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The Web

Have you ever seen the TV show Lie to Me? The Lightman Group (clever name, isn't it, since light = truth, biblically speaking), made up of psychologists, researchers, and investigators, assist law enforcement and other government agencies in criminal investigations by detecting signs of deception in people's voices, faces, and body language.

The premise behind it is simple and ordinary; the science complex and intriguing. Rather like honesty itself.

On the one hand, honesty is simple. It always involves a choice.

We choose to tell the truth or to lie. Honesty is ordinary, too.

Because every one of us, from Adam and Eve to you and I, chooses to be honest or dishonest on a daily basis.

On the other hand, honesty (and therefore dishonesty) is complex and intriguing. You can be honest (or dishonest) in your words, actions, and attitudes. You can be honest (or dishonest) in what you don't say or do, as well. You can set out to lie, and you can go along with someone else's lie.

And then there are the multitudes of motives for two-faced, duplicitous, and deceptive dealings.

So simple, honesty, but not always easy! Else no one would weave him- or herself into a tangled web in the first place. Which is why, come March, we'll be talking about honesty and some of the very practical reasons God teaches and guides us to be honest:

When you're not truthful, you hurt the people you should care about most. Joseph's brothers practiced so many forms of deceit in that whole sell-your-brother-as-a-slave episode you'll weave quite a web recounting them all. (Genesis 37; 45)

Lying to hurt someone else really hurts YOU. Haman's perfidious plot backfired on him. (Esther 3-5; 7)

Truthfulness builds friendships; dishonesty tears them down. Jesus gave even wee, little, fraudulent Zacchaeus a do-over. (Luke 19)

You can lie so much you forget what matters. Treacherous Judas forgot, or deceived himself, about what matters most. (Matthew 26; 27) Note that this week begins the Easter season and the Easter "story" in 252 Basics.

Honesty creates a safety net. Honest thoughts, words, and actions weave together to strengthen trusting, happy relationships with others and God. Dishonesty creates a web. Lies and deception weave a web that ensnares us, tearing at the fabric of our relationships with others and God. So, help kids be careful about what they weave.

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Ask God:

1. To help you look for ways to teach your kids about honesty.
2. To help you model honesty with your children.
3. To give you and your family opportunities to grow in honesty.

Take Action!

Prayer:

Ask God to show you ways that you can love Him, serve Him, and serve the world. Thank Him for those blessings that He has given you and your family.

Step Up and Serve:

Consider showing honor to other families in the community by taking some time to serve them. Looking for a place to serve? Contact our missions department! Also, consider taking part in Disney's "Give a Day, Get a Day Promotion." Go to www.disneyparks.com for more information.

Discuss:

Why is it important to serve others? What are some ways that we can serve our teachers, our neighbors, our friends and our community?

Interested in Volunteering?

Our Children's Ministry at Northside Christian Church could not exist without the assistance and dedication of our wonderful volunteers... whether it's one-time service for events, teaching a class of preschoolers for a quarter, or greeting the kids as they come into the building, our volunteers allow our parents to have peace of mind knowing that they are leaving their kids in loving, caring hands that will help them to learn about Jesus.

Have you ever considered volunteering with our Children's Ministry team? We are always on the lookout for people of all ages and experience to help with our program. We have opportunities of all different kinds... do you not have a lot of time to spare? Try our nursery/toddler ministry (serve only one time a month). Are you crafty? We can use your help preparing our crafts for the little ones! Are you tech-savvy? We can use your help running our slides during the weekend services. Not sure if you're ready to commit to a whole quarter? Join our substitute list!

We'd love to meet with you to discuss using your talents and time in Children's Ministries. If you'd like to learn more about volunteering with our team, call Kimberly at ext. 139 or email her at kim@northsidechurch.com.



Ministry Spotlight: Kids Worship Team For grades 2-8

Does your child love to sing or perform? In March, we will be starting up a brand-new kids worship team that will practice on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15 p.m. This group will learn how to worship and will help to lead children's worship, occasionally performing in the Worship Center with our band and praise team. No prior vocal experience is necessary, as kids will be taught about the importance of worship and how to use their instruments (voice, hands, etc.) to praise God and lead others in praising Him, too! **Practices begin March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Register today!**

Interested in learning more about this ministry? Contact Kimberly Carmany ext. 139 or kim@northsidechurch.com.

Bible Conference | Fun x 3! MARCH 20 - 23

Join us for three nights of fun as we learn more about God's Word! While parents attend Northside's Bible conference, we will be having three event nights for the kids!

SUNDAY PM (5:30 p.m.), bring your kids in their pajamas with their blankets for movie night, complete with snacks!



MONDAY PM (6:30 p.m.), get ready for a concert with "The Jammies!"

