

A 3D-rendered illustration of two young children standing and holding hands. The child on the left is a girl with curly brown hair, freckles, and a pink sleeveless dress with a ruffled hem, wearing pink sandals. The child on the right is a boy with curly brown hair, freckles, a blue t-shirt, dark blue shorts, and white sneakers. They are both smiling and looking towards the viewer.

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Micah walked quickly down the path
with his shoes kicking up dust.
“Zara! Come on!” he called.



Zara skipped behind him.
“I’m coming! But the wind is whispering today...”



Micah rolled his eyes. “Wind doesn’t whisper.
You’re just imagining things.”
But the wind *did* whisper - and Zara listened.



At the edge of the path, a gate stood open.
It hadn't been there yesterday.



Zara reached for Micah's hand.
"Do you think it's safe?"



Micah grinned.
“Only one way to find out.”



They stepped through the gate and into the garden.
Everything was glowing.
Even the dirt sparkled.



“Hello, Keepers,” came a soft gentle voice.
It was the Gardener.
He was tall and quiet, his hands covered with dirt.



**“I have something for you,” he said,
as he handed a pouch to Zara.**



“What is it?” Zara asked.



**“These are Truth seeds.” The Gardener said.
“They only grow when spoken with care.”**



Micah frowned. "What do you mean?"



“Each one is a word...a true word,” said the Gardener.
“First, you plant them with your words,” he continued.
“Next, you water them with kindness. Then you wait.”



The Gardener handed them each a tiny seed.
“Speak a Truth,” he said.



Zara held hers close.
“I’m sometimes afraid of the dark,” she whispered.



Micah hesitated. Then:

“I told Zara yesterday she was annoying,
but really...I didn’t want to share.”

The seed warmed and glowed brighter in his hand.



“Truth can feel small,” the Gardener said.

“But it grows deep.”

He pointed to two empty patches of soil.



Micah and Zara knelt down and planted their seeds.
The ground shimmered as they covered them with care.



They waited.
And waited.



Nothing.



Zara pouted. “Did we do it wrong?”
Micah shrugged. “Maybe they need more water.”



The Gardener smiled.
“What do you water a Truth seed with?”
Zara thought. “Kindness?”



Micah reached for her hand.
“I’m sorry I said you were annoying.”
Zara smiled. “It hurt, but I forgive you.”



The ground trembled,
and a tiny sprout burst from the soil.
One...then two!



Their sprouts grew into strong little plants
with wide leaves and golden tips.
Zara gasped. “They’re...beautiful!”



**“Truth is beautiful,” said the Gardener.
“But weeds grow fast around it,”
as he pulled a weed.**



A vine slithered near Micah's plant.
"I didn't break the cup," it hissed.



Micah frowned.
“But I did break it. That was a lie.”
The vine shriveled.



Zara's plant drooped.
She looked away.
"I told Mama I didn't eat the cookie, but I did."



**“Go plant a new Truth,” said the Gardener gently.
“You can always start again.”**



Zara cupped a new seed.
“I ate the cookie, Mama.”
It glowed and started to grow.



**They planted again....this time with braver hearts.
Truth was growing everywhere!**



The Gardener knelt beside them
“You are Keepers,” he said.
“Keepers of the Garden and Keepers of Truth.”



Zara touched the leaf of her Truth plant.
“It’s soft...but strong.”



Micah stood tall. “I want to plant more.”
The Gardener smiled. “Then speak what is real.”



Zara whispered,
“Even little voices can grow big truth.”



Micah nodded and said,
“And even big voices need to speak gently.”



The Gardener placed a hand on their shoulders.

“Keep speaking Truth, and
wherever you go, it will grow.”



As they walked back home,
the wind whispered again.
Only this time, Micah heard it too.

The Keepers and the Seeds of Truth Garden Lessons

Every garden begins with seeds, but not every seed grows into something good. When we plant truth in our hearts, it is like planting strong, healthy seeds that can grow into beautiful flowers and tasty fruit. Truth gives us roots that hold steady, even when storms or lies try to shake us.

When we speak truth, people know they can trust us, just like we can always trust YHVH. He cares for the seeds of truth and helps them grow strong. Even small truths, like tiny seeds, can grow into something big and wonderful when we protect them.

So whenever you are unsure, remember: truth is like sunlight in the garden—it makes everything else healthy. Guard truth in your heart, and your garden will always have room to bloom.



Let's Talk About It

Memory Verse:

Lord, [YHVH] who can live in your sacred tent?

Who can stay on your holy mountain?

² Anyone who lives without blame
and does what is right.

They speak the truth from their heart.

Psalm 15: 1-2 [Emphasis added]

Discussion Questions:

What does it mean to speak the truth?

Have you ever said something that wasn't true?

What happened?

Why is it sometimes hard to tell the truth?

How can we water truth with kindness?

Activity Suggestion:

Activity: Plant a Seed Cup

- Give each child a small paper cup, a spoonful of soil, and a seed (bean or sunflower seeds work well).
- As they tuck the seed in, talk about how truth is like a seed—it grows when we take care of it.
- Children can water it and watch it sprout over time.
- (Optional: have them draw a “truth label” for their cup.)

Continue the Story

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