



# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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## Leader Guide

### Engage:

On index cards, write some simple charades for the kids to act out. (Examples: teacher, pastor, mom, baby, singer, friend, doctor, etc.) Put the cards in a paper bag. Have the kids sit in a circle and take turns pulling out a card and acting the part for the others to guess. Afterwards, talk about how sometimes people may be something, but they act an entirely different way when others are not around. Having integrity means that you act the same regardless of who you are with. You honor God with your actions, your words, and your thoughts.

### Discuss:

**Have the kids open up their Bibles and read together**  
**Luke 10:25-37**

The parable of the Prodigal Son is a well known Bible story. Jesus told this story to teach us how to love others. It also shows how the kinds of people you would think might stop to help the man, didn't. They passed him by when nobody was looking. Share with the kids about a time in your life that you may have struggled with doing things you shouldn't do when others were not watching you.

—What do the actions of the priest and temple assistant show us about how someone can seem to act one way, but when nobody is watching, they act differently?

—What does it mean to have integrity? (Integrity means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.)

### Response:

Give the kids paper and markers. Have them spend time praying about areas in their lives in which they may be acting one way in front of others, but when nobody is looking, they act a different way. Have them write those areas down and pray over them, asking God to help them be a person of integrity. Assure the kids that no one will see what they write down. As a way of giving it to God and knowing the Holy Spirit will help them in those areas, have the kids rip up their papers and put them in the trash.

### Memorize: "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24, NLT)

Stand at the end of the room holding a green circle and a red circle. When you show the green circle, the kids must walk as fast as they can toward you. When you show the red circle, the kids have to freeze. If they move, they have to go back to the starting line. Ask them to stay still and say the memory verse in a funny way you choose. Once they say it correctly, show them the green sign so they can run to the end.

### Create:

Cut out strips of yellow paper approximately 1/2" x 4". Give 5 strips to each child. Ask the kids to write a way they can show integrity. They can use the 5 strips to write 5 different ideas. (Examples: pick up trash, be kind, tell the truth, obey parents, etc.). Then give each kid a white piece of paper and have them to draw a pot with a flower in it (without petals). Have them fold each yellow strip of paper in half to make flower petals and glue them to their flower in the pot. Have them write "I have integrity" at the top of the paper.

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What was the Big Idea?

I will \_\_\_\_\_ God with my  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What is a way this week you can  
show integrity?

## Memory Verse:

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my  
anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and  
lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)