

Game: **The Best Liar in the Class**  
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## **The Best Liar in the Class**

Tell your students that you are going to go around and you want every person to tell the group three things about themselves—two that are true and one that is false. Then the class will vote to see how many guessed the “untrue” statement. Keep tabs on how the voting goes so that at the end you can deem one of your students “The Class’ Best Liar.” (This title, of course is not a bad one—it’s just a game, although we’re not sure it’s a good one either!)

### **Discussion**

- *What percentage of the time is God trustworthy? (100%. God does not lie and is always trustworthy.)*
  - *What percentage of the time are you trustworthy?*
  - *In which of the following situations do you think you would lie?*
    - (1) You do something that is wrong. The other students involved get caught but they won’t tell on you but a teacher asks you if you were involved too. Would you lie to stay out of trouble?
    - (2) The hour before English class you remember that you forget to write an essay. It’s a big part of your grade. The teacher has said several times that she won’t accept it late and if you don’t get an A on it, you won’t pass the class. Would you lie to say that you’re sick so you could go home, write it that night and turn it in the next day?
    - (3) You find a wallet in it with \$1,000 in cash. Would you take the money (or some of the money out) and then turn it in saying that it had no money in it when you found it?

### **Read Proverbs 12:19, 22**

### **Re-read Proverbs 12:22**

- *Considering your level of honesty, are you delightful or detestable in God’s eyes? Why do you feel this way?*

**SAY:** God hates dishonesty, even when we justify it as an excuse or half-truth. God wants us to always speak the truth and to be honest people. The Bible is clear that there are harsh and tough consequences for lying, both spiritually and in this world.

Consider the consequences of lying:

- *Lying creates conflict.*
  - *Lying breaks relationships.*
  - *Lying is a form of idolatry because you are choosing something (whether it is the praise of people or the chance to get out of trouble, etc.) as being more important than following Jesus.*
  - *Lying creates mistrust that is not easily overcome.*
  - *Lying leads to more lying to hide the truth.*
  - *Lying leads to more lying by way of habits and your habits becomes your character and your character determines your destiny.*
  - *Lying never goes unpunished.*
  - *Other consequences?.*
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- Don't answer aloud: *Are you currently facing a situation in which are being tempted to lie?*
  
  - Don't answer aloud: *Have you told lies in the past you need to confess to God and others?*
    - *What can you do to guard yourself against lying?*

**SAY:** Remember, God delights in people who are truthful.