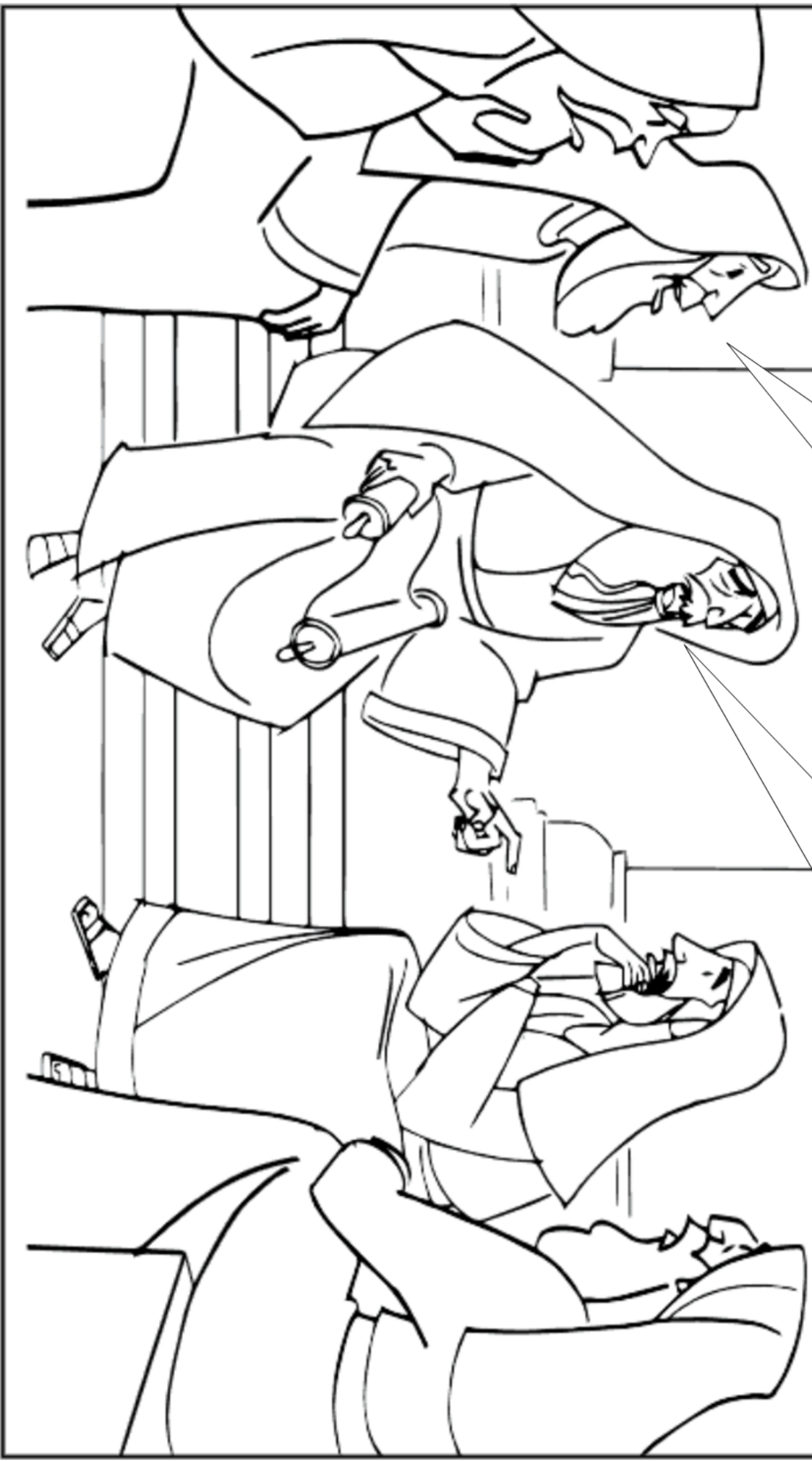


We don't *have* to say
what God says.

Right, we can just say what
the people want to hear!



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Walking with Jesus - Part 2: Do not Lie (Honesty and Integrity)



Bible Study:

Command: Exodus 20:16;

Example 1: Ezekiel 13:1-15 - the lying prophets. Consider the different word pictures that illustrate the worthless and devastating results of lying painted by Ezekiel

Example 2: Acts 5 - Ananias and Sapphira. Consider what lies Ananias was believing and how it contradicts God's truth.

Positive example: God's nature is Truth. (Hebrews 6:18) Since God is perfect, he cannot act contrary to his character.



The gospel in the story:

Philippians 4:8 tells us, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Being truthful is so much more than **not** telling lies. It is about letting the Spirit of Christ dwell in us and give us new ways to think and live. The Holy Spirit helps us live so that our words match our actions, just like Jesus. That is the promise for all who put their hope in Him!

Application:

Head: What did we learn?

Q: What does it mean to 'bear false witness against your neighbor? A: The term 'false witness' is a way to say lie 'about' or 'lie to' someone else.

Q: How do lies affect us? A: Since lies are sins they separate us from God. Which hurts us and others.

Q: Does God tell lies? A: It is impossible for God to tell lies (Hebrews 6:18)

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

Discuss how temptations to lie may occur at **home**, in **school** and in **friendships**.



Prayer:

Psalm 25:5 says, "Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long." Take a moment to pray, thanking God for His truth, and asking Him to guide you and our loved ones **in** His Truth.