

David Is Deceived by His Son

Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

Beth deceived her mother. She lied to get what she wanted. Have you ever done that? The Bible tells of a prince who deceived others to get something he wanted. Would his deception work?

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

- A. David's son Absalom was admired for his good looks and personality. (14:25-26)
- B. Absalom stole the people's support away from David by deception. (15:1-6)
- C. Absalom deceived David into letting him go to Hebron where he acted on his plan of revolt. (15:7-9)
- D. Absalom was proclaimed king by his growing forces. (15:10-12)
- E. David was forced to flee from Jerusalem with his loyal followers. (15:13-23)
- F. Grieved to hear that his advisor, Ahithophel, had joined Absalom, David sent Hushai to counter Ahithophel's advice. (15:30-37)
- G. Hushai's advice was taken over Ahithophel's, and warning was sent to David to escape and prepare for battle. (17:1-14, 16)

III. CLIMAX


Absalom's deceptions finally brought him to deadly defeat, as Joab and his men killed him. (18:5, 14-15)

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. David grieved deeply for Absalom, but Joab urged David to put grief aside to acknowledge his men in their victory. (18:24-33; 19:5-8)
  - B. King David returned to Jerusalem to resume his reign. (19:9-14)
- Challenge (saved child):** God expects you to be honest at all times. [2 Cor. 8:21]
- Invitation (unsaved child):** Believe on the Lord Jesus and be saved. [Acts 16:31]

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.

Lesson Overview	
<b>Scripture</b>	2 Samuel 14:25-26; 15:1-37; 17:1-14, 16; 18:5, 14-15, 24-33; 19:5-14
<b>Memory Verse</b>	Ephesians 4:25 "Putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor."
<b>Teaching Objective</b>	The saved child will refuse to allow deceit to control his life.
<b>Main Teaching</b>	God expects you to be honest at all times.
<b>Teaching Statement</b>	Always be honest!
<b>Emphasis for Unsaved</b>	Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.
<b>Visual Aids</b>	Flashcards 5-1—6, map

Schedule		60-min	75-min
Before Club	Complete attendance record as children arrive, listen to each child recite previous verse	—	—
Opening	Welcome "Good News to All the World" Review rules, "David's Crown" attendance incentive	4	4
Prayer	Prayer requests and praise reports from the children	3	3
Memory Verse	(Review previous verses) 2 Corinthians 8:21 Repetition: "Winners' Circle	8	8
Song	"John 1:12"	2	2
Bible Lesson/ Invitation	(Review previous lesson) <b>David Is Deceived by His Son</b>	20	20
Review	Review game and/or growth activity	0	6
Gospel Activity	"God's World," p. 37 	4	4
Missions	Song: "Children All Around the World" Story: <i>Mountain Pathways</i> , part 5 "Flight to the Field" missions chart, emphasis, prayer	10	10
Song	"Let the Lord Have His Way" (visualized song)	2	2
Wonder Time™	"God Wants to Spend Time with Just You" (visualized song) or "Get It Read" p. 52, quiet time teaching and <i>Wonder Devotional/Book</i> review, awards	6	15
Closing	Announcements, prayer, verse/teaching tokens, <i>Wonderzone</i> bookmarks, <i>Truth Chasers Club</i> starter lessons	1	1

Extended Class Time: Use additional sidebar activities.

## Teaching the Memory Verse

### Preschool Memory Verse

Teach John 3:16 throughout the series. See p. 7 for teaching instructions.

The memory verses in this series are taken from the King James Version of the Bible. If you are using another version, you may need to adapt the explanations slightly.

### Preschool Repetition

"Follow Footsteps"

Repeat the verse as children step along a path of footprints arranged on the floor.

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 4:25  
"Putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor."

**Introduction:** When you clean your room and put things away in your closet and drawers, you plan to get those things out later to use again. Our memory verse today tells us to put something away—but it's something we'll never need to get out later! What do you think it is? (*Allow response.*)

**Presentation:** (*Read the verse from your Bible—or have an older child do so—then have the children read with you from the verse visual.*)

**Explanation:** "Putting away lying"—Stop lying!  
"speak every man truth with his neighbor"—Instead of lying, everyone should tell the truth to everyone else.

