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STANDING STRONG IN GOD'S TRUTH

WEEK 3

DAY 1 READ DANIEL 5:7

Sometimes doing the right thing means taking a stand when no one else will. But that can also be really hard. Daniel chose to tell the king the truth—that the king's reign was about to end—even though he knew the truth probably would make him a very unpopular guy. Clearly Daniel was more focused on doing the right thing in God's eyes than on being popular and noticed by others, or even rewarded.

Has anyone ever promised you to give you something or do something for you in exchange for you not telling on them? What did you do? How did you feel?

THANK God for the strength to stand up for what's right no matter what others might think.

DAY 2 READ EPHESIANS 4:15

Have you ever had salty-sweet things? Like PB&J or trail mix? That combination of salt and sugar makes for quite a tasty treat!

Speaking the truth in love to others is a lot like salty-sweet treats. You need to take a stand for what is right and speak the truth (salt), but it goes down so much better with love (sweet). Too much of one or the other will make it hard for the other person to hear what you're saying. As you finish reading today, ask an adult if you can make yourself a sweet-salty snack to help you really taste and remember how important both ingredients are!

ASK God to help you speak the truth in love to others.



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DAY 3 READ ACTS 4:13-14, 18-20

What happens when you see someone else yawn? What does your mouth immediately want to do? Yawn, too! It's like yawning is contagious. This reminds me of Peter and John's experience in today's story.

The Sadducees, who were important decision makers, ordered these two disciples (who the Bible says were filled with the Holy Spirit) to stop talking about God. But they said they couldn't help it; they had to talk about Him!

Have you ever been around someone who naturally tells other people about what God's done in their life as they help others?
Write their name here in this box.

LOOK for ways to share with other people all the great things God has done!

DAY 4 READ PSALM 56:3-4

Sometimes it can be scary to stand up and do the right thing. You wonder if you'll be made fun of or maybe the only one. But the truth is, when you do the right thing, God is on your side.

Go outside and find a rock that would fit easily in your pocket. Does it feel pretty solid? Write, "STAND" in marker in really big, bold letters. Try bringing it with you places. Pray that if something happens, you'll stand strong.

KNOW that you are never alone, God is always with you!

