

GOD Time

Day 1

Read Proverbs 17:17

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If a friend loves at all times, does that mean you need to be honest all the time? Absolutely. After all, you wouldn't trust a friend who lied to you. Lying is not a loving thing to do. In order to be a true friend with strong friendships, honesty is always the best policy—not some of the time or when it's easy, but ALL the time.

Check out the times listed here.

Next to each time of day, write the name of one **friend or family member** you normally see at that time. You'll have lots of opportunities to **choose honesty** or dishonesty with these friends or family members **tomorrow**.

9 aM

noon

3 pM

6 pM

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THANK God for giving you friends.

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Day 2

Read Proverbs 12:13

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Sinful talk includes spreading rumors and lying. When you spread lies about someone, you end up trapping yourself in your own lie. The truth always comes out, and sooner or later you'll find yourself having to admit the lie. But when you choose truthful words, this verse says you will escape trouble. Your friendships will be stronger because your friends will trust you.



Complete the maze, being sure to avoid the deadends.

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ASK God to help you be honest with your friends.

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Day 4

Read Proverbs 12:19

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Think about all the time you've spent with your friends. You've probably learned some pretty cool things about them because you've invested time getting to know them. But in an instant you could undo all that invested time because one lie can ruin a really good friendship.

Find something to build with (Legos®, Tinker Toys®). Time yourself as you **build a tower** using every block.

Then, time yourself as you **knock down** the tower.

Which took longer? Remember this tower next time you have the choice to be honest or dishonest. It takes a long time to build a strong friendship, but one dishonest word can tear that friendship down in a snap.



KNOW that God wants to protect your friendships with honesty.

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Read Proverbs 18:19

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When the book of Proverbs was written, cities were built with tall, thick walls around them. The walls kept out the enemy. When you hurt a friend through your dishonest words or behavior, it's really hard to get your friend to trust you again. It's as if your dishonest words or behavior has put a wall between you and your friend. And that dishonesty makes it hard for others to be your friend again. After all, you wouldn't want to be friends with someone who lied to you.

Unscramble the words to reveal our key truth for this week.

Truthfulness _____ friendships; dishonesty _____ them down.
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LOOK for ways to be honest with your friends this week.