**Application:** *Saved:* If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, God wants you to stop lying and tell the truth. This may be hard to do, especially if lying has become a habit for you. You also may be afraid you'll get in trouble if you tell the truth. But telling the truth is always best because others will learn they can trust you. Ask God to help you stop lying and tell the truth.

*Unsaved:* If you are not yet a believer in the Lord Jesus, you do not have the strength to be honest in all things. You need the Lord Jesus to save you from your sin.

**Repetition:** Winners' Circle  
(*Make a large circle with a jump rope. The circle will be large enough for up to 10 children to fit inside. Let the children who think they can say the verse jump into the circle at the same time and repeat the verse in unison. This can be done with or without the verse visual. Every time a group successfully repeats the verse, the rest of the group claps heartily. This recognizes the kids inside the circle as winners because they learned God's Word.*)

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## Gospel Activity

### God's World

(*Secure pictures of the world, a cross and Heaven. Back with flocked paper or flannel for use on flannelboard. If using the presentation with a few children, the pictures may be placed on a table. Or simple sketches may be made on a chalkboard or whiteboard.*)

(*Place figure of world.*) God made the world and all that is in it. He made you. He loves you and wants you to live with Him in His beautiful home in Heaven some day.

God is perfectly good. He does all things right. The Bible tells us, "In him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

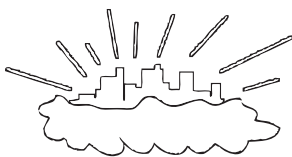
Are we perfectly good? No! Each of us has broken God's laws. Breaking God's laws is called sin. Can you think of some ways people break God's laws? (*Let children share ideas.*) God says, "All have sinned" (Rom. 3:23). We have all gone our own way instead of God's way (Isa. 53:6).

(*Place figure of Heaven.*) Because of our sin we are separated from God. We deserve to be separated from God forever and ever in a place of punishment.

There is no way to Heaven unless God makes a way.

God loves the world and every person He has made. What different kinds of people does God love? (*Children can name people by color, size, nationality, age, abilities.*) There is no one on Earth God does not love!

God loves us so much He made a way for our sins to be forgiven so we can be with Him forever.



God's book, the Bible, tells us what God did. (*Read from John 3:16.*) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

(*Hold cross up.*) God sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus, down from Heaven to Earth. Jesus is perfect—in Him is no darkness at all—no sin. Jesus let wicked men nail Him to a wooden cross. There Jesus died for the sins of all the world. He died for you. He took the punishment for all the wrong things you have done. But God's plan did not end there. Jesus was buried for three days. Then God raised Him up from the dead. Jesus is alive! He is living again with His Father in Heaven.

Now let's look at the rest of the story. (*Read from John 3:16.*) "Whosoever believeth in him [the Lord Jesus] should not perish [shall *not* be separated from God forever], but have everlasting life."

(*Place cross to connect the world and Heaven.*) God's way to Heaven is to believe Jesus died for your sins and trust Him to give you eternal life—life with Him forever and ever. When you believe in Jesus He forgives all your sins. He will be with you here on Earth and someday in Heaven.

Will you believe in Jesus today and trust Him to give you eternal life? (*Offer a place for children to be counseled or give an opportunity for immediate prayer.*)

## Lesson INTRODUCTION

Kia told her mother she was going to Maria's house to do homework when she was really going with friends to a movie she wasn't supposed to see. Kia deceived her mother. She lied to get what she wanted. Have you ever done that? The Bible tells of a prince who used deception to get something he wanted. Would his deception work?

### PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

#### Slide 5-1

King David's son Absalom was greatly admired by the people of Israel. He was very handsome. In fact, they said he was perfect from the top of his head, with its long, flowing hair, to the soles of his feet!

What's more, Absalom had a pleasing personality. He seemed kind and compassionate toward the people.

Early each morning Absalom stood at the entrance to the gate where the people came with their disputes for the king to settle. King David was very busy. It was difficult for him to have time to help the people.

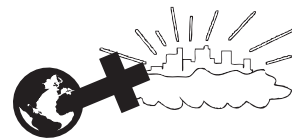
But Absalom wasn't too busy! He greeted the people and said, "It's too bad the king doesn't have someone here to listen to you. If only I were set up as judge in the land! I would see that any man who came to me would get treated right!"

