TELLING THE TRUTH!

Teach says: Hello, children! Do you ever play make-believe, when you pretend you're the cook and you're preparing the food for everybody, or when you are Mommy and Daddy taking care of the baby and the house?

Grandpa, Mommy, do you like the creamed tuna I cooked for you?

Ummm...it's delicious! Just the way I like it! Yummy!

There, there, little baby! Don't cry!

OK boys, load 'er up!

Thank you, Honey! You're an excellent cook!

Here's some more for you, Grandpa!

Oh, thank you!

I like "pretending" games a lot and Grandpa says it's good to play them. But one time I learned a real good lesson that helped me to know the difference between pretending and lying.

Would you like to hear it?
It all started one morning when I woke up early before David and Davida--

Good morning, Aunt Dora! Look at my tummy! I'm pregnant! I'm going to have a baby!

That's wonderful! Babies are lots of fun!

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He feels so comfy! Oh, I'm so happy!

Well, we'd better freshen up and go to eat breakfast now, so this sweet mommy will stay healthy and well-fed!

After breakfast--

Sigh! I'm bored! I wonder if the other children are up yet? I'd sure like to go upstairs and have an exciting Bible story with them and a little bit more breakfast! Oh! I know what I can do!

Good morning, Tech!

Good morning, Auntie Sara! Oh, Auntie Sara, nobody ever feeds me! I haven't had any breakfast yet! Can I go upstairs and eat with the others and have a Bible story with them?

Now, Tech, you know that Aunt Dora already fed you a good breakfast this morning. You mustn't say that nobody ever feeds you! You don't have to tell me a lie to get to go upstairs and be with the other children.
If you want a little more breakfast and you would like to come upstairs, why don’t you just be honest and tell me the truth?

I'm sorry, Auntie Sara. I really did have my breakfast. I'm just feeling a little lonesome down here. I'd like to come up and play with David and Davida and have a Bible story.

Of course, Honey. I understand. You're welcome to come up and be with us!

Is that all right, Dora?

Yes, Ma'am!

Oh, thank you!

You see? When you're playing a little game and acting like you're the cook or a sweet pregnant mommy, that's all right, because everybody knows you're just pretending.

We all enjoy it and have a good time.

Yes, Ma'am. I shouldn't have said that I didn't have any breakfast!

But when you're talking about real things that happen to you, it's not right to try to make people believe something that is not true. You must tell things exactly the way they happened.
Oh, Auntie Sara, can we do some skits now? I'd like to play "Abraham, the Gypsy King!"

And we can get dressed like pretty Gypsy girls!

Oh yes! And play some Gypsy songs! Can we?

That's a good idea! Let's finish our breakfast and Bible story, and then we can get all the costumes!

We are Gypsies, led by Abraham ....

Hmmm... Pretty Gypsy girls!

And tomorrow we will travel to Rrrussia to tell the people about Jesus!

Praise the Lord! That was a good skit, children!

I enjoyed acting as Abraham!

That was fun!

Auntie Sara, is Abraham real?
Yes! Of course! He lived on Earth a long time ago and now he helps Grandpa from the Spirit World!

I was playing like I was Abraham!

Right! The real Abraham lives in the Spirit World! David was just pretending that he was Abraham. But it's a good skit because it helps us understand the true story.

I'd like to meet Abraham one day!

Me too!

That evening on video-- Claire, have you seen my little doll? I can't find her anywhere! I feel so sad!

No, Lucy, I haven't seen her. I don't know where she is!

Now, that wasn't a loving thing that Claire did, was it? Claire had the doll behind her back!

No, Grandpa. The girl was telling a lie to her little sister!

Yes. It's a terrible thing to tell lies to try to cover up wrong-doing! The Lord is against lying. He hates it! Who knows a verse about lying?
I do, Grandpa. "I hate and abhor lying; but Thy Law do I love." (Psa.119:163)

And, "Speak every man the truth to his neighbour." (Zech.8:16)

Grandpa, today I learned a lesson about telling the truth, and I learned the verse, "Lie not one to another." (Col.3:9)

Very good! It's better to speak the truth in love, even if it hurts! Do you know what the punishment of a liar is?

--That even when he does speak the truth, no one believes him!

Like the story of "Wolf! Wolf!" When the wolf really came, nobody believed the little shepherd boy, because he had told so many lies before!

Help! Wolf! Wolf!

That's right!

You see, it's not good to say things to try to deceive people, because sooner or later your sin will find you out! (Numbers 32:23)

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!" (Jn.14:6)
Yes, that's right, Techi, and His Words are the Truth. All the stories He told us are true stories that really happened, like "The Prodigal Son" "The Good Samaritan" and "Lazarus and the Rich Man".

And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom.

Father Abraham!

(Lk. 16:22)

Or like the stories that you tell us, Grandpa!

They are all actual dreams or revelations from the Lord, things that I have really seen or heard in the Spirit!

Like "Ivan Ivanovitch!" Or "Bye, Bye Birdie!" Or the story of Abraham that we were playing this morning!

These stories and people are real, even though we don't usually see them with our natural eyes. But we can see them with the eyes of the Spirit!
I'm sure that you too have had some adventures in the Spirit World!

Yes, Grandpa! Like the time I saw a UFO in my bedroom one night!

It's like a diamond of dust!—Only bigger!

And there are some other stories that we all know didn't really happen, but they are good because they teach us the truth and some very good lessons. Like the fable I told you about "Henny Penny". Can you think of any others?

The Hare and the Tortoise?

Right! But remember, there are many stories that are lies, and we should not believe them!

And now I have a surprise for all of you! Would you like to see it?

Like "Santa Claus".

Oh yes, Grandpa! What is it?

Or Evolution, which says we come from the monkeys!
Praise the Lord! It's a nice poster for you to colour!

Thank you! We love you, Grandpa!

You see, the girl in the picture is happy and shining because she's telling the truth!

Grandpa, she's beautiful!

She's beautiful and happy because she learned not to lie, and that the Truth has set her free! (Jn.8:32) Now she's telling the truth!

Telling lies makes us all very sad.

But telling the truth makes us very happy! Always tell the TRUTH! Never tell lies!

Amen!

Yes, Sir!

Oh, Grandpa, remember the dream you had about the Magic Green Shirt, how in the Millennium I was teaching everyone to tell the truth and to be honest with each other! That will be such an exciting job to have!

Tell the Truth!

Amen! And you don't have to wait until the Millennium to teach others to tell the truth! You can teach them right now by your own sample of truth and honesty!
Sometimes at first it's hard to tell the TRUTH! But then we're happy because we know we're pleasing Jesus and others. Telling lies hurts us very much and makes us very sad.

Peter, you should never get things from the kitchen without permission!

But I'm glad you told me about it before someone got badly hurt! God bless you for being honest!

The Devil is a liar and the Father of lies! (Jn.8:44) But the Lord hates lies!

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper! (Pro.28:13)

Ahhh...you don't have to tell the truth. Nobody will find out!

Uh oh! I didn't mean to tear it. The book slipped. It's best to be honest and tell Mommy!

So please don't ever tell a lie or try to cover up the truth. --Or you'll be sorry! Every child of God must learn to tell the TRUTH! Make telling the truth a good habit!

God bless you and keep you telling the truth!