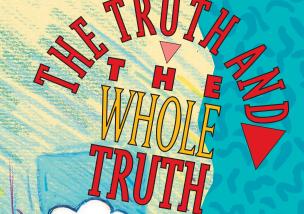
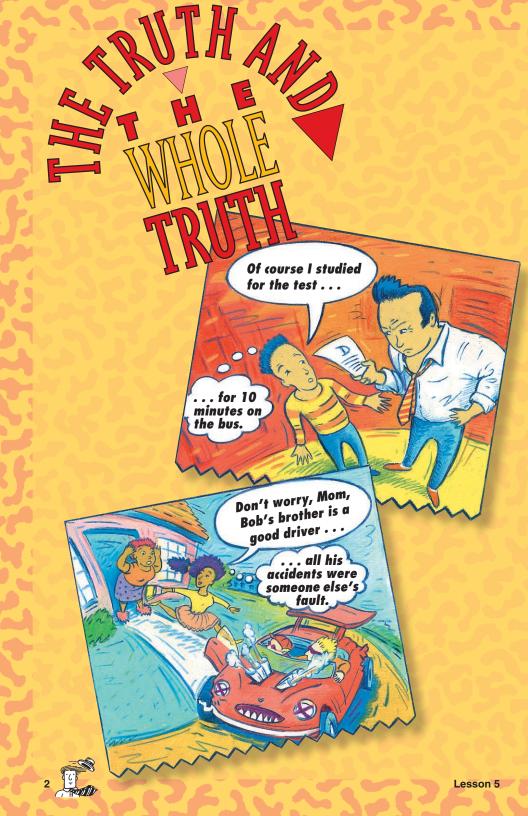
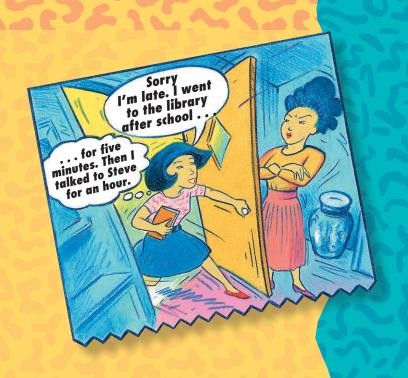
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ying is a
serious thing.
It can damage
reputations
and undermine
relationships.
Maybe that's
why God
wants us
to always
be honest.

Read Exodus 20:16.

This is where God set down a standard for honesty. Why do you think honesty is so important?

What is a witness? What does it mean to "give false testimony"?

Read John 8:44.

Who is the source of lies? Why?

According to this verse, when you lie, what does that say about you?

Now Read Matthew 26:31-35, 56b, and Luke 22:54-62.

Did Peter intend to deny Christ?

Why did Peter lie?

When Peter realized what he had done, what was his response?

A B O U T



Exodus 20:16

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Matthew 26:31-35, 56b

³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

" 'I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

35But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never discoven you." And all the other disciples said the same.

56b Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said.

"This man was with him."

⁵⁷But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

58A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

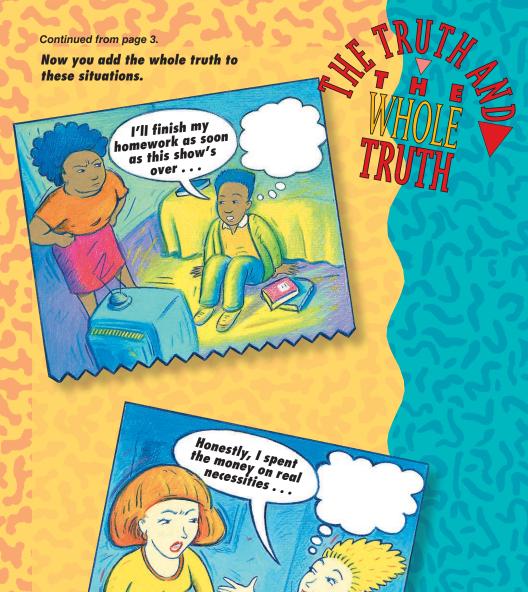
"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

59About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

60Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. 61The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."

62And he went outside and wept bitterly.





Today's Bible study will help free you from the halftruth trap. Turn back to page 4.



ind the words listed here. Starred words are repeated. When you're finished, you'll find 39 leftover letters, which spell a secret message about honesty. Start at the top of the puzzle and write the unused letters to form the hidden message.

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love. Ephesians four fifteen. Answer: Speak the truth in





A lie covers the truth like a hood covers the head. It's an attempt to cover something up. But lies are a false protection.

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HEREFORE each of you must
put off falsehood and speak
truthfully to your neighbor, for
we are all members of one body.
—Ephesians 4:25

MONDAY When is the last time you told a lie? Why didn't you tell the truth? What does your lie tell about you? Ask God for His forgiveness.

TUESDAY Some people stretch the truth to make themselves look good to others. Trouble is, they end up stretching other people's ability to like them. Read Romans 12:3 and ask God to help you be honest about yourself with others.

WEDNESDAY Read John 8:44. Who would you rather have as a father, Satan or God? Ask God to help you live like a child of God today.

THURSDAY Have you ever damaged a relationship by lying? Pray for that person and ask God for a chance to mend the relationship.

FRIDAY Read Luke 10:29-37. Who is your neighbor? If you have deliberately lied to someone, apologize today.

SATURDAY What would happen to your body if your eyes lied to you? Draw a picture of a body to represent the church. What happens to the church body when one of its members lies?

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