything in return, but somehow God always pays us back with kindness when we do the same. When we teach others about God's truth, then we can see their lives change too. If we sell God's truth, then that means we want something in return for it. What we end up getting for selling God's truth is a bunch of sin. If we sell it, then we will not have it for long.

**QUESTION:** What are some ways that we might sell our truth that God gives us?

- **By selling out to another person who needs a sin buddy.** That's someone that they coax into sin with them because they don't want to do it alone.
- **Doing nice things for others just to get something in return.** If we do things for others without being selfish, then God will reward us. He pays a lot better than others do too.
- **Doing bad things when we know they are wrong.** If we want God's truth in our life, then we have to keep doing what the Bible says.

b. Speak it!

Still, it's not enough just to do God's Word. We are expected to speak it too.

**READ: Zechariah 8:16** "These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other...."

God always wants us to spread His Truth everywhere we go. By telling others about Jesus, they may come to know Jesus. It may not happen when you tell them Good News, but they may ask Jesus into their heart if enough people talk to them about it.

c. Live it!

Jesus expects us to live out His truth. That means we must always do what Jesus wants us to do. When we live the truth, then it shows on us just like our cloths. Did you ever see a cowboy on a rodeo show? He usually has a belt buckle that we can see ten miles away. It's usually big and shiny. It tells us who and what he is all about—he's a cowboy. A military person has a shiny buckle which is neatly lined up perfectly strait with the seems of the pants and shirt. This helps show how disciplined they are. God's belt of truth is just the same way. It should be big, shiny, and everyone should see it for miles. Is your belt buckle shiny and big?

**READ:** **John 3:21** "But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

4. Summary:

*This is a good time to ask the class to bow their heads and ask a few simple questions:*

- *Any who want to have their sins forgiven and to accept the best truth of all—Jesus—into their lives.*
- *Ask if there is some who would like God's truth to shine out from them.*
- *Any who need prayer to help them with talking back to their parents, doing what they know is right.*
- *Not to be self-centered, greedy, mean, and not to cheat.*

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