

Flying into History

Faith Supplement



The Legacy of Amelia Earhart

Memory Verse

Proverbs 11:3 (NIV)

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them."

Relevant Scripture

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."

1 Peter 3:16 (NIV)

"Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

Instructional Goals

- Students will learn about Amelia Earhart's integrity and character.
- Students will explore the concept of integrity through Biblical scripture and discussions.
- Students will engage in an interactive activity using their Bibles to find and discuss relevant passages.
- Students will create a craft that represents their understanding of integrity.

Integrity and Character with Amelia Earhart

Objective

To teach children about integrity and character through the example of Amelia Earhart, connecting her qualities to Biblical principles.

Materials Needed

- Student Bibles
- Integrity Cards (pre-made cards with different scenarios for discussion)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Stickers or embellishments for decorating
- String or ribbon (for crafting)
- A large poster board for group activity
- Copies of the memory verse for each student

Introduction

- Begin with a brief review of Amelia Earhart's life, focusing on her integrity and character.
- Discuss how integrity means doing the right thing even when no one is watching and why it's important in our lives.

Scripture Reading

- Read and discuss the following verses:
 - Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV): "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
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Scripture Reading (continued)

- 1 Peter 3:16 (NIV): "Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."
- Ask students to find these verses in their Bibles and discuss what integrity looks like in these contexts. Use the information below to help students connect each verse to Amelia Earhart and the integrity she exemplified.

Colossians 3:23-24

Connection: This verse encourages doing everything wholeheartedly, as if serving God rather than people. Amelia Earhart exemplified this by dedicating herself fully to her passion for flying and her advocacy for women in aviation. She approached her work—whether it was flying, lecturing, or supporting other women—with commitment and purpose. Amelia's drive and dedication reflect her understanding that her efforts were not just for personal recognition, but also for a greater cause, inspiring future generations to pursue their dreams with the same heart and passion.

Proverbs 10:9

Connection: This verse emphasizes that integrity leads to security, while dishonesty leads to consequences. Amelia faced skepticism and challenges as a female pilot in a male-dominated field, but her integrity allowed her to navigate these obstacles confidently. She made choices based on her values, knowing that walking in integrity would build trust and respect, not only for herself but also for the women who followed in her footsteps. Her commitment to integrity helped her establish a solid foundation for her career and legacy.

1 Peter 3:16

Connection: This verse highlights the importance of maintaining a clear conscience amidst adversity. Amelia Earhart faced criticism and doubt throughout her career, yet she remained true to her beliefs and values. By keeping her integrity intact, she could rise above negativity and inspire others.

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S1 Peter 3:16 (continued)

Amelia's ability to maintain her integrity in the face of challenges showcased her strength of character, making her a role model for young girls and aspiring pilots. Her actions reflected her belief that good behavior and a clear conscience are vital to achieving one's goals and standing firm against slander.

Summary

By connecting these scriptures to Amelia Earhart's life and actions, students can see how her integrity aligned with these biblical principles. They illustrate how Amelia worked diligently, walked securely in her values, and maintained a clear conscience while making significant contributions to aviation and women's rights. This connection reinforces the importance of integrity in their own lives as they aspire to achieve their dreams.

Integrity Cards Activity

- Hand out Integrity Cards with various scenarios that test integrity (e.g., finding a lost wallet, seeing someone cheat, etc.).
- In small groups, students will discuss each scenario, decide what the right action would be, and relate it back to the scriptures.
- Each group shares their thoughts with the class.

Integrity Poster

- Have students create a large group poster titled "Integrity in Action."
- Provide construction paper for students to write or draw examples of integrity they can practice in their daily lives, inspired by Amelia Earhart.
- Encourage them to decorate the poster with stickers and drawings that represent their ideas.

Memory Verse

- Introduce the memory verse: Proverbs 11:3 (NIV): "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them."

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Memory Verse (continued)

- Have students repeat the verse together and discuss how it relates to their lives and Amelia's story.

Wrap-Up and Reflection

- Discuss the importance of integrity and how Amelia Earhart's character exemplifies this virtue. Ask students how they can show integrity in their lives.
- Play a short game where students take turns sharing one action they will take this week to show integrity, and each will receive a sticker as a reminder of their commitment.

Closing Prayer

- Conclude with a prayer, asking God to help everyone embody integrity in their daily lives, just as Amelia Earhart did.

Integrity Cards for Classroom Use

Instructions

Each card contains a scenario that challenges students to think about integrity. Distribute one card to each student or group. Allow students to discuss the scenario and their responses before sharing with the class.

Integrity Card 1

Scenario: You find a classmate's wallet on the floor. Inside, you see money and a student ID. What do you do?

Integrity Card 2

Scenario: During a group project, you notice that a teammate is copying information from the internet without citing it. What action do you take?

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Integrity Card 3

Scenario: Your friend asks you to lie about where they were last weekend because they skipped an important family event. How do you respond?

Integrity Card 4

Scenario: You accidentally receive too much change after buying a snack. Do you keep the extra money or return it to the cashier?

Integrity Card 5

Scenario: While studying for a test, you see the answers written on a piece of paper someone left behind. Do you use the answers or report what you found?

Integrity Cards for Classroom Use

Integrity Card 6

Scenario: You see a younger student being bullied during recess. What do you do to show integrity in this situation?

Integrity Card 7

Scenario: Your teacher gives you a chance to redo an assignment that you didn't try hard on the first time. What choice do you make regarding your effort?

Integrity Card 8

Scenario: A friend confides in you about cheating on an exam. They ask you to keep it a secret. What do you decide to do?

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Integrity Card 9

Scenario: You witness someone taking credit for an idea that isn't theirs during a class discussion. How do you handle the situation?

Integrity Card 10

Scenario: You discover that a team member did not complete their part of a group project, and you have a chance to cover for them. What do you choose to do?

These cards will encourage thoughtful discussions about integrity and help students reflect on their values!