When people came and bowed low in respect, he would take their hands and lift them up and kiss them. In this way he was saying to them, "I am no better than you, even though I am a prince."

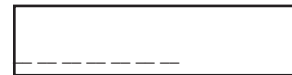
The people loved the attention Absalom gave them. The Bible says Absalom "won the hearts of the men of Israel." And that is exactly what he'd planned! The people thought he was kind and wanted to help them, but Absalom was deceiving them. He drew the people to himself so they would follow him instead of his father, the king! He used deception to get what he wanted.

#### Slide 5-2

Do you use deception to get what you want? Deception is dishonesty. It is tricking someone into believing something that isn't true. Maybe you want to go to a party at your friend's house while their parents are away. You know your parents won't let you go if there are no adults to supervise, so you lie and say your friend's parents are home. Or maybe you can't get something you want from your mother so you go to your father and tell him she said it was okay. If you deceive others to get what you want, it will eventually become a habit that is hard to break.



Before the introduction draw seven blank lines on a chalkboard and let children solve the mystery word (*deceive*) by guessing one letter at a time. Fill in correct letters until the entire word has been filled in. Point to the word as it is mentioned throughout the lesson.



Absalom (AB-suh-lum)  
Gesture—"from the top of his head...to the soles of his feet."

Preschoolers can take turns being Absalom and greeting others as they come to the "gate."

Point to the word *deceive*.



#### Teaching Card and Statement

Show card and have children shout "*Always be honest!*" (See GNC resource pack.) This teaching statement—a shortened version of the teaching emphasis for the saved child—will be easy for kids to repeat. Tell the kids that anytime you call out "Word Up!" they are to shout the phrase back. Call it out during transition times, times when kids are restless or anytime!

Your deceptions may fool some people, but you can never fool God! He sees your heart and knows the truth. You are breaking His law that says you are to tell the truth. Sooner or later you will have to pay for your dishonesty. If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, God expects you to be honest at all times. (*Repeat Ephesians 4:25 together.*) You and I are to be honest toward people and toward the Lord. We are not to use deception to get what we want.

Absalom used deception to get what he wanted. He tricked the people to get them to follow him. Then Absalom put the next part of his deceptive plan into action.

### Slide 5-3

He went to King David with a request. "Father," he said, "please let me go to Hebron to keep a promise I made to the Lord, for I promised the Lord I would serve Him."

It must have pleased David to think his son wanted to serve the Lord. He gave Absalom permission to go to Hebron, where David himself had been made king of Israel.

Absalom was quick to act. He sent his men throughout the land to stir up the people, reminding them of his good qualities. Perhaps they said things like, "David is getting old. He is no longer the leader he used to be. But young Absalom would make a fine leader."

They wanted the people to believe that Absalom would make a good king. Next, they told the people that when they hear the trumpet sounding they should say, "Absalom has become king in Hebron!"

More and more of the Israelites left David to follow Absalom. They didn't ask God who they should follow. They didn't know they were being deceived!

Finally the message came to the palace, "The hearts of all Israel are with Absalom!" How it must have broken David's heart to think his own son had deceived him this way. Perhaps David thought back to the prophet Nathan's warning that because of his sin with Bathsheba there would be much trouble in his family.

David couldn't stay in Jerusalem. If Absalom was determined to take the throne, David's life and the lives of his men were in danger, for Absalom would surely try to capture the capital city of Jerusalem. David quickly sent orders throughout the palace. "Get up! Hurry, or none of us shall escape. We must leave now. If Absalom overtakes us, he will kill us and destroy Jerusalem."

### Slide 5-4

When all were ready, the king, his family and servants left the palace. As they hurried toward the city gates, many people joined them in their escape. There were men, women and children who were loyal to David and wanted to go with him. There were even 600 Philistines who joined the procession! They had followed David ever since he lived in their city of Gath. The men who fought in David's army were also with him. Although Absalom had been able to draw many people to his side, there were still many who loved and believed in David!

David and the people came to the Mount of Olives. David wept as he walked up the steep hillside in sorrow for his son's actions. His head was covered and he walked barefoot to show his grief. Seeing the sadness of the king, the crowd who followed also covered their heads and wept.