TUESDAY PM (6:30 p.m.), we'll be having fun with game night!

Questions about this fun event? Call Lisa at ext. 120!

March Service Project

During the month of March, our kids will be coming together to help serve our local community by bringing in items for our food pantry. They have been challenged by our Missions pastor, Tommy Corrao, to bring in enough items to exceed his own weight. Preschool and elementary groups will be competing against each other to beat Tommy's challenge. Want to help? Bring in one or more of the following needed items:

Boxed Pasta, Small Bags of Rice, Boxed Mac-N-Cheese, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Spaghetti O's/Ravioli, Oatmeal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Jelly (Plastic Containers Only), Hamburger Helper, Small Cans of Coffee.

The last day to bring in donations is March 28th. Donations can be brought to the lobby of the Children's Center (please make sure to get them in either the preschool or elementary tub, depending on the age of your child!

What's Playing at the Movies

Read the full review at www.pluggedinonline.com

Movie: Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

Rating: PG

Synopsis: One of the first things newbie demigod Percy learns is that his Uncle Zeus' lightning bolt has been stolen. And that he's the prime suspect—and therefore immediately under brutal attack.

Suddenly, horrible Greek monsters are trying to kill Percy and his friends Grover (a half-human-half-goat guardian called a satyr) and Annabeth, daughter of Athena. Worse, his mom has been abducted by his Uncle Hades, god of the underworld—otherwise known as hell.

And we think we have weird families.

PluggedIn Review: Directed by Chris Columbus, who helmed two of the Harry Potter films, this very Harry tale attempts to dispense courage, wisdom and independent thought along with a few giggles and gags. What it ends up being, though, is "loud, scary, oversexed and really unfun." That's according to Slate reviewer David Plotz. I'll add ridiculously violent for a kids flick, pointless and dull.

If there's anything we all can take away from Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, it's that God (with a capital G) is nothing like the silly Greek gods who play havoc with human life, jealously accuse one another and then savagely attack. Their neglected demigod kids must study and train to tackle their preternatural parents' pettiness. God's children don't have to. In fact, He fights for them.

What Game Is Releasing

Game: The New Super Mario Brothers

Platform and Rating: Wii; Rated "E" for Everyone

The Scoop: As fans of the classic games in this franchise will tell you, if you want to really kick Mario into high gear, just threaten his precious Princess Peach. And, of course, that's just what that scoundrel of scoundrels Bowser does. Here, he and his minions kidnap the pretty-in-pink princess from her own birthday party and Mario must run to her rescue.

PluggedIn Review: Don't worry, there's nothing more offensive to see than a few cute skeleton- and ghost-like characters. But if you're tempted to equate all my talk of old-school gaming with elementary school gaming, think again.

Come to think of it, Mario's multiplayer ability may actually be the coolest thing about this game. It certainly turns what has traditionally been a fun-but-lonely pursuit into a family room roof-raising rollick for the whole family.

Read full reviews for these and other new media releases at www.pluggedinonline.com, a division of Focus on the Family.



This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions about what your children watch, listen to, and wear.

At a Glance

What Your Children are Learning This Month:

Preschoolers (ages 2½ through Kindergarten):

Our preschoolers are learning about "Getting Ready for Easter." Topics discussed include:

- The Triumphal Entry (Worship)
- The Garden of Gethsemane (Accept)
- Jesus' Trial (Silence)
- Jesus Dies on the Cross (Believe)
- Jesus Rises from the Dead (Tell)

Children in the Elementary program will be learning about the virtue of "Honesty" this month.

Themes include:

- When you're not truthful, you hurt the ones you care about most.
- When you're not truthful, you hurt yourself.
- Truthfulness builds friendship.
- If you lie, you forget what really matters.

Be sure to check in with your child to make sure they are learning their memory verse! This is a great way for them to learn about God's Word (and get Virtue Vouchers!)

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			OutLoud Practice 5:30pm in WC Choir Rm Awana: "Dress for Jesus Night" 6:30 p.m. in NYC	Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) Session 9		
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Wear Green Weekend! Daylight Savings Begins			OutLoud Practice 5:30pm in WC Choir Rm Awana: "Spare Change Night" 6:30 p.m. in NYC	Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) Session 10		Children's Baptism Class @ 4:30 p.m. in NYC
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Children's Baptism Class

Has your child expressed an interest in being baptized? Do they have questions about why baptism is important or whether they're ready?

We will be offering our monthly baptism class on Saturday, March 20th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in NYC. Parents are required to attend this class with their child. This class helps kids to know exactly why we believe in baptism and decide whether they are ready or want to wait. Have questions? Contact Kelli at ext. 125.

Saturday, March 20th
4:30pm to 5:30pm in NYC Auditorium



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