

# GOD Time

Day 1

Read Luke 6:31

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Ever heard of the Golden Rule? Know how this little rule earned such an important title? It's simple. It WORKS. If you follow this rule, you'll be protected in just about any situation. Here's one example. Would you want others to lie to you? Would you want others to spread a lie about you? Think about treating others the way you want to be treated BEFORE you speak. Not only will you be protecting others, but you'll also be protecting yourself!

Key

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- 2 = e    5 = u
- 3 = i    6 = n

Use the key to decode this week's message.

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THANK Jesus for teaching you the Golden Rule.

Answer: Lying to hurt someone else really hurts you.

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Day 2

Read Exodus 23:1

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Do you know what a rumor is? Basically, it's a made-up story that's told with no real proof that it's true. People spread rumors for all kinds of reasons, but usually it's because they want to hurt someone else. Rumors, or false reports, hurt not only the person you're talking about, but they ultimately hurt you. After all, who wants to be friends with someone they know spreads rumors?



Interview your mom or dad. Ask what they think it means to "spread false reports" and why spreading a rumor can be such a harmful thing. Then think of one thing you can do to make sure you're not guilty of spreading a rumor.



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ASK God to help you avoid rumors this week!

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Day 4

Read James 3:2-5

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Ever been on a ship? It's hard to imagine a great big ship can be turned by a small rudder. That's one example of a small thing making a BIG difference. Your tongue is like a rudder. Although it's a small part of your body, it has the power to do a lot of damage. Even a "little" lie can make a difference because one lie usually leads to another, and another, and another. Choosing truthful words guarantees steering yourself in the right (honest) direction.

Draw a stick figure of yourself, and then draw an arrow to your tongue. Look at how small your tongue is compared to the rest of your body. Write Help me use truthful words below your self-portrait.



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KNOW that God can help you control your "rudder"!

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Day 3

Read 1 John 1:9

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Ever told a "little white lie" about someone and immediately felt guilty? Where does that feeling come from? It's your conscience. God gave you that little voice to tell you when your actions, words, thoughts, or attitudes are out of line with what He wants for you. When you lie to hurt someone else, you really end up hurting yourself. This verse reminds us that when we do admit we've been dishonest and ask for help, God will forgive us.

Can you think of a time when you ignored your conscience about that lie anyway? What happened?

Will God forgive you when you mess up?

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LOOK for ways to check your conscience this week.