Theme: Lies (RS08)

Aim: To show that lying is wrong and has serious consequences. However, it also looks into the reasons why people feel the need to lie, helps us to consider other ways to react.

Sunday 23rd May

Play: Quiz

Call one end of the room, "one" and the other end "ten". Read out the following scenarios and ask how right you feel it would be to lie in these circumstances. If you think you should definitely not lie, you should stand on one. If you think that lying is the only real option you should stand on ten. How okay is it to lie if: You receive a present that you don't like. // You haven't done your homework // You don't like the food that has been cooked for you. // You don't want to be laughed at because you are the only person who believes something. // You have broken something, but you don't want to get into trouble for it.

Play: Drawing in the dark

Get into pairs in your family, give one person in the pair a piece of paper, a pen and a blindfold. Give the other a piece of paper with the name of an object written on it – for instance, "house". The person without the blindfold has to explain to the blindfolded person what to draw, and the blind folded person follows their instructions as best they can!

So, for a house, the person speaking might say:

"Start at the bottom of the paper. Draw a line going up. Now draw a line going across the paper. Now draw a line going down to the bottom of the page. Go to the corner of the box you have just drawn. Draw a diagonal line going up. Now draw a diagonal line going down."

When finished take off the blindfolds and look at what you have drawn. Then change over so the person describing are now drawing.

Watch: Peter's denial https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppb9bKX1r7k

Read: Peter's denial

Jesus was arrested in the night time. It was dark, and all the disciples ran away, scared that they might be arrested too. Only Peter and John followed Jesus. John knew some of the people at the Chief Priest's house, so he went in and listened to the Priests talking to Jesus. Peter went over to a fire and sat beside it warming himself, because the night was cold and he was feeling lonely and frightened.

As Peter sat there, worrying about Jesus and what would happen next, a servant girl looked at him, and said, "I know you! You were with Jesus too, weren't you?"

"No," Peter replied quickly. "No, not me. You've got the wrong person."

"Yes you were. I'm sure of it," she replied. She looked round at the other servants. "Don't you remember? You were with me when we heard Jesus talking. Wasn't this man with his followers?" Some of the servants started to agree, and Peter stood up angrily. "I wasn't! I've never even listened to him! I don't know him at all!" Peter moved away from the fire to go somewhere a little darker, and a cock crowed in the distance. But he was not left alone. Another servant looked at him and said, "I think you are one of Jesus' followers – your voice gives you away – you've got a Galilean accent, just like him!" "I don't know the man! I swear I don't!" Peter cried out angrily. The cock crowed again and Peter suddenly remembered that Jesus had said to him the previous evening, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny that you know me three times."

Peter went out of the courtyard and cried bitterly. He was ashamed of himself – he had meant to stand up for Jesus and he had betrayed him as badly as Judas had done. Would Jesus ever forgive him, he wondered. Peter's story has a happy ending – Jesus came to him and forgave him. We know this because in Luke 24: 34 there is a verse in which the Disciples tell some of their friends, "The Lord is risen. He has appeared to Simon Peter!". Peter had sinned but God had forgiven him and let him start over again. That's the great thing about God – He always lets us have a second chance if we repent!

Pray:

Finish by saying the Lords Prayer together and following this video for actions that go along with the Lord's Prayer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOugEQpcc_k

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