Then David heard some more bad news. He heard that Ahithophel, one of his trusted advisors, had joined Absalom. Ahithophel was Bathsheba's grandfather. David counted on his advice, which was always good. How dangerous for David if Absalom now was getting such good advice. David prayed that Ahithophel's advice to Absalom would be foolishness.

At the top of the hill another of David's advisors met him. Hushai also mourned with his clothes torn and dust on his head. David asked a favor of his friend.

"Will you go back to Jerusalem for me?" David asked. He wanted Hushai to be a spy for him. "Pretend to join Absalom as an advisor. Find out what Ahithophel tells him and give different advice. Then find out what he plans and get the message to me."

Hushai agreed to help David and he returned to the city.

In Jerusalem, Absalom was ready to take over the throne. Hushai came and called out, "God save the king! God save the king!"

Point to the word *deceive*.

Choose a child to make a trumpet sound and have all the children say, "Absalom has become king in Hebron!"

Speak as through a megaphone: "Get up! Hurry...."

#### Preschool Song

Sing "Have You Any Fear?"

Philistines (fih-LIS-teens)

Ahithophel (a-HITH-oh-fell)  
Ahithophel's betrayal of David may have come about because of family disputes. He was Bathsheba's grandfather, and his son, Eliam (Bathsheba's father) was one of David's mighty men and probably a friend of Uriah's. It may have been Ahithophel's disgust over David's actions, which had brought shame to Bathsheba and death to Uriah, that prompted his treason.

Hushai (HOO-shigh)

### Slide 5-5

Absalom was surprised and encouraged to see another of David's advisors coming over to his side. Meeting first with Ahithophel, Absalom asked, "What are we to do now? Give me your advice."

Ahithophel answered, "Let me take 12,000 men and start after David tonight. I can overtake him easily for he is weary. He has not had time to organize his men for war. The people will panic then David will be left alone; I can kill him and the nation will be yours."

This sounded like good advice. But Absalom said, "I would like to hear what Hushai has to say. Let's see if he thinks this is a good plan."

Hushai came in and was told what Ahithophel had advised. "Now, shall we do as he said?" Absalom asked Hushai. "If not, we will hear your advice."

Hushai knew that if Ahithophel's advice was followed, David would be captured. Hushai thought carefully, then answered Absalom.

"The advice of Ahithophel is not good. You know your father and his men. They are fine soldiers. And they are angry, like a mother bear which has been robbed of her cubs. They will fight fiercely. Some of your men will be killed. Others will become frightened when they hear there are great losses. I suggest you gather all the soldiers you can, from one end of the kingdom to the other, and lead them into battle yourself. When we find David, there will be so many of your men that we will spread around him like dew falling on the ground. There will be none left of the king or his men."

Absalom thought about the advice of both men, and he decided to take Hushai's advice. Quickly, Hushai sent word to David so he could prepare for battle.

Absalom, the deceiver, had been deceived himself! He thought he was clever in getting what he wanted. He had practiced deception for so long he didn't even recognize when he was being deceived—and now he was about to pay for his dishonesty!

### Slide 5-6

It is a dangerous thing for you to practice deception. If you allow deceit to control your life, before long you will have to pay for your dishonesty. If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, God expects you to be honest at all times. Remember our memory verse. (*Repeat Ephesians 4:25 together.*) If you are God's child, you need to know that those who aren't believers in the Lord Jesus may be watching to see if what you believe is really true. If they see dishonesty in you, they may decide that Christians are no different than anyone else. But as a Christian, you should be different! Tell your parents the truth about where you want to go or what you want to do. If they say no, it'll be for a good reason. God has given you parents to guide and protect you. It's important that you obey them. You may have friends who deceive their parents or teachers to get their own way, but you have the Lord Jesus living in you to give you the strength to fight that temptation. Ask God to help you be honest in everything you do and say. Others will notice, and you will be known as someone who can be trusted. Remember, practicing deception is a dangerous thing. Before long, you will have to pay for your dishonesty.

Absalom was about to find out how dangerous deception can be—he was about to pay for his dishonesty!

David organized his men for battle. Before marching out, they convinced David to stay behind. "You are worth ten thousand of us," they said. "You must stay here so you won't be killed."

Before his men left, David gave them final orders. "Deal gently, for my sake, with the young man Absalom." In spite of all his son had done, David still dearly loved him.

