

A Kiss of Honesty

Family Guardrails

Proverbs 24:26

FAMILY GUARDRAIL: A PREDETERMINED PERSONAL OR FAMILY VALUE THAT BECOMES A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: KISSING SOMEONE

A KISS OF AFFECTION - HONESTY = INTIMACY

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3. Give a list of cultural reasons people have for being “less than honest.” How does dishonesty affect relationships? Can John 8:32 be applied to human relationships? How is honesty a measure of your relationship with another?

4. What are some practical ways to teach honesty to a child? Do you agree or disagree with this statement: “When a teenager lies to his parents, it reveals a weak relationship between the parent and the teen.” How should parent respond to a lying teenager?

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