

This booklet is part of a range of publications offered to parents to support them. Please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff if you would like further guidance or support.



**Booklets in this range:**

1. Tips on good listening.
2. How to give children more confidence.
3. Helping children to get on with each other.
4. Tips to remember when you need to make a stand.
5. Tips to try when you are asking your child to do something.
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## Parent Survival Guides

No. 8

Tips on dealing with  
dishonesty



Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus

1

Never call a child a liar or a thief.

They may grow to believe it and act like one



Come right to the point without 2  
blaming anyone



Some of the cake has been eaten. Was somebody hungry last night?

3

Ignore arguments and focus on what can be done to sort it out.

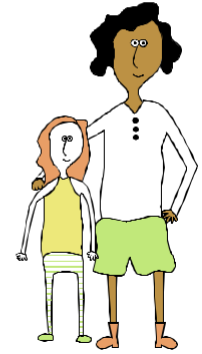
Boys—I don't want to talk about who broke the bike. I want us all to think about how we can fix it.



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Thank children when they tell you the truth

Thank you for telling me what happened, Matt. Sometimes it's hard to tell the truth, especially if you think you might get into trouble. That's very brave of you.



5

Help the child to return things even when they are toddlers.

I'm sorry Joe has taken something and wants to give it back

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Forgive and forget.

We all make mistakes. Our children are still learning how to behave and we need to help them learn what's right and how they can sort things out when they do something wrong.