



BIG IDEA

Satan lies, and lies are weak.

CHARACTERS | WEEK 2 OF 4

The Adversary

GOD STORY

Who Is the Devil?

A walk through the whole Bible; Romans 8:38–39

KEY VERSE

I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. *Romans 8:38 (NIRV)*

LEADER TIP

This series covers God, Satan, angels and demons, and us! If you'd like, prepare by listening to The Meeting House's series "Deliver Us from Evil" from 2015.

My Story

1 | CONVERSATION STARTER (2 minutes)

Lead into today's lesson by discussing lies and the importance of the truth.

2 | INTRO ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Perform a series of tasks leading up to a challenge that emphasizes lies are weak and the truth is strong. Introduce this week's Big Idea.

God Story | Life Story

3 | WEEKLY VIDEO (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

My Story

4 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY (12 minutes*)

Vote on true or false statements about what the kids learned today. Then look up Romans 8:38 and recite it together.

5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY (8 minutes)

Invite everyone to pray—with pom-poms!

Our Story

6 | DISMISSAL

Connect with parents and give them take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust the timing for other activities.



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1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- Use the Conversation Starter to set the tone for your group's time together.

INSTRUCTIONS

- As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone together.
- Ask:
 - What kinds of things do people lie about?
 - Why do you think people lie?
 - Why is it important to tell the truth?
 - How do you feel when you find out someone has lied to you?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.

2 | Intro Activity

SUPPLIES

- Permanent marker
- Craft sticks

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Use a marker to write "lie" on one craft stick and "truth" on five craft sticks.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Tell the kids you have a strength challenge for them but first, they must complete a series of tasks. You will reward them with one craft stick for doing each of the following:
 - Spell the phrase "God is love" together using their hands and bodies.
 - Choose a good speller to spell the word "powerful" backwards. Give them as many tries as needed!
 - Do five push-ups each.
 - Say last week's Big Idea (God is love, and his love is powerful). Provide hints if needed.
 - Everyone touch three walls.
 - Give one another high fives.
- When the kids have earned all the craft sticks, ask them what's written on the sticks.
- Explain that you're going to show them how weak lies are.
- Hold up the craft stick that has "lie" printed on it and snap it in half.
- Stack the five "truth" craft sticks together and challenge the kids to break the stacked sticks.
- Point out that the truth is strong and powerful. Jesus calls himself the "truth"!
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Satan lies, and lies are weak.**



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God Story | Life Story

3 | Weekly Video

SUPPLIES

- Video file

LEADER TIP

- Make sure the kids understand the links between today's Big Idea, the God Story, and the Life Story.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Who Is the Devil?, A walk through the whole Bible; Romans 8:38–39)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Dr. Jamie Robertson teaches a lecture-style theology course)
- b. Recap the video teaching. Discuss:
 - What did you learn from Dr. Robertson this week? Did you learn anything new that you didn't know?
 - Why is it that we don't need to fear Satan?
 - Why does Satan lie?



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4 | Small Group Activity

SUPPLIES

- “True” and “False” signs
- Wall-safe tape
- Pom-poms
- Bibles

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Tape the signs on the floor where your small group meets.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather your small group to sit in a circle around the signs.
- Give each person a pom-pom.
- Explain that you’re going to read a statement. Everyone will vote on whether it’s true or false by placing their pom-pom on the corresponding sign. Once everyone has voted, you’ll reveal the correct answer.
- Read each statement, then pause and prompt the kids to vote on whether it’s true or false:
 - Satan is called the father of lies. (True)
 - Jesus said he is the “truth”. (True)
 - Satan only lies a few times to each person. (False)
 - God is more loving and more powerful than any other being in the universe. (True)
 - Satan has always been evil. (False, he was once an angel)
 - Satan can’t go near Jesus. (False, he tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness)
 - From the moment Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and sinned, God started a rescue plan with Jesus in mind. (True)
 - Satan’s helpers are called Dementors. (False, they are called demons)

- Nothing can ever defeat God. (True)
 - There is one thing that can separate us from God’s love. (False, nothing can separate us from God’s love!)
- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
 - Help the kids look up Psalm 147:5.
 - Read the verse out loud.
 - Review the characteristics of God listed in it.
 - Show everyone how to find Romans 8:38 (NIRV), which is the Key Verse for this series.
 - Read it together three times: quietly, normally, and shouting!
 - Direct the kids to keep their pom-poms for the Wrap-Up Activity.



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5 | Wrap-Up Activity

SUPPLIES

- Contact paper
- Wall-safe tape
- Pom-poms

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Tape the contact paper to a wall. Remove the liner to reveal the sticky side.

LEADER TIPS

- Invite and encourage the kids to pray but if anyone is uncomfortable, don't push them!
- Use simple, everyday language as you model praying for the kids.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Remain in your small groups.
- b. Give each person a pom-pom.
- c. Invite the kids to say a short prayer about lies and/or the truth. Provide examples such as, "Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us the truth," or "Dear God, please help me remember that lies aren't from you. Help me to speak the truth."
- d. Direct them to toss their pom-poms onto the sticky contact paper as they pray.
- e. When everyone who wants to has prayed, wrap up by praying for each member of your group by name.

Our Story

6 | Dismissal

SUPPLIES

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

LEADER TIP

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- b. Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- c. Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- d. Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- e. Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.