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ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:	**DEFINITION**:
TRUSTWORTHINESS	Being dependable without a doubt

MEMORY VERSE:

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise!" Hebrews 10:23

FINISH LINE:

There are consequences for not trusting God's plan

READ: GENESIS 12

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

READ GENESIS 12:1-4, 7
1. Look at verses 2-3, 7. What promises did God make to Abram? *(God promised to make Abram into a great nation, to bless the world through him, and give special land to his family.)*

READ GENESIS 12:10-17, 20
2. What was Abram worried about? *(That the Egyptians would kill him so they could marry Sarai.)*
3. How were Abram and Sarai untrustworthy? *(When they got to Egypt they lied and said Sarai was Abram's sister.)*
4. What were the consequences for their untrustworthiness? *(God sent plagues on the Egyptians until they realized they had been lied to. Then they kicked Abram and Sarai out of the country.)*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. If you had been there with Abram and Sarai, what would you have reminded them about God? *(Ex: God loves them, He is good, He is a protector, etc.)*
2. Do you think God would have protected Abram and Sarai if they had not lied? Why? *(Yes, He had made a promise to them and God always keeps His promises.)*
3. How did God keep His promise to Abram and Sarai through the rest the Bible? *(Just as God promised, He grew Abram's family. Jacob, Abram's grandson, had 12 sons who became the 12 tribes of Israel. The family kept growing and includes leaders like Moses, kings like David, and a girl named Mary who gave birth to Jesus.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. When are you tempted to not be trustworthy? Why? What are some consequences you have received?
2. Why do you think God want us to be trustworthy and follow His way? Are God and His ways always trustworthy? *(He is.)* Why do you say that?
3. How can God help you follow His plan when you are tempted to go your own way this week?