

HOME connection

ST Unit: Practicing Integrity, Lesson 5

D6 Family Theme:
INTEGRITY IN TEMPTATION

Objectives:

Know: We must make difficult but wise decisions that lead to God's future blessings.

Think: Consider our integrity to be more important than our feelings and desires.

Do: Choose what is good and right; refuse every temptation that would call us away from God.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Genesis 39:1-23; 45:1-28; 50:22-26. Joseph's life had witnessed dramatic reversals. As a younger man, his brothers turned against him, pretended to their father that Joseph was dead, and sold him as a slave to foreign merchants. Now, though, he had "moved up the ladder." Joseph was second in command under Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials. He had everything going for him. At that very moment, the test jolted him! His integrity came face-to-face with the allurements of lust, power, and even greater wealth. Joseph's response would say everything about his character and his God.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Integrity proves its mettle in the midst of threats. Pray that God will give your family opportunities to display integrity in our broken world.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery at a young age, and later, Joseph's integrity was put to the test when he had the opportunity to get back at his brothers. He chose to put his feelings aside, and to glorify God with his decision. Mix together the juice from half a lemon and a few drops of water. Give your children a Q-tip and a piece of paper. Tell them to write whatever they want about their sibling on the paper because it is invisible ink. Put their dried papers near the flame of a lighter and their messages will appear. Explain to them that their integrity was put to the test. Did they pass?

Option 2: Select a few verses from the following list, then pose this question to your family: *What are some principles these verses tell us about choosing in a time of temptation or testing?* Psalm 19:10-11; Matthew 6:13; Matthew 6:24 with 1 Timothy 6:9; Luke 21:34-36; Luke 22:40; John 6:66-69; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Philippians 1:9-11; 4:8; Hebrews 4:15-16; James 1:12-17; 1 John 2:15-17.

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child heard a Webster story where the children learned some of their classmates lost all of their belongings in a house fire. The children didn't like their classmates and didn't want to help them. But their mom reminded her children God's Word tells us to love our neighbors. They realized they were wrong and chose to do what was right. **I Can Do What Is Right** and love my neighbor.



K & 1
GRADE

Today your student learned Joseph was a man of integrity. He trusted God when his brothers sold him to slave traders, when Potiphar's wife falsely accused him, when he was in prison, when he interpreted the dream for Pharaoh, and when he was reunited with his family. He could have made wrong choices in each situation, but he chose to do what was right. We can learn from his example to be a person of integrity.



2 & 3
GRADE



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN

Teens learned that integrity is required in order to recognize temptation and to withstand or flee from it. Through Joseph's example, teens were encouraged to avoid situations that can lead to temptation when possible and to run from it when it does come. Talk through boundaries with your teens that will help them avoid compromising situations. Make sure they know you are proud of the efforts they are making to live with integrity.



HIGH
SCHOOL



YOUNG
ADULT

While studying the life of Joseph, group members were challenged to refuse temptation and cling to God during times of struggle.



ADULT

FUSION and *FUSIONnext* groups examined how Joseph demonstrated integrity when temptation came to him in various ways.