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ELEMENTARY:

Act It Out

What You Need: “Act It Out Script” Activity Page, sticker name tags, markers, dot stickers, a toy crown, a shirt or other piece of clothing, and play money

What You Do:

- Write the following names on the sticker name tags: Narrator #1; Narrator #2; Elisha #1; Elisha #2; Gehazi #1; Gehazi #2; Naaman #1; Naaman #2; Servant Girl; king of Aram; king of Israel.
 - If you have more than 11 kids, assign the remaining kids to play the roles of Naaman’s servants or Elisha’s messenger.
 - You can simply write “Servant” on their name tag and tell them to stand next to Naaman #1 and #2.
- Select two confident readers to play the roles of Narrator #1 and Narrator #2.
- Assign the other parts to the rest of the group, giving each kid a name tag to wear.
- Make sure every kid knows which role they will be playing.
- Give Naaman #1 and Naaman #2 some dot stickers to put on their arms.
- Give the king of Aram the crown. Set the play money and article of clothing next to you.
- Explain that you will call on Narrator #1 to begin reading the Bible story retelling from the activity page, as all the characters labeled #1, the kings, and the Servant Girl act out their parts.
- Halfway through the story, call out, “SWITCH!”
- When the kids hear that cue, those labeled #1 will tap their counterpart to finish the story.
- So Naaman #1 would tap Naaman #2 to take his place; Elisha #1 would tap Elisha #2, etc.
- Make sure the kid playing the king of Aram hands off his toy crown to the king of Israel when the switch happens.
- Be ready to hand the clothes and play money to Naaman toward the end of the story.

What You Say:

“That was awesome! Everyone, hand me your props, and you can take off your name tags, too. Great job, actors.”

“When you think about it, even IF Gehazi had gotten away with his deception, all he would have gained were some new clothes and some pieces of silver. But it wasn’t worth it! Not only did he end up with the same terrible skin disease that Naaman once had, but even worse, he lost Elisha’s trust! Because **[Bottom Line]** when you’re not truthful, you lose trust.”

“Because God is always trustworthy, He wants us to be truthful so others can trust us, too. So this week, when you find yourself moving toward saying or doing something that isn’t truthful, think about how your actions might lead others not to trust you. In that moment, ask God to help you do the right thing, the WISE thing, and be honest. When you choose integrity, being truthful in what you say and do, you protect your relationships and build trust.”

[Make it Personal] (Tell your few about a time when you were a kid and someone lied to you about something and you found out the truth. How did it affect your relationship? Once that trust was broken, how hard was it to trust that person again? Or tell them about when you broke trust with someone else and had to work to rebuild that trust.)

NARRATOR #1:

Meet Gehazi. Wave to the crowd, Gehazi. Gehazi was the servant to Elisha. Elisha say, "Hello." Elisha was a prophet of God. He shared God's words with the people of Israel. Gehazi was Elisha's trusted servant, and he's the main character in our true story straight from the Bible. Now, get ready because we're going to watch as Gehazi faces a true test of his integrity when he meets a guy named Naaman.

It's important to know that Israel—where Elisha and his servant Gehazi lived—were enemies with Aram. And Naaman, say "Hey," Naaman. Naaman was an army commander for the king of Aram. He was a brave soldier, but he had a big problem. See those terrible sores? Hold out those arms Naaman. Naaman had a skin disease, and it was really painful.

There was a servant girl from Israel who had been captured and taken to Aram. She said that there was a prophet in Israel, a man named Elisha, who could heal Naaman. Naaman went straight to the king of Aram. King of Aram give us a wave. Naaman told him what the servant girl had said about the prophet Elijah. The king of Aram told Naaman that he should go. He gave Naaman a letter to give to the king of Israel that asked to heal Naaman of his skin disease.

SMALL GROUP LEADER: SWITCH!

NARRATOR #2:

The king of Israel read the letter and was upset. Show us how upset you are king of Israel. He was upset because he didn't think he could heal Naaman. Elisha heard what had happened and sent the king a message to tell Naaman to come and see him. So Naaman went to see Elisha. Elisha's messenger came out and told Naaman to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed. Naaman was angry because Elisha himself didn't come out to heal him. But Naaman's servants convinced him to go down to the Jordan River. Go ahead Naaman. After seven times in the water, Naaman was healed. Take off all those stickers, Naaman. Your painful sores are gone.

Naaman went back to Elisha and tried to give him a gift to say thank you. But Elisha said he wouldn't accept it. And now, Gehazi comes into the scene. As Elisha's servant, Gehazi thought Elisha should have accepted Naaman's gift. Gehazi decided to go after Naaman and get something for himself. So after Naaman and his servants left to go back home, Gehazi ran after Naaman. Gehazi lied and said Elisha had asked for 75 pounds of silver and two sets of clothes. Naaman agreed and gave Gehazi twice the amount of silver he asked for.

Gehazi hid the gifts in Elisha's house. Go ahead Gehazi, try to cover it up by hiding those. But Elisha knew the truth. So, Elisha asked Gehazi where he'd been. Gehazi lied and said he hadn't gone anywhere. Elisha told him he knew the truth because his spirit had gone with Gehazi. Elisha told Gehazi that because he deceived Naaman then lied about it, Gehazi and his family would have Naaman's terrible skin disease.

What to Do:

Print one for each small group.

"Act It Out Script" Activity Page

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