David's commanders led the soldiers into battle, defeating Absalom's army. Twenty thousand of Absalom's men died in the battle.

### Preschool Song

Sing "I Have a Friend."

Point to word *deceive*.



**Teaching Card and Statement**  
Show card and have children shout  
"Always be honest!"

On a chalkboard write *Christian* and *Different*. Let children name some ways a Christian should be different and list them.

"I saw Absalom!" Use voice inflection to add drama to this part of the story.



Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you present the Gospel, emphasizing truths your listeners need to hear. Be sure to reinforce the message of salvation in at least one other place during the class hour. (See schedule, p. 36.)

**Preschool Song**  
Sing "Good News."



**Teaching Card and Statement**  
Show card and have children shout "Always be honest!"  
Read Acts 16:31 from your Bible or have an older child do so.

### Slide 5-7

An Israelite soldier ran to David's commander, Joab, saying, "I saw Absalom! He is hanging by his hair from an oak tree." Absalom had ridden under the tree on his mule and his long hair had gotten tangled in the branches. The mule had run on, leaving him hanging there.

"Why didn't you kill him?" Joab asked. "I would have given you ten pieces of silver for that!"

The soldier shook his head. "I could not have done it for a thousand pieces of silver! I know what King David told you when we left the city."

But Joab and some of his men were already on their way to the oak tree to find Absalom.

### CLIMAX

Absalom's deceptions finally brought him to deadly defeat, as Joab and his men killed him.

### CONCLUSION

When the messengers brought news to David that his army had been victorious, but Absalom was dead, David went off by himself and wept for his son. "O my son, Absalom," David cried. "My son, my son. If only I had died instead of you!" In spite of all of Absalom's sin, David still loved him and his heart was deeply grieved over him.

In a much greater way, God the Father loves you and is grieved over your sin. He is holy—no sin can be where He is. But He loves you greatly in spite of your sin. The Bible says, "But God commendeth [demonstrated] his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). He sent His perfect Son, the Lord Jesus, to Earth to die for your sin. Jesus suffered pain and death on the cross where His blood was given so that you could be forgiven. "And without shedding [giving] of blood is no remission [forgiveness]" (Heb. 9:22). After He died and was buried, He came to life again so that you could believe on Him and be saved from the punishment of your sin. God is grieved over your sin, but He loves you in spite of it.

David loved his sinful son and his grief was very great. Finally, Joab helped David see that he needed to put his grief aside and encourage his people in their victory. David did that, showing his appreciation to the men who had risked their lives for him and for the kingdom.

### Slide 5-8

Soon the entire nation returned to David as their king and he was welcomed back to Jerusalem with much joy. He again led his people with the strength and courage God had given him.

In spite of his joyous return, David still grieved for his son Absalom. How foolish it was for that young man to think that he could get the kingdom for himself through deception.

### CHALLENGE

#### Slide 5-9

If you have been deceiving others to get what you want, you, too, are being foolish. Someday you will have to pay for your dishonesty. If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, God expects you to be honest at all times. You cannot expect God to bless your life if you are breaking His laws, using deception to get your own way. Will you ask God to help you put away dishonest thoughts? Remember, the Lord Jesus lives in you to give you strength to say no to dishonesty. He'll help you obey our memory verse. (*Repeat Ephesians 4:25 together.*) Ask God to make you strong when you are tempted to lie and trick others to get your way. Ask Him to help you be completely honest with all people. He will make your life a shining testimony to others, showing them that what you believe is really true and that your word can be trusted.

Think of a place where it's hard for you to be honest. Maybe it's at home with your parents, at school with teachers or with your friends. Pray about this problem and ask God to help you be honest.

## INVITATION

The strength to be honest comes from the Lord Jesus living in you as your Savior. If you have never asked Him to be your Savior, you can do that today. The Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). If you will admit to God that you have sinned and will turn from your sin, believing that the Lord Jesus died on the cross for you, God promises you will be saved from sin's punishment. Please bow your heads and close your eyes. If you would like to believe on the Lord Jesus and be saved, will you show me by looking up at me? *(Pause and acknowledge responses.)* Those who looked up may meet me *(designate time and location)* so I can show you from the Bible how you can be saved.

