

Grandma's Broken Vase

GOD'S WORD

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9 (WEB)



THE STORY

LJ kicks his ball in the house and Grandma's blue vase breaks. When Mom and Dad come running, he points at the window like the ball came from outside. He hides the pieces under his bed, and the lie gets heavier every day. Then Dad tells him about the window he broke as a boy. LJ tells Dad the truth, carries the box to Grandma himself, and she hugs him before she says one word about the vase.

It closes with Jesus' story of the son who came home, and the father who ran to meet him (Luke 15:11-32).

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. What did LJ break, and what did he say when Mom and Dad came running?
2. Why did the lie feel heavier and heavier, even though everyone believed him?
3. Grandma hugged him before she said one word about the vase. Why does that matter so much?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, when I do something wrong, help me tell the truth right away instead of hiding it, even when I'm scared. Thank You that You forgive me and make me clean. Thank You for the people who love me before they hear the end of the sentence. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Make a "gold seam." Mend something small that is already chipped with glue and a line of gold marker, so the mend shows on purpose, and put it where everyone sees it. Grown-ups go first: tell your child about a time you broke something and blamed something else.

DRAW IT

Draw something that got broken and mended, and the person you would tell the truth to.