

Lesson 8

Do Not Bear False Witness

Print out the worksheet and color the #9. Draw a face inside the circle of the nine and ears to make the image look like a bear. Copy the commandment on the blank space provided.



Bible Lesson

Today's lesson is about Commandment 9, "Do not bear false witness." What this means is that we should not tell lies and say things that are not true. Why do you think people lie? Have you ever been lied to? Is it easy to believe someone who has lied to you in the past? The problem with someone who lies is that it is hard to trust that person. You never know if he or she is telling the truth.

God values the truth. God will never lie to us. In fact, it is impossible for God to lie because He is perfect. God wants us to be like Him, and He wants us to always tell the truth. When you lie, you are showing yourself to be like the devil. Let's look at [John 8:44](#).

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.

The Bible says that the devil's language is lies. He is the father of lies. As Christians, we must not follow Satan's ways and lie. Sometimes, when we lie, we have to tell another lie to cover up the first lie so we do not get caught lying.

Object Lesson – Bucket of Lies

Materials:

- Small bucket or basin
- One quarter
- Big handful of coins (not quarters)
- Water from the tap

Ask an adult to prepare a small bucket or basin of water. Take one Quarter and drop it in the middle of the bucket. This quarter represents a lie.

The other coins represent lies too. Set aside the pile of coins (no quarters) and drop them one by one into the bucket to try to cover up the quarter, the first lie. Keep dropping coins until the quarter is completely covered. Then, take out the coins and count how many "lies" it took to cover up the first lie.

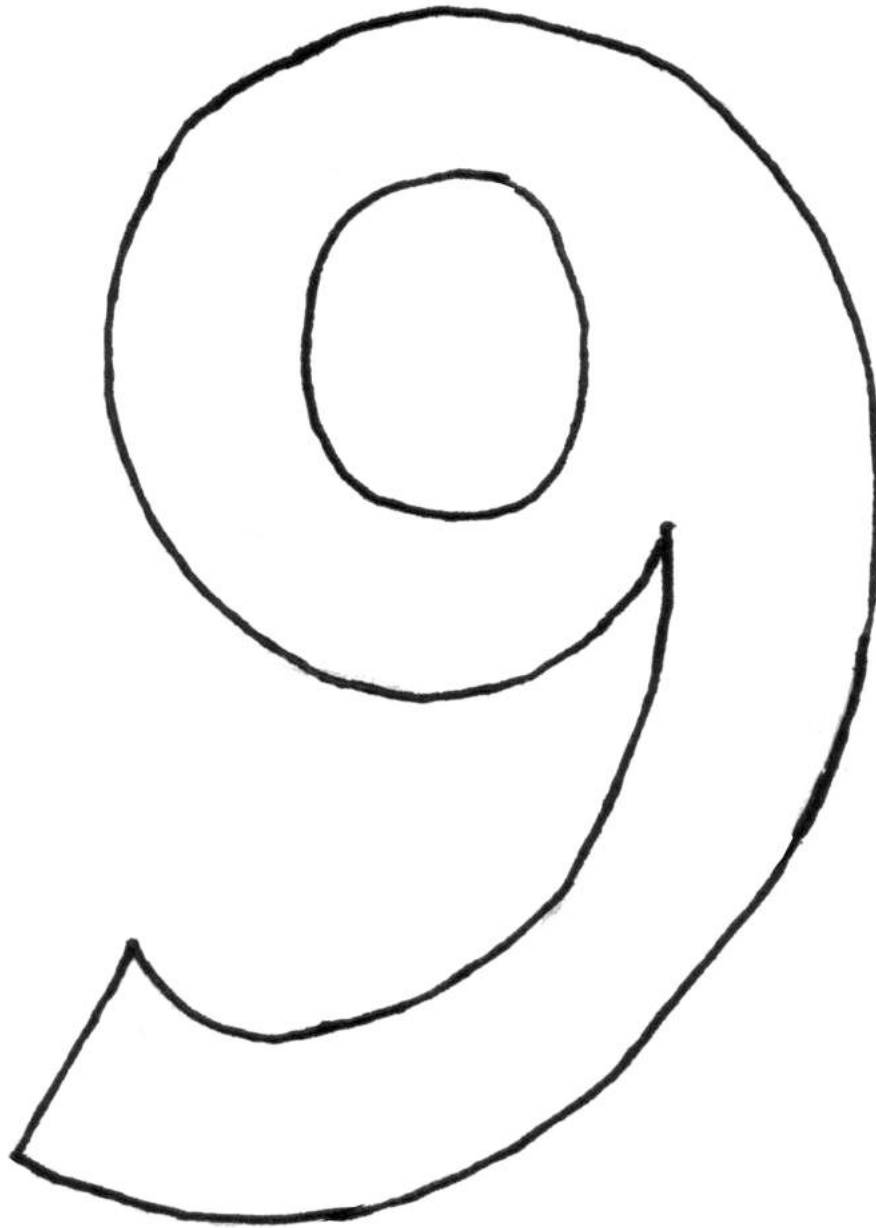
Lying, whether a small lie or a big lie, is a sin before God. He teaches us to ask Him for forgiveness when we sin (1 John 1:9) and to always tell the truth out of love (Ephesians 4:15).

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does God not want us to tell lies?
2. What are some bad things that happens when we tell lies?

Answers: 1. Because God wants us to be like Him, and He never lies. 2. Other people won't believe us in the future, we have to tell more and more lies to cover up the first lie, we disobey God and we drift farther and farther from Him, lies hurt people



Commandment 9: _____