## Review Questions

1. Why was Prince Absalom popular among the people of Israel? *(He was very handsome, and he showed the people concern and kindness.)*
2. How did Absalom deceive the people? *(By pretending to care for them, he made the people think he would be a better king than David.)*
3. What lie did Absalom tell David so he could get permission to go to Hebron? *(Absalom told David he wanted to go to keep a promise he made to God.)*
4. What is deception? Why is it so dangerous to practice deceiving others? *(Deception is tricking someone into believing something that isn't true; it can become a habit, causing you to lie often and not be trusted. It is a very poor testimony for a child of God.)*
5. Quote a verse that tells us that we should be honest. *(Ephesians 4:25.)*
6. What did David ask Hushai to do for him? *(To counter Ahithophel's advice and let David know Absalom's plans.)*
7. Why did David ask his commanders to deal gently with Absalom in the battle? *(He still loved Absalom in spite of all he had done.)*
8. What did God do to prove His love for you? *(He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so your sin could be forgiven.)*
9. What happened to Absalom in the battle? *(He was killed by Joab and his men after he was caught by his hair in the tree branches.)*
10. How can you fight the temptation to deceive others? What effect might your honesty have on others? *(Ask the Lord Jesus to help you be honest. Others will know that your word can be trusted; they may see that Jesus makes a difference in your life.)*

## Preschool Review Questions

1. What did King David's son Absalom try to do? *(Take the kingdom away from David.)*
2. What happened to Absalom in the battle? *(He was caught by his hair in some tree branches and David's men killed him.)*
3. Why should you always be honest? *(God says to be honest; so people will trust you.)*
4. How could Jesus pay for your sin when He died on the cross? *(He didn't have any sin of His own; He is the perfect Son of God.)*



Always give an invitation during the class hour. Refer to invitations presented in other lessons and "How to Lead a Child to Christ," inside front cover, for further instruction.

### Preschool Invitation

Sing "Nothing But the Blood" and present the invitation using John 3:16 and "believe in" terminology. Ask those who would like to believe in Jesus to stay with you on the story rug.

### Review Game

"Zonk!"

Divide an 11" x 17" sheet of card stock into 16 rectangles. Print one clean heart, two dark hearts and 13 numbers between 50 and 500 on the rectangles. (See GNC resource pack.) Cut the hearts and numbers apart and put them in a bag. Divide the class into teams and ask questions, alternating between the teams. When a child answers correctly, he may pick from the bag. He may pick as many points from the bag as he wishes but if he gets a "Zonk!" (dark heart card), he loses all points for that turn. If he gets a clean heart card, his points are doubled. The team with the most points at the end wins.

### Preschool Review Game

"Crown Puzzle"

Cut a large crown from construction paper. Cut it into several pieces and back each piece with paper towel or flannel. When a child answers a question, he may place a puzzle piece on a flannel board. Continue until the puzzle is complete and all questions have been answered. Do the puzzle again if necessary until all the children have had a chance to answer.

## Growth Activities

### Bible B's Drill

Draw a large "B" on the chalkboard, then divide the children into teams, matching older kids with younger ones. Write each reference on the board, one at a time, allowing children time to locate it in their Bibles. After each team finds the verse, have them tell what the verse tells us to "B." Then write the word next to the reference.

1 Thessalonians 5:18..... thankful  
Ephesians 4:32..... kind, forgiving  
1 Corinthians 13:4 ..... loving  
Romans 5:3 ..... patient  
Psalm 46:1 ..... helpful  
Galatians 6:10 ..... courteous  
Proverbs 18:27 ..... friendly  
2 Corinthians 8:21 ..... honest

### Bible B's in Action

Refer to the Bible B's written on the chalkboard, then read a situation illustrating each one. (If you choose to skip the drill above, write the list on the board, including the references, and explain that these are ways God expects us to "B.") Have children guess which Bible B each situation represents.

- You thank your grandmother for a birthday gift. (thankful)
- You forgive your sister when she says she's sorry. (forgiving)
- You send a card to a sick friend. (kind)
- You tell your mother that you love her. (loving)
- You teach your baby brother to build a tower of blocks. (patient)
- You wash the dishes without being told. (helpful)
- You say "Excuse me" when you interrupt someone who is talking. (courteous)
- You ask a new child in Sunday school to sit with you. (friendly)
- When a clerk gives you too much change in a store, you return the extra to him. (honest)