

**Parents - If you haven't already read the pages on "Developing Character in Your Children," you might want to go there first before reading these pages.**



## Lazy Lions

(For 3 or more children)

1. Choose one or two children to be laughing hyenas. The other children are lazy lions.

2. The Lazy lions pretend to be dozing.

3. The laughing hyenas move among the lions, trying to get them to respond by moving, opening their eyes, or smiling or laughing. They are not allowed to touch the lions.

4. If a lion responds to the hyenas in any way, he has to take the role of a hyena and join them in trying to

## Tips for Parents to Encourage Truthfulness

Training your children to be truthful will take steady and consistent instruction and follow up, as children naturally try to cover up their mistakes by lying. But as they begin to see the value of truthfulness, they will begin to commit in their hearts to be truthful. That is the goal of training in truthfulness, so that it permeates all their actions and attitudes.

Try these activities:

Read aloud together stories of heroes of good character, such as Abraham Lincoln. This will instill in the children a standard of behavior that includes truthfulness.

Challenge the older children to find stories in the newspapers or from real life situations to share at the dinner table where someone has been truthful. Be sure to emphasize the heroic aspect when someone has sacrificed to be truthful.

Be sure the children will know they will be honored for telling the truth, even when they have done wrong.

Read about claims for products and services and encourage the children to look carefully into the facts behind such claims.

Read news articles with the children or comment on a TV show you have all watched where truthfulness was not practiced. Let the children role play the situation (or discuss it) by putting truthfulness into it.

Have the children make the Lion Face (or the coloring page) and hang it in a prominent place as a reminder to be truthful.