

SPEAK THE TRUTH AT ALL TIMES

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SCRIPTURE TO LIVE BY

- God has much to say about the value of honesty – both at a heart level and in how we interact with others. He also does not shy away from how much he hates lying.
- Integrity and Honesty - Proverbs 10:9, Proverbs 12:19, Col 3:9, Matthew 5:8, Proverbs 11:3, Proverbs 12:17, Proverbs 21:3, 1 Peter 3:10-12, Psalm 112:5 (truth connected to Justice), 1 Chronicles 29:17 (honesty a heart issue), Philippians 4:8-9,
- Lying is serious – Proverbs 6:16-20, Proverbs 19:9, Revelation 21:9, 15, James 1:26, Proverbs 12:22, Exodus 23:1,

CONVERSATIONS TO HAVE

- Knight or Knave. Read the following handout to your kids their choice of pursuit. Who do they want to be?
- For younger children, start graciously helping them to speak truth by distinguishing between what they wish to be true and what is actually true. Pg 185-188
- Why do we lie? (pg 185)
- Talk about Truth and Tactfulness (discussed on page 188 and 195)
- Does telling a lie make you a liar? (Discuss heart posture. An honest person DESIRES to speak truth and comes clean when convicted.)
- As you watch movies, or encounter situations, point out examples of bravely speaking truth. In this day and age, the importance of honesty and integrity is often glossed over. Be on the lookout for where this is downplayed as well. Point this out and discuss with your children.

BOOKS TO READ

- In the Time of Knights (the story of William Marshall) whose story is featured in the opening of this chapter in Knights in Training. How was his life characterized by brave honesty?
- For more books, see www.HeatherHaupt.com/chivalry-books-for-boys/

THINGS TO DO

- Be on the lookout for where you can bravely tell the truth.
- Look for how you can encourage a friend or sibling when they tell the truth.

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- Play the Web of Lies game followed by the truth race (pg196)

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Are you ready for a challenge? Only the strongest will prevail. And the secret to this kind of strength can be found in Jesus. He stands ready to battle on our behalf. Your challenge is to pursue the path of a truth teller – the hallmark of a brave knight.

We are all in training. We become what we practice. You have a choice. Will you pursue the path of a knight? Or will you default to the easy route of a knave?

What is a knave, you ask? Originally, the term knave denoted a boy or male servant in a medieval household. It morphed into a description of a person's character. A knave is a tricky, deceitful fellow. His reputation follows him everywhere and no one trusts him. What is worse, he cannot trust anyone else either. He lacks something that most people crave – respect from those around him.

In your words and by your actions YOU have the opportunity each and every day to take on the identity of a knight or a knave. With this chivalry challenge, you have the opportunity to pursue the worthy habit of truth telling.

Speaking truth is far more than just avoiding being caught in a lie. Of course, there are very real consequences for lying – both now while you are young, and larger ramifications when you move into adulthood. But a knight who speaks the truth and is honest in his dealings with others garners respect. He has the ear of kings and those in authority over him. He is sent on the most exciting and daring quests because he is dependable.

People everywhere, each and every day, take the easy way out. They lie – either to preserve their reputation and stay out of trouble, to get out of work, and sometimes just because that is their default mode. They don't even think twice about lying.

It's easy to become a knave. But life is better for everyone when you pursue the strong path of speaking truth. Flex those truth-telling muscles and you train your conscience to be sensitive to truth and develop the strength to do it easily.

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IS BUT FOR A MOMENT.

PROVERBS 12:19

