



## Get Their Attention! (5 minutes)

Materials: Racecar, Truth Sentences Sheet

INTRODUCE yourself by saying:

*Hey everyone! I'm so glad all of you are here today! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm your small group leader. When I roll this **racecar** to you, tell everyone **YOUR** name, then roll the car to someone else!*

After all kids have been introduced, **SAY**:

*Thanks for sharing your names! Now, have any of you ever wondered why it's important to tell the truth? (Allow responses)*

*I know I definitely have! Let's play a game to practice figuring out the truth, and then we will find out why it is so important!*

FOLLOW the instructions on the **Truth Sentences Sheet**.

INTRODUCE kids to what we are learning today:

*Great job figuring out if what I said was true!*

*How does it make you feel when someone lies to you and doesn't speak the truth? (Hurt, angry, upset, etc.) And how does it make you feel when someone tells you the truth? (Happy, full of joy)*

*When we don't speak the truth, we are not loving others, but if we are full of joy when the truth is spoken, we are showing love! That's what we need to know today!*

*Love Is Full of Joy When the Truth Is Spoken!*

## Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Page, Props (Beard, Water Spray Bottle, Mustaches, Compass Ring)

READ and FOLLOW the instructions on the **Bible Story Page**. After the story, **ASK**:

1. *Did the guards listen when Paul first spoke the truth?* (No)
2. *What happened when the guards finally DID listen to Paul?* (They were filled with joy) *Paul showed love to the others by speaking the truth to them!*
3. *Can it be hard to tell the truth sometimes?* (Yes – sometimes, we want to keep the truth to ourselves if it keeps us out of trouble)

*We always want others to tell us the truth, so one way we can show love to others is by always speaking the truth. This will help everyone be full of joy and know we love them!*

*And that's what we need to know today. Let's say it together!*

*Love Is Full of Joy When the Truth Is Spoken!*

ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING**:

*Heavenly Father, help us always speak the truth. We know that speaking the truth can bring joy to both You and to others. We love You! Amen.*

### Need to Know:

*Love Is Full of Joy When the Truth Is Spoken!*

### Bible Story:

A Shipwreck

Acts 27

### Materials:

- **Racecar**
- **Truth Sentences Sheet**
- **Bible Story Page**
- **Props**
  - **Beard**
  - **Water Spray Bottle**
  - **Mustaches**
  - **Compass Ring**
- **Game Buzzer**
- **Situation Cards**
- **Filler Guide**

## Application Activity

## Summary:

After hearing a situation and a question, kids will race to hit a buzzer in order to be the first to answer the question. In each situation, kids will see how people feel loved and full of joy when they speak the truth!

## Memory Verse:

**"Love is patient**

(point to watch).

**Love is kind**

(thumbs up).

**It does not want what belongs to others**

(shake head "no", point to others).

**It does not brag**

(flex right arm).

**It is not proud**

(flex left arm).

**It is not rude**

(shake head "no" & stick tongue out).

**It does not look out for its own interests**

(shake head "no" & point to self).

**It does not easily become angry**

(shake head "no" & hold up fists).

**It does not keep track of other people's wrongs**

(shake head "no" & count on fingers).

**Love is not happy with evil**

(frown & hold up fists).

**But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken**

(point to smile).

**It always protects**

(hug self).

**It always trusts**

(hands in front, palms up).

**It always hopes**

(hands on heart).

**It never gives up**

(make X with arms, then throw fists down).

**Love never fails"**

(one hand out to side, other hand out to side).

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## Application Activity (5 min)

Materials: Game Buzzer, Situation Cards

1. Divide group into two teams.
2. Choose one child from each team to go at a time. Kids will sit facing each other, with hands behind their backs. Put the **game buzzer** on the floor between them.
3. Show a **Situation Card** to the two kids from each team & read the top part aloud.
4. The two kids will race to hit the **game buzzer** first.
5. Allow the child who hits the **game buzzer** first to say whether or not the person in the situation spoke the truth, and then read the rest of the **Situation Card** aloud.
6. If a team gets the right answer, allow that team to keep the **card**.
7. Play until each child gets a turn to play or all the cards are used.
8. Afterwards, **ASK**:

- **Are you full of joy when people speak the truth to you?** (Yes)
- **Will others be full of joy when you speak the truth to them?** (Yes)
- **Who is someone that you love?** (Allow responses) **Do you want that person to be full of joy or not full of joy?** (Full of joy)

**We want the people we love to be full of joy. A way for us to show love to them and to help them be full of joy is to always speak the truth. When truth is spoken, it allows for others to be full of joy! So what do we need to know today?**

**Love Is Full of Joy When the Truth Is Spoken!**

## Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Filler Guide

**TEACH** the rest of the Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group, then play a game:

1. Allow group to sit in a circle. Have everyone put their feet into the middle.
2. Go around the circle, saying a word of the Memory Verse and tap one foot at a time. Allow kids to say the verse as well.
3. The foot tapped on the last word of the verse ("8") is out!
4. Keep going around the circle until only one foot is left. That child is the winner!

**TELL** kids they will win a prize for saying this whole verse in two weeks, and then **ASK** the following:

1. **In Large Group, what was the truth Screech was trying to tell Vic?** (How to drive the off road vehicle in the rain)
2. **After Vic remembered what Screech said, was Vic full of joy?** (Yes – Vic was full of joy for finishing the race instead of crashing)
3. **Today, we learned that love \_\_\_\_\_?** (Is full of joy when truth is spoken)

**USE Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.