LESSON 7: IT'S TRUE

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MEMORY VERSE

GAME TIME: TRUTH QUICK-DRAW

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OFFERING: THE GIVING EXPERIMENT

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WORD TIME: IT'S TRUE

SUPPLEMENTARY 2: OBJECT LESSON: CHEESE & CRACKERS

CLOSING VIDEO TRANSMISSION (DVD)

PRAYER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, HANDOUTS, DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT (CD-ROM)

GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Memory Verse: And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

GAME TIME

TRUTH QUICK-DRAW

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

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John 8:32

Supplies: True or False questions (included), 2 Paddles, Small prizes, 1 Large prize

Prior to Game:

- Using 2 ping-pong-type paddles or signs with handles, write "True" on 1 side and "False" on the other side.
- Have the Superkids line up in 2 parallel lines that face the audience.
- The first child in each line will hold a paddle.
- As questions or statements are read, either the "True" side of the paddle, or the "False" side of the paddle will be displayed.

Game Instructions:

- It can be challenging to recognize truth, but we can ask God and the Holy Spirit to help us in any situation.
- In today's activity, we'll be challenging each other with recognizing statements that are "True" or "False."
- Whoever holds up the correct side of the paddle first, wins a small prize!
- The next challengers step to the front (as the first pair rotates to the back of the line) for the next question.
- The first Superkid to answer 3 questions correctly wins the large prize!

Game Goal:

Challenging the cadets to be quick to recognize truth.

Final Word:

Recognizing truth is important in our daily interactions and activities. Jesus said in John 8:32, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The more we keep our eyes on Jesus, loving Him and loving others, the easier it will be to identify truth when we see or hear it.

TRUE OR FALSE QUESTIONS

1. Moses built the Ark exactly as God commanded.
   FALSE - Noah built the Ark. Genesis 6:13-14

2. Jesus was born in Nazareth.
   FALSE - Jesus was actually born in Bethlehem. Matthew 2:1

3. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old.
   TRUE - Genesis 21:5

4. Faith comes by speaking the Word.
   FALSE - Faith comes by hearing the Word. Romans 10:17

5. Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fishes.
   TRUE - John 6:9

6. Joseph had twelve brothers.
   FALSE - Joseph had eleven brothers; including Joseph made twelve! Exodus 1:1-5

7. Peter paid his taxes by going fishing.
   TRUE - Matthew 17:24-27

8. The two most important commandments are to fast and pray.
   FALSE - The greatest commandments? Love God and people! Matthew 22:36-39

9. Shepherds came to see Jesus when He was born.
   TRUE - Luke 2:15-16

10. One of the fruit of the spirit is a banana.
    FALSE - Read Galatians 5:22-23.

11. Goliath was 6 cubits and a span. (Nearly 10 feet tall)
    TRUE - 1 Samuel 17:4

12. Jesus did His first miracle for His mother.
    TRUE - John 2:1-11

13. Martha worked in the kitchen instead of listening to Jesus.
    TRUE - Luke 10:40-42

14. Jehoshaphat defeated an entire army with music.
    TRUE - 2 Chronicles 20:22

15. Isaac's firstborn son received his blessing.
    FALSE - Esau sold it to his younger brother, Jacob. Genesis 25:30-33

16. One time, Paul preached until someone died.
    TRUE - Acts 20:9

17. Tithe is 5% of our income.
FALSE - Tithe is 10%. Leviticus 27:30, 32

18. Three hundred men were in Gideon's army.
TRUE - Judges 7:7

19. Five lepers thanked Jesus for healing them.
FALSE - Only one said thanks! Luke 17:17

20. In the Bible, there is a talking donkey.
TRUE - Numbers 22:28

Notes:

DRAMA

BEST-CASE SCENARIO: "THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE"

Suggested Time: 15 minutes

Memory Verse: And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

Concept: TV-style reality show; a spin-off of "Worst-Case Scenario." Highlights kids who encounter and overcome challenges with the power of God and His Word. Hosted by a TV-show narrator.

Teacher Tip:

- ALWAYS think outside of the box to make the drama segment work best for you. If there is something you need, talk to your cast and crew to see who can bring or make different props or costumes. Music can always be added, and stage directions can change to fit your production.
- It's also helpful to have a stage manager backstage to help with cues, costumes and props.

Characters:

- Narrator: Offstage voice; read script with microphone
- Mom: Caring mom spending time with her son
- Ty: Son

Costumes: Wear what fits your character

Set/Props: ☐ Table and two chairs, ☐ Card game

Best-Case Scenario: "The Truth Will Make You Free"

Begin with Narrator standing side stage.

