



BIG IDEA

Satan lies, and lies are weak.

CHARACTERS | WEEK 2 OF 4

MIDWEEK NOTES

The Adversary

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Introduce this week's theme by playing Two Truths and a Lie with the group. Let the kids know that you're going to tell them two true facts and one lie in random order. They will guess which statement is not true. (For example, say, "I am 35 years old, my first pet was a guinea pig, and my favourite colour is orange." Encourage the kids to vote on which things they think are true and which is false, then reveal the lie: "My first pet was actually a lizard!")
- After demonstrating how to play, guide the kids to take turns telling their own two truths and a lie. Continue playing as long as there is interest.
- To wrap up, discuss:
 - Why is it important to tell the truth?
 - Who is the most truthful person you know?
 - Do you have an example of a time when you told the truth even though it was hard?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Satan lies, and lies are weak.**
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Let the kids know that God is stronger and more powerful than Satan. God is all-loving and defeats every lie of the enemy, so we don't have to worry!
- Guide the group to look up John 8:44.
- Read the description of Satan that begins in the second part of the verse (i.e., "He was a murderer from the beginning...").
- Review: What does this verse tell us about Satan? (He is a murderer; he does not speak the truth; he is the source of all lies; lying is his language)
- Emphasize that **Satan lies, and lies are weak.**
- Flip forward to John 14:6 and read aloud this passage about Jesus.
- Review: Jesus says he is three things in this verse. What are they? (The way, the truth, and the life)
- Look up and read Romans 8:38.
- Remind the kids that this is the Key Verse for this series.
- Discuss:
 - Can anything separate us from God's love? (No!)
 - What are some ways we can follow Jesus, so we can know the truth? (e.g., read the Bible; hang out with other believers; pray; give; serve and love others)

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3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Pen

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

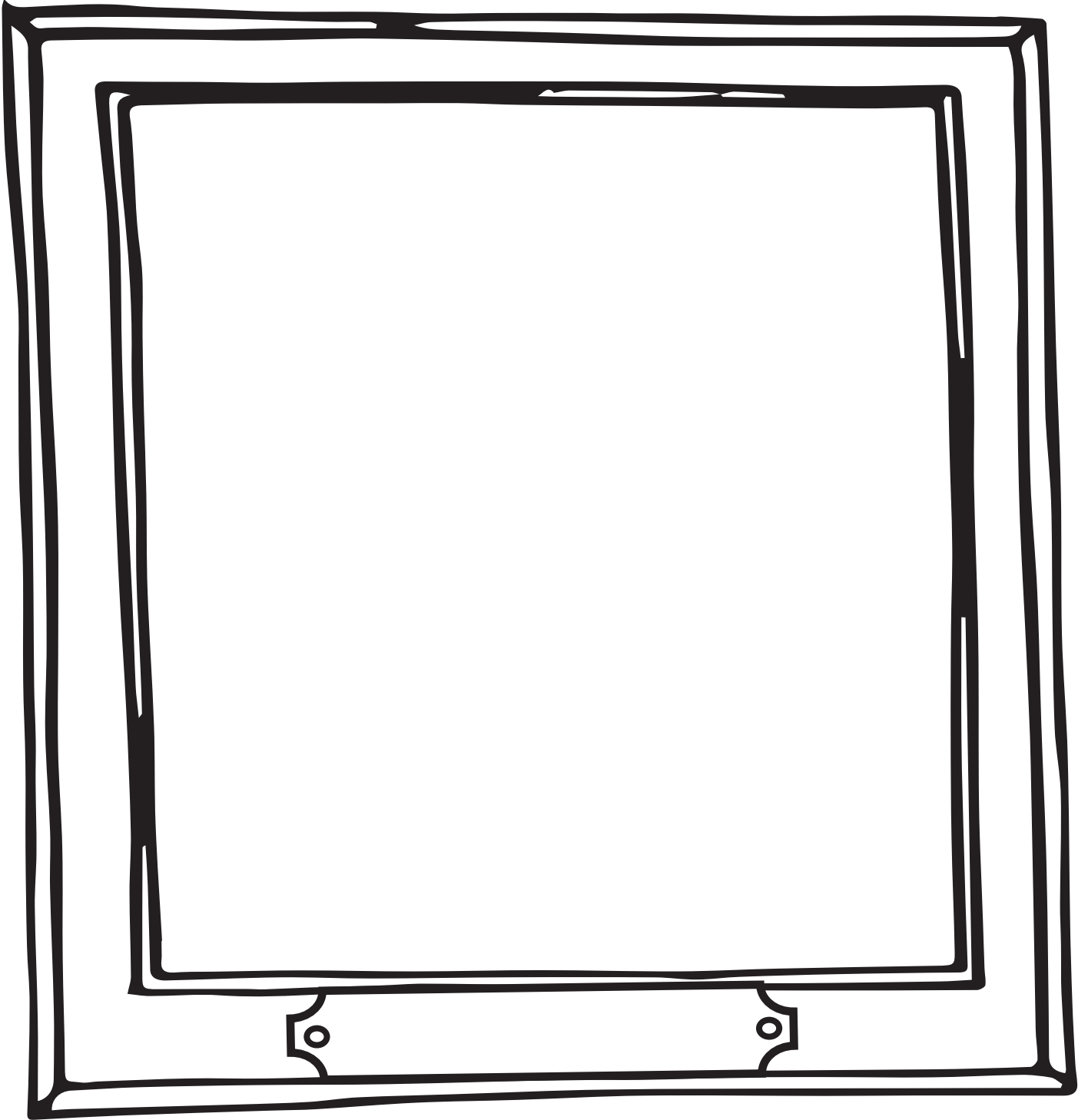
- Write the following lies and truths on slips of paper (one per page):
 - God doesn't care about you.
 - God doesn't forgive you when you mess up.
 - You're not good enough.
 - You don't look good.
 - God doesn't accept you the way you are.
 - You are a child of God. (John 1:12)
 - You are wonderfully made by God. (Psalm 139:13-14)
 - You are chosen by God. (Colossians 3:12)
 - You are dearly loved by God. (Colossians 3:12)
 - You are forgiven by God through Jesus. (Colossians 1:13-14)
- Arrange the papers randomly on a table or the floor where the group can gather around them.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Challenge the kids to identify the lies and truths and separate them.
- Have fun ripping up all the lies!
- Invite the kids to pray with you. Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, that you tell us the truth about ourselves: we are dearly loved, accepted, and forgiven through you. Thank you that nothing can separate us from your love! I pray that [name each of the kids in your group] would know the truth about your huge, never-ending love for them. In Jesus' name. Amen."

The Truth About Me

Draw a self-portrait and display your artwork to be reminded of the truth about yourself!



1. I am a child of God (John 1:12)
2. I am wonderfully made by God (Psalm 139:13-14)
3. I am chosen by God (Colossians 3:12)
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5. I am forgiven by God through Jesus (Colossians 1:13-14)