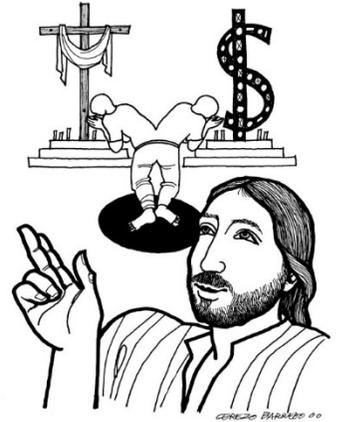




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SEPTEMBER 21st 2025 PEBBLES
BASED ON THE STORY OF THE SHREWD
MANAGER
LUKE 16:1-15



Today I want to share with Jesus' thoughts about honesty. Let's play a game with you and your family or friends. Put a line of masking tape on the floor and then stand along that line of tape.

Pretend your mum gave you 2 biscuits to take next door. This is your favourite kind of biscuit, and it smells so good! You mum said after you come back from giving it to your neighbour and have some lunch, then you can 4 biscuits. The only problem is, that you are hungry right now!

When your mum says 'Go' if you think the right choice is to eat one biscuit on the way next door because they didn't know how many you had in the first place! Then, you can go to the other side of the room. If you think the right choice is take both biscuits next door, then come home and eat lunch, then you can stay right here. Now, ready set GO!

The honest and trustworthy choice is to give your neighbour both biscuits and then eat lunch. If you can be trusted with both biscuits, then you can be trusted with lots of biscuits. Right?

Now everyone come back together and we'll have another try.

Your Grandmother has given you \$10 to buy her a piece of pizza at the Market @The Meeting Place at church. After you do, you notice you have got some change left which is the same amount as the book you saw on the shelf. What do you do? Do you take your Grandmother back the change, or do you use the money to buy the book before you go back to her? What do you do?

One Friday morning in the school holiday's you're out with your mum at the Market @The Meeting place helping your friends at church and you notice that someone has dropped some money on the ground – what do you do – keep it for yourself and don't tell anybody or give it to one of the leaders at the Market @The Meeting Place to put into the lost property box?

Honesty is shown by both what we say and what we do. We always have a choice – like we did in the game you played earlier. And when we're honest with the small things, then Jesus says we can be trusted with bigger and harder choices.

Jesus told a story about a rich man who had a manager working for him who was dishonest. The rich man asked his manager to explain how he'd been using the rich man's money, and sure enough, he had been taking some of the money for himself and cheating his boss.

What do you think happened, and why? If you were the boss would you trust the worker again?

The manager lost his job, but before he was he made up a plan to make some friends who could help him when he was out of work. He went to all the people who owed his employer money. He found out how much they each owed, and said they could pay a much smaller amount, if they paid now. These people were happy to pay a fraction of what they owed, and the manager became their friend since he gave them a discount.

After Jesus told this parable, he said to his disciples, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." If people know that they can trust us in small things, they will know they can trust us in the big things too.

PRAYER God, help me to remember what Jesus taught about honesty – and help me to be honest in every situation – big or small. In Jesus' name, amen.



The Dishonest Manager

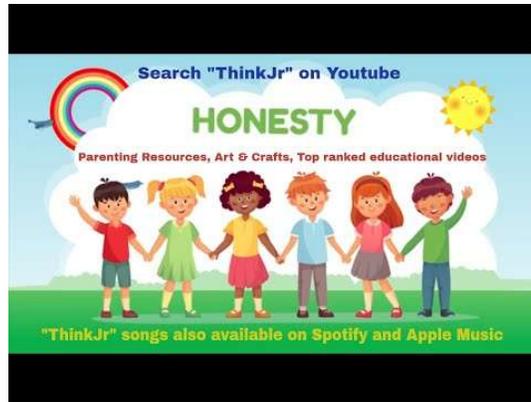
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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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