

## THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

Spike has reached his limit with Skink and his bullying. How will he get back at Skink and what does it have to do with the ninth commandment?

### Let's Get Started

**Episode Theme:** Tell the truth (ninth commandment)

1. [Exodus 20:16](#) is God's commandment against lying. Lying hurts the person telling the lie as much as it hurts the person who hears it. Why do you think that's true?
2. In [Acts 5:1-11](#), Ananias and Sapphira wanted to look good to their church community. They saw that other people were praised for all the money and good deeds that they did. Ananias and Sapphira decided that they would sell some land. They were going to donate all the money they got from the sale to the church. But they kept some money for themselves. They both lied to Peter about how much money they got for selling the property. Why do you think Peter (and God) were so upset by this lie? As you listen to this episode, think about the power of your words to tell the truth or to lie.

### Memory Verse

<sup>16</sup> Do not tell lies about others.

**Exodus 20:16**

### After You Listen

In this episode, Liz and the gang experienced how big lies and little lies can have the same consequences—people get hurt, and it separates us from God.

Christians should always tell the truth—even when it's difficult! Sometimes telling the truth calls for bravery. Have you ever broken something or stolen something and been afraid to tell the truth about the situation?

Or sometimes telling the truth calls for kindness. Have you ever been in a situation like this: you eat something you don't like, but you lie and say that you love it? If you say the food is gross, the person who gave it to you might be hurt or sad. But if you tell a little white lie, you'll make them feel good. How can you tell the truth in this situation?

There are ways to tell the truth with bravery and kindness. If you're not sure how to speak the truth, tell God. He'll be glad to help you honor both the truth and your listener.

Want to dig deeper about how important it is to tell the truth? Check out [Proverbs 12:19](#), [Ephesians 4:25](#), [Titus 2:8](#)

### Challenge

It's simple: Don't lie this week. Keep track of how you feel as you stick to "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

## Take the Episode Quiz

**Question 1:** What does the principal find?

**Answer:** A broken window.

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**Question 2:** Who sent the principal a note accusing Skink?

**Answer:** Spike.

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**Question 3:** How did Granny know who wrote the note?

**Answer:** She recognized the handwriting.

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