

# TELLING THE TRUTH!

Techi says: Hello, children! Do you ever play make-believe, when you pretend you're the cook and you're preparing the food for everybody, or when you are Mommy and Daddy taking care of the baby and the house?



Grandpa, Mommy, do you like the creamed tuna I cooked for you?

Ummm...it's delicious! Just the way I like it! Yummy!

There, there, little baby! Don't cry!

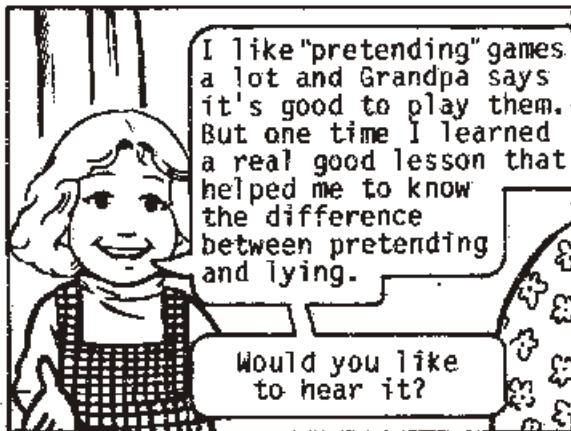
OK boys, load'er up!

Thank you, Honey! You're an excellent cook!



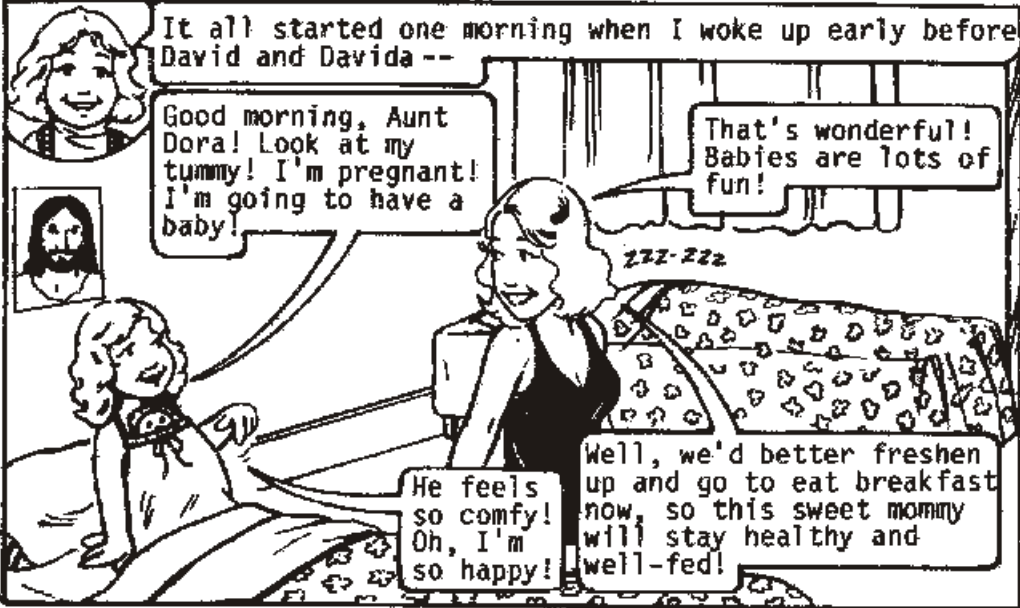
Here's some more for you, Grandpa!

Oh, thank you!



I like "pretending" games a lot and Grandpa says it's good to play them. But one time I learned a real good lesson that helped me to know the difference between pretending and lying.

Would you like to hear it?



It all started one morning when I woke up early before David and Davida --

Good morning, Aunt Dora! Look at my tummy! I'm pregnant! I'm going to have a baby!

That's wonderful! Babies are lots of fun!

He feels so comfy! Oh, I'm so happy!

Well, we'd better freshen up and go to eat breakfast now, so this sweet mommy will stay healthy and well-fed!

