**Hostel Week 6**

**Topic:** Lies and Honesty

**1. Welcome** (Simon) (6:45)

Welcome to another awesome night! Let’s open our time with a word of prayer.

**2. Monkeys and Giraffes** (Mark) (6:45-7:00)

Every one pairs up and stands in a circle (maybe 2 smaller circles depending on size of the group). Each group must give in one personal item they have on themselves and the items are placed in the center of the circle. One person in each pair is names a Monkey while the other is named a Giraffe. When the leader calls “Monkey on Giraffe” the Monkey has to jump on the back of the Giraffe. And vice versa. When the leader calls “Monkey Around Giraffe” – the Monkey has to climb around the Giraffe and back onto it’s back without touching the ground (and vice versa). When the leader calls: “Monkey Run” or “Giraffe Run” the person with that name has to run around the outside of the circle until they get back to their partner and then run into the middle of the circle and grab one of the items. The pair who does not grab one of the items has to return to the circle and sit down (they are out). Continue playing until there is a winning pair left over.

**3. Matchstick Truth or Lie** (Cheru) (7:00-7:15)

Divide the big group up into small groups of about 10 people and give each person 5 matchsticks. Tell people that someone is going to make a statement about themselves and they have to guess whether it is True or False. If they thinking it is True they must hold up two thumbs up in front of their body and if they think the statement is False, they must hold two thumbs down in front of their body. Go around the circle and let each person take turns sharing their statement. Give people 20 seconds to think of their answer and then on GO have everyone show whether they think it is True or False (thumbs up or thumbs down). The player then reveals the correct answer and those who got it wrong must give the player one of their matchsticks. Once everyone has had a turn get them to count up how many matchsticks they have, the player with the most wins and gets a prize.

**4. My Confession** (Debbie) (7:15-7:30)

In the small group each person is given a piece of paper and they have to write down one confession - something they have done in the past that they are coming clean about. All the papers are then collected and handed out randomly to people in the group. Go around the group and give each person a chance to share the confession they got and the group has to try and guess who wrote that confession. The person who wrote the confession must own up once the group has tried to guess who wrote the confession.

**5. Telling the Truth** (Cheru) (7:30-7:40)

This activity gets people practicing telling the truth. They have to share three truths about themselves: Something they did yesterday, Something they did today, and Something that they will do tomorrow. Let everyone have a turn to share without being interrupted.

**6. The Bible and Honesty** (Mark) (7:40-7:50)

We are going to look at three Bible verses about honesty. One person will read a verse and we will briefly see what we learn from the verse – so be quick to share what you think about the verse. Then we will read another verse and share thoughts and finally someone will read the last verse and we will share more thoughts.

“Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed.” (Proverbs 12:19)

“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.” (Luke 12:2)

“No more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ’s body we’re all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.” (Ephesians 4:25)

**7. Throw The String** (Debbie) (7:50-8:00)

Have the small groups of 10 stand up and give each group a ball of string and the first person shares what they learnt on the night and then they throw the ball of string to someone else while holding on to the end. Continue until everyone has had a chance to share what they learnt and a web is formed. Ask everyone to bow their heads and ask God to help them to be honest and not tell lies – and then have someone pray out loud for everyone to be honest and not tell lies. Tell people that on a countdown (3, 2, 1, Zero) they are going to let go of the string as a sign that they are letting go of lying!

**8. Wrap Up and Prayer** (Simon) (8:00)

Simon will share his testimony of how the weight of sin or dishonestly was removed when he gave his life to Jesus and share some thoughts to pull the evening together before closing in prayer.

**Standby Activity:**

**1. Group Sharing**

Each person thinks of a time in their life when they were dishonest (told a lie, cheated or stole something). They share it with the group and then someone opposite them asks these questions about their story:

(1) Why did it happen?

(2) How did you feel about it at the time?

(3) Did it affect any of your relationships?

(4) Did it cause any problems for you?

(5) How do you feel about it now?

(6) What did you learn from it?