

THE TRUTH AND LIE INVENTORY

- I never lie.
- I rarely lie.
- I lie, but I feel bad about it afterward.
- I lie to protect myself.
- I lie to protect others.
- I never lie to my friends.
- Sometimes it's okay to lie.
- Everyone lies.
- I know at least one person who never lies.
- Jesus never lied.
- There are sometimes good reasons for lying.
- God wants us to tell the truth always.
- God knows that an occasional lie is necessary.
- Telling the truth always brings positive results.
- Telling the truth is a way of trusting God.
- I feel better about myself when I am honest, even if it causes trouble.

LYING AROUND

Before your meeting recruit a quick-thinking volunteer to take the role of a *compulsive liar*. Prepare the liar by explaining:

- Your job will be to answer all questions with lies.
- The "truth" that you are trying to hide is this: There is a fire starting in the next room of the building.
- It will be the group's job to get this "truth" out of you.

In your meeting, introduce your volunteer with these explanations:

- This is (*name of volunteer*). She (or he) is a compulsive liar. Nothing she (or he) says is the truth.
- She (or he) knows something extremely important for us to know. We've got to get it out of her (or him).
- I'll begin by asking the first question: "Is there an emergency somewhere?"