After breakfast --

Sigh! I'm bored! I wonder if the other children are up yet? I'd sure like to go upstairs and have an exciting Bible story with them and a little bit more breakfast! Oh! I know what I can do!

Good morning, Tech!

Good morning, Auntie Sara! Oh, Auntie Sara, nobody ever feeds me! I haven't had any breakfast yet! Can I go upstairs and eat with the others and have a Bible story with them?

Now, Tech, you know that Aunt Dora already fed you a good breakfast this morning. You mustn't say that nobody ever feeds you! You don't have to tell me a lie to get to go upstairs and be with the other children.

If you want a little more breakfast and you would like to come upstairs, why don't you just be honest and tell me the truth?

I'm sorry, Auntie Sara. I really did have my breakfast. I'm just feeling a little lonesome down here. I'd like to come up and play with David and Davida and have a Bible story.

Of course, Honey. I understand. You're welcome to come up and be with us!

Is that all right, Dora?

Yes, Ma'am!

Oh, thank you!

You see? When you're playing a little game and acting like you're the cook or a sweet pregnant mommy, that's all right, because everybody knows you're just pretending.

We all enjoy it and have a good time.

But when you're talking about real things that happen to you, it's not right to try to make people believe something that is not true. You must tell things exactly the way they happened.

Yes, Ma'am. I shouldn't have said that I didn't have any breakfast!

Oh, Auntie Sara,  
can we do some  
skits now? I'd  
like to play  
"Abraham, the  
Gypsy King!"

And we can  
get dressed  
like pretty  
Gypsy girls!

Oh yes! And  
play some  
Gypsy songs!  
Can we?

That's a good idea! Let's  
finish our breakfast and  
Bible story, and then we  
can get all the costumes!

We are Gypsies, led  
by Abraham.....

Hmmm...  
Prrretty  
Gypsy  
girls!


And tomorrow we  
will travel to  
Rrrussia to tell  
the people about  
Jesus!

Praise the Lord! That was  
a good skit, children!

I enjoyed acting  
as Abraham!

That  
was  
fun!

Auntie  
Sara, is  
Abraham  
real?



Yes! Of course! He lived on Earth a long time ago and now he helps Grandpa from the Spirit World!

I was playing like I was Abraham!

Right! The real Abraham lives in the Spirit World! David was just pretending that he was Abraham. But it's a good skit because it helps us understand the true story.

I'd like to meet Abraham one day!

Me too!

That evening on video--

Claire, have you seen my little dolly? I can't find her anywhere! I feel so sad!


No, Lucy, I haven't seen her. I don't know where she is!

Now, that wasn't a loving thing that Claire did, was it? Claire had the doll behind her back!

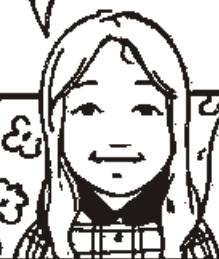
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No, Grandpa. The girl was telling a lie to her little sister!


Yes. It's a terrible thing to tell lies to try to cover up wrong-doing! The Lord is against lying. He hates it! Who knows a verse about lying?



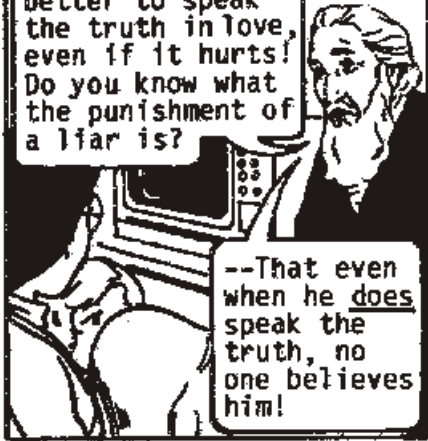
I do, Grandpa. "I hate and abhor lying: but Thy Law do I love."  
(Psa.119:163)



And, "Speak every man the truth to his neighbour."  
(Zech.8:16)




Grandpa, today I learned a lesson about telling the truth, and I learned the verse, "Lie not one to another."  
(Col.3:9)



Very good! It's better to speak the truth in love, even if it hurts! Do you know what the punishment of a liar is?

