



**Schweitzer's  
Family -Style  
Fall Festival**

**October 2020**

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Fall is a fun time to dress up as characters from books or as different professions. It's fun to pretend to be someone different and to try out character traits like maybe bravery or goofiness. As we have fun with all of these things, we want to focus in on the importance of developing the trait of integrity, or choosing to be truthful in everything we say and do. We'll have activities to teach us the bottom lines:

Be truthful with your whole life.

Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

Focus on what's true.

We hope you have fun with these activities that help us build an authentic faith-guided life. You can use this kit as a family or include friends. The sky is the limit! We'd love to hear about your integrity growing adventures via our Schweitzer Kids Facebook page.

## **BIBLE PASSAGES THAT CORRESPOND TO THESE ACTIVITIES:**

### **ACTIVITY 1: VEGGIE SCULPTING**

**DANIEL 1**

### **ACTIVITY 2: TURNIN' IT AROUND**

**1 JOHN 1:9**

### **ACTIVITY 3: CROOKED VS. STRAIGHT**

**2 KINGS 5**

### **ACTIVITY 4: FOCUSED ART**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

# INTEGRITY

Choosing to be truthful in  
whatever you say and do

# Memory Verse:

"Whoever walks  
in integrity  
walks securely,  
but whoever  
takes crooked paths  
will be found out."

Proverbs 10:9, NIV



# Activity #1: Veggie Sculpting

## **Instructions:**

Read Daniel 1 to you child(ren) or have your child(ren) read Daniel 1 to you. Then shape the Play-Doh into your favorite vegetable and create a delicious Play-Doh meal on your paper plate. Review the Bible story (Daniel 1) while they are working. Once your child has completed their creation have them explain what they created or have a friend guess what vegetable they sculpted.

## **Questions:**

- If you could only eat ONE vegetable at every dinner for the rest of your life, what vegetable would you choose? Why?
- Why were Daniel and his friends chosen to serve in the king's court? (Because they were smart and healthy)
- What food did they serve to Daniel and his friends? (Rich food from the king's own table)
- Why did Daniel refuse to eat the rich food from the king? (Because it was different from the traditional Jewish food they ate to honor God)
- What did Daniel ask to eat instead? (Vegetables and water only for ten days)
- What happened after Daniel and his friends ate only vegetables and water for ten days? (They looked healthy and well-fed)
- What do vegetables have to do with integrity? (Daniel knew that honoring God meant honoring him with every part of your life, including what you eat. Even in a strange land, he chose to honor God with integrity)

## **Bible Story:**

Daniel 1

## **Application:**

This story reminds us of how important it is to honor God with every part of our lives. Daniel was in a really scary position. He was a prisoner, far from home, under the authority of a conquering king who didn't serve God. But he still recognized that he didn't really answer to King Nebuchadnezzar. He answered to God. By choosing to honor God, even with the food he put in his mouth, Daniel maintained his integrity.

"Integrity is choosing to be truthful and honor God in whatever you say and do. It's not just being honest with your words. It's being honest with your LIFE. Like Daniel, God will help you to be truthful with your whole life."

## **Pray:**

Close in prayer: "Dear God, thank You for ALWAYS being truthful in what You say and do. We can put ALL our trust in You because You keep Your promises. Give us the strength to be honest with our words AND our actions so others can trust us, too. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

# Activity 1: Bottom Line



## Activity #2: Turnin' It Around

### **Instructions:**

Use the magnets and metal objects (nails, paper clips, coins, etc.) found in your kit to discover how magnets work. For an added challenge find small objects around the house and see if they are magnetic. Use both of the magnets and flip them over and show what happens when you try to push them together (they repel each other). Let your child explore with the magnets repelling and attracting each other depending on which side they are using.

### **Questions:**

- What happened with your magnets the first time when they faced each other?
- What happened the second time when you turned one magnet in the opposite direction?
- Why do you think the magnets refused to go together the second time?

### **Bible Story:**

1 John 1:9

### **Application:**

These magnets demonstrate our relationship with God. When we mess up and try to hide what we've done our dishonesty separates us from God. Just like when the magnets repel each other. But when we flip the magnet over they come together. When we are honest with God about what we've done, we can have a right relationship with Him.

"In our Bible story today, we talked about how we ALL mess up. We all think our way is better than God's way, and we choose to be dishonest at some point. And a lot of the time, when we mess up, we try to hide what we've done OR we try to make up for it by doing lots of other good things. The wonderful thing about following God is that we don't EVER have to be afraid to tell Him when we've messed up. When we turn back to God, He always forgives, always accepts, always offers His love to us. So remember this week, if you're tempted to keep something from God think about these magnets and remember that being truthful with God keeps you close to Him."

### **Pray:**

Close in prayer: "Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us, NO matter what. You always listen, always forgive, always love, even when we mess up. Help us be honest with You and admit when we've messed up, knowing that You will forgive us. We love You. Thanks for loving us, no matter what. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

# Activity 2: Bottom Line



# Activity #3: Crooked Vs. Straight

## **Instructions:**

Have your child use pipe cleaners to create lanes for two different paths—one lane that is straight and one that is crooked. Tape the pipe cleaner paths to the floor. The two paths should be of equal length. Use the straw to blow a ping pong ball all the way to the end of each path. NO HANDS!

- You can play this game as a race and see which person finishes first, the crooked path or the straight path. Or time your child and see which path they can blow the ping pong ball down with quickest.

## **Questions:**

- Which path was quicker, the straight path or the crooked path?
- Why do you think that is?
- What is the memory verse? (Proverbs 10:9)

## **Bible Story:**

2 Kings 5

## **Application:**

The straight path was faster. This reminds us, anyone who lives with integrity, walks a safe, straight path. But the opposite is true, too. As we're learning this week, when we're not truthful, we lose trust. Anyone who takes a crooked path—that's anyone who chooses to be dishonest with their words or actions—will get caught. Let's choose integrity so others can trust us!

## **Pray:**

Close in Prayer: "Dear God, thank You for always being truthful. Help me to be truthful, in all I say and do. So others will trust me. Amen."



# Activity 3: Bottom Line



When you're not truthful,  
you lose trust.



# Activity #4: Focused Art

## **Instructions:**

Read Philippians 4:8 in your Bible. Have your child illustrate the verse in any way they choose using the materials provided in the activity.

- Examples of creative ideas:
  - Write out the verse and decorate around it
  - Draw a picture that corresponds to the verse
  - Encourage them to use their creativity to capture the meaning of the verse

Once your child has completed their project ask them to explain their creation.

## **Questions:**

- What do you think it means to “focus” on something?
- How do the things you THINK about affect how you act?
- Why would Paul tell us in Philippians to focus on what’s true? How can focusing on negative or untrue things affect how we feel or act?
- Why is it important to remember that what God says and what God does are always True?

## **Bible Story:**

Philippians 4:8

## **Application:**

What we choose to focus on is SUPER important. During quarantine, if we choose to focus on all the negative things, the days seem WAY longer. But if we choose to look at the good things, the true things—that God is still in control, that time at home means more time with family—then we have a better chance of responding in a way that honors God and the people around us. That’s why it’s important to focus on what’s true.

## **Pray:**

Close in prayer: “Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for Your word that shows us how to follow You. Help us to focus on what’s true. Help us to think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, help us think about these things! Thank You that we can trust You, always. We love You God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

# Activity 4: Bottom Line