NARRATOR

Welcome to "Best-Case Scenario," the show that lets you
take a look at ordinary Christian kids in everyday situations.
You might be thinking, "What's so exciting about that?" Stick with us and we'll show you.
In a moment, we'll see a challenging situation turn into a "Best-Case Scenario."
The theme of today's show is, "The Truth Will Make You Free."

Mom and Ty are playing a game of cards at the table.

TY

Who's the champion NOW?! Let's hear it for the reigning champion!

MOM
Way to go, champion! I am impressed with your card-playing skills! It's time for me to prepare dinner.

TY
Sounds great! I'm so hungry after winning all those games! What are we having tonight?

MOM
Leftovers. It's great that we had so much food left over from the barbecue, so I won't be cooking tonight!

TY
(Ty cringes or makes a face) Uh, Mom.

MOM
Yes?

TY
I'm not sure leftovers will work tonight.

MOM
Why not? I thought you liked leftovers, especially when Dad barbecues.

TY
I do, it's just that, well, I don't think there are any left.

MOM
We had a whole pan of chicken left over. I'm sure that will be enough for all of us.

TY
(quietly) Yeah, well, I ate it.

MOM
Excuse me?

TY
(coughs) I ate it.

MOM
All of it?!

TY
Yes, ma'am.

MOM
Well, we have a few side dishes left.

TY
Ummm.

MOM
You ate those too? When?

TY
Well, I got hungry last night.

MOM
Ty!

TY
Mom, I'm sorry. I needed a little late-night snack.

MOM
You must have had a long soccer game and worked up quite an appetite. Next time you're that hungry, how about talking to me first?

TY
Yes, ma'am. I apologize.

MOM
Ty, I am proud of you for being honest. Telling the truth is very important and we honor God when we are truthful. Well, since it's late, let's check with your father about going out for dinner.

Mom smiles and rubs Ty on the head as they exit.

Attention is now directed back to the Narrator at sidestage.

NARRATOR
There you have it. A "Best-Case Scenario." Sometimes it's challenging to tell the truth, especially when there will be consequences. By telling the truth, Ty is learning to be a "man of his word," show honor and respect to his parents, and his parents will trust him with more opportunities and responsibilities.

Narrator exits.

Notes:

OFFERING

THE GIVING EXPERIMENT

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God, your God's, blessing in everything you do.

Deuteronomy 15:10 MSG

Supplies: ☐ 10 $1 Bills, ☐ A small notepad, ☐ A pen

Offering Instructions:

- Today we'll be conducting an experiment. This experiment will involve money and the importance of what we choose to do with God's increase and favor on our lives.
- The instructions for this experiment have a lot to do with our Offering Scripture from Deuteronomy 15:10, which says, "Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God, your God's, blessing in everything you do."
- We have 10 dollars and we'll need a Superkid to help us with this experiment.
- Great! This brave volunteer is free to use these $10 in any way they choose. BUT, we'll also need you to write down how you choose to use each dollar.
- We're looking for details on where you gave, how much you gave, why you chose to give, and to whom.
- It will be great to see how God helps you bless others with this money. We'll follow up next week on this fun and challenging experiment.
- Let's say our Offering Scripture together.
- God cares about money and how we use it. We want to honor God by being good stewards over all He blesses our lives with. Let's take a moment and honor God with our giving.

Teacher Tip: Follow up with your Superkid following this "experiment." Report any positive results the following week to the rest of your cadets!

Notes: _____

WORD TIME

IT'S TRUE

Memory Verse: And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

I. GOD IS TRUTH Deuteronomy 32:4

a. God wants our lives to be full of truth. Psalm 51:6

b. To see truth, we should look at Jesus! John 14:6

c. The Holy Spirit leads us to truth. John 16:13

II. THE DEVIL HAS NO TRUTH IN HIM John 8:44

a. We live in a world where lying is common.

b. Satan is the father of lies—he started lying and has not stopped!

c. Keeping our eyes on Jesus will keep truth and honesty before us.

III. TRUTH AND FREEDOM GO TOGETHER John 8:32

a. Lying and dishonesty bring bondage, truth brings freedom and joy!

b. Choosing truth is choosing life. Deuteronomy 30:19

c. Our Father wants His kids to be free, free, free!

A Word From Commander Dana: The more we learn about God and His love for us, the more we will want to live lives that represent truth and freedom. God's Word says we reap what we sow, and we want to sow good seeds into our hearts and into the hearts of others. It honors our Father when we are truthful, and our lives will bring life to others.

Let's pray together and ask God to help us recognize truth and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us into truth and understanding.

