



Rustie's Big Lie

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PUPPETS

1. RIPLEY
2. RUSTIE
3. TEACHER
4. YANAL
5. MOM
6. DAD
- 7.

PROPS

1. PORTABLE STAGE
2. FULL STAGE
3. BALLOONS
- 4.

SOUND

1. WORSHIP SONGS (2) (lies/commandments)
2. School bell
3. Phone Ring
4. Song for script - lies

ACT I

Ripley: Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids! All right everybody stand up put your hands in the air and shake em!

Sound: Play first worship song.

Ripley: Today we are going to start a series on the 10 commandments. How many of you know the 10 commandments? Well be thinking about them 'cause we are going to be asking some questions about them at the end of the show today. Can any of you guess which one of the Ten Commandments we are going to be talking about today? That's right, "thou shalt not lie."
Have you ever told a lie? Were you sorry about it later? Well today Rustie is going to find out that lying is not only wrong, it costs you more in the