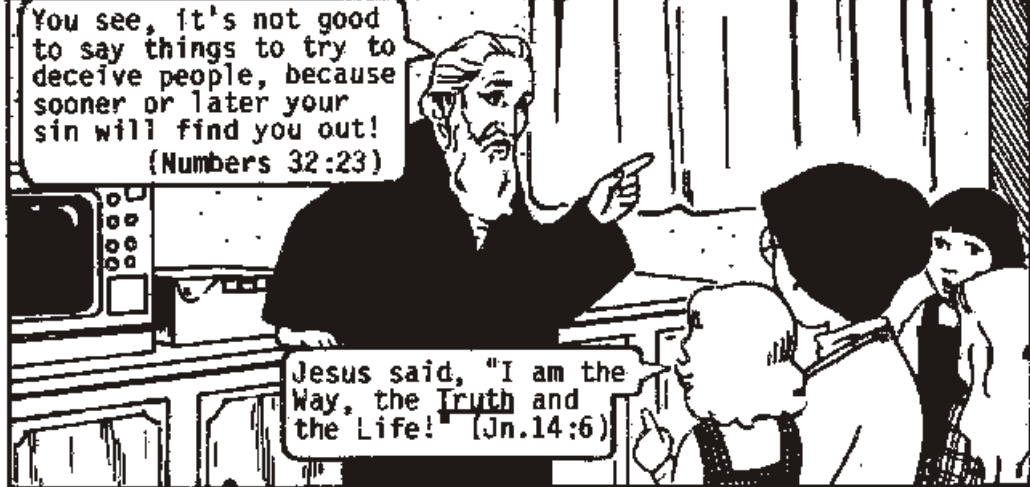
--That even when he does speak the truth, no one believes him!



Like the story of "Wolf! Wolf!" When the wolf really came, nobody believed the little shepherd boy, because he had told so many lies before!

Help! Wolf! Wolf!

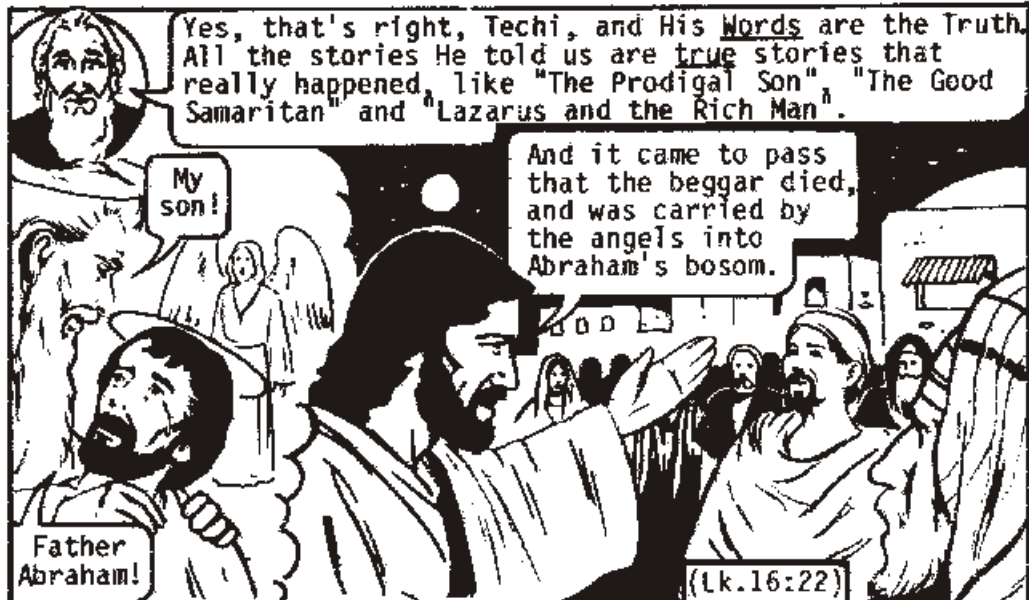
That's right!




You see, it's not good to say things to try to deceive people, because sooner or later your sin will find you out!  
(Numbers 32:23)

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!" (Jn.14:6)



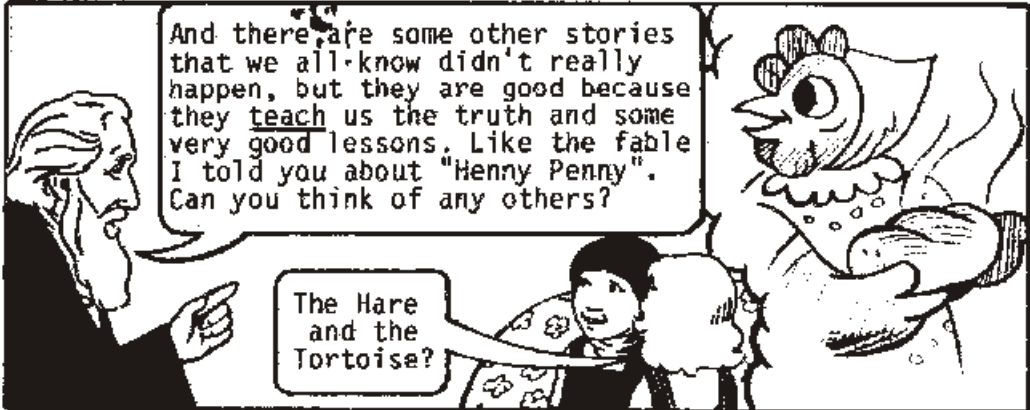


A black and white comic panel. On the left, an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a dark suit, is gesturing with his right hand. He is looking towards two children on the right. The child in the foreground is a girl with dark hair in pigtails, wearing a dark dress over a light shirt. She is looking up at the man. Behind her, another child is partially visible. In the background, there is a window showing a bright sun or moon.

I'm sure that you too have had some adventures in the Spirit World!

Yes, Grandpa! Like the time I saw a UFO in my bedroom one night!

It's like a diamond of dust!--Only bigger!

A black and white comic panel. The elderly man is on the left, pointing his right index finger towards the children. The girl is in the center, looking at him. Behind her, another child is visible. On the right, there is a large, stylized illustration of a chicken wearing a bonnet and holding a small object in its beak.

And there are some other stories that we all know didn't really happen, but they are good because they teach us the truth and some very good lessons. Like the fable I told you about "Henny Penny". Can you think of any others?

The Hare and the Tortoise?

Right! But remember, there are many stories that are lies, and we should not believe them!

Like "Santa Claus".

Or Evolution, which says we come from the monkeys!

And now I have a surprise for all of you! Would you like to see it?

Oh yes, Grandpa! What is it?



Praise the Lord! It's a nice poster for you to colour!

Thank you!  
We love you,  
Grandpa!

You see, the girl in the picture is happy and shining because she's telling the truth!

**SPOKES OF LIGHT!**



Grandpa, she's beautiful!

She's beautiful and happy because she learned not to lie, and that the Truth has set her free! (Jn.8:32)  
Now she's telling the truth!

Telling lies makes us all very sad.

But telling the truth makes us very happy! Always tell the TRUTH! Never tell lies!

Amen!

Yes, Sir!

Yes, Sir!

Oh, Grandpa, remember the dream you had about the Magic Green Shirt, how in the Millennium I was teaching everyone to tell the truth and to be honest with each other! That will be such an exciting job to have!

Tell the Truth!

(See "Magic Green Shirt", TK No.629.)

Amen! And you don't have to wait until the Millennium to teach others to tell the truth! You can teach them right now by your own sample of truth and honesty!