OBJECT LESSON

CHEESE & CRACKERS

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Memory Verse: And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

Teacher Tip: For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow kids to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ☐ Crackers, ☐ Cheese slices, ☐ Serving platter

Lesson Instructions:

- Today, we'll be learning about a man who moved to America from the other side of the world. It was so long ago that the only way to travel overseas was by a boat, and that usually would take several months.
- George didn't have much money and it took most of his money to buy a boat ticket. George would also need food for his 2-month trip on the boat to America, so he had just enough money left to stock up on cheese and crackers.
- George was so excited to be on his way to America! The first thing George did was explore the boat. He passed by a big window that looked into a dining room. There was a huge buffet table full of delicious food—ham, turkey, baked potatoes, fruit, rolls and pies. All the people eating in the dining room sure looked happy! But, George still had plenty of cheese and crackers for his meals.
- One week passed, and every day, breakfast, lunch and dinner, George ate cheese and crackers. Then 2 weeks passed, 3 weeks, and finally the 1st month, always eating cheese and crackers.
- Passing by the dining room window was getting more challenging. Sometimes George would stop and stare at all the food, until people started getting annoyed and waved at him to move on. He could almost taste the juicy turkey and baked potatoes. A few times, George dreamed he was eating in the dining room with all the other happy people. He even woke up chewing on the air.
- After two months of his cheese-and-cracker routine, the day had finally come to land in America. The first thing George wanted was to find a good place to eat, and eat anything other than cheese and crackers!
- He was leaning over the boat rail, looking out at the water, when the captain approached. The captain asked George how he had enjoyed the trip.
- George shared with the captain that he was excited to get off the boat.
- "But why? Didn't you like the boat?" asked the captain. George assured the captain that the boat was great; he just hadn't eaten very well.
- The captain looked surprised by George's response. "Didn't you like the food in the dining room?"
- George explained how he'd spent almost all of his money on the boat ticket, which left just enough money to buy cheese and crackers for all his meals.

- "Didn't anyone tell you, the price of the ticket included all your food?"
- George felt all the blood drain out of his face. He couldn't believe it! He quickly got out his ticket and read the fine print at the bottom. Sure enough, it said "meals included." George didn't know whether to cry, yell or jump overboard—he was so upset.
- If only he had known the truth and read the fine print on his ticket!
- This story is a good illustration of our Memory Verse today, in John 8:32. When you know the truth, it sets you free.
- Superkids, when we seek truth and freedom, we'll know in our hearts that God loves us and wants good for our lives. God will help us see the "fine print" and not miss the opportunities He has for us.

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HANDOUT

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Superkid Handout Grades 1-3

1. T_____ and _____ go together. (John 8:32) (Answer: Truth, freedom)

2. Answer the questions with "True" or "False":

    1. In today's drama, Ty ate all the leftover barbecue. _____ (Answer: True)
    2. We honor God when we tell the truth. _____ (Answer: True)
    3. The Holy Spirit leads us to truth. _____ (Answer: True)
    4. It's OK to lie so you don't get in trouble. _____ (Answer: False)
    5. Dishonesty brings truth and freedom. _____ (Answer: False)
    6. Choosing truth is choosing life. _____ (Answer: True)

3. Learn the Superkid Creed! Memorize this part, and soon you'll know the whole "Superkid Creed"!

I walk in love—I do not gossip, I am not rude and I am never mean.

I put others first and I am not selfish. I treat other people with respect.

Also available on the CD-ROM.

HANDOUT

IT'S TRUE

Memory Verse: *And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

John 8:32

Superkid Handout Grades 4-6

1. T_____ and _____ go together. (John 8:32) (Anwer: Truth, freedom)

2. In today's drama, what did Ty learn about telling the truth?

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DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT

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Ask **Your Superkid to name the chapter and verse of the above memory verse.**

God Is Truth:

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Truth and freedom go together. John 8:32

Choosing truth is choosing life. Deuteronomy 30:19

Family Review Questions:

1. Where can you look for truth and freedom?
2. How can you use the truth and freedom you receive from God to help others?

Tips for Parents: This Dinnertime Devotional can be used at any mealtime, and is designed to reinforce the truths being taught at Superkid Academy.

Make sure you set the example by reading the verses out loud from your Bible. (We use the *New Living Translation* with most of our lessons, but reading from other translations can also provide a great teaching opportunity.)

Take a few minutes to read any other scriptures listed in the lesson so you can reinforce the main theme.

Let your questions guide the discussion time. In other words, allow your kids to do most of the talking. We've provided some questions here, but feel free to add more, using examples from your own life. (Remember to avoid asking questions that only require yes or no answers, since they do not foster conversation.)

Also available on the CD-ROM.

SUPPLY LIST

IT'S TRUE

Game Time: Truth Quick-Draw

- ☐ True or False questions (included)
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