

You Shall Not Bear False Witness

Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20

1. **The Testimony of** _____
Exodus 23:1–3

Principle:

2. **The Testimony of** _____
Matthew 15:18–19

Principle:

3. **The Testimony of** _____
Ephesians 4:29–31

Principle:

4. **The Testimony of** _____
James 3:1–15

Principle:

Application:

For Your Family:

Read together the 9th Commandment: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

Explain that this means: “Do not lie.” Talk about how destructive lying can be, and how important it is to your family for everyone to be honest with each other.

Read Genesis 3:1–13

Explain that this is the story about how Satan lied to Adam and Eve, and they sinned against God. There are at least three kinds of lies in this story, all of which your children will face in their lives. Talk about each one:

“*Did God really say ...*” (vs. 1) This is a lie which tried to get Eve to doubt God. We often come up against people or ideas that want us to doubt the goodness of God. Talk about things you can do so that you’re not tempted to doubt God.

“*... a delight to the eyes ...*” (vs. 6) Eve saw that the fruit looked good. Many things in our lives will look good, even though they are actually bad for us. We need to be careful what we look at.

“Others are doing it.” (vs. 6) The story doesn’t actually say that, but Adam ate the fruit partly because he saw Eve eating it. Just because others are doing something, that doesn’t make it right or true. Peer pressure is often a lie.

Review the first nine commandments:

Put God First
Worship Him Only
Keep God’s Name Holy
Keep the Lord’s Day Holy
Honor Your Parents
Do Not Murder
Do Not Commit Adultery
Do Not Steal
Do Not Lie

Pray together that you will be honest with people, and that you will be able to tell when people are lying to you about God and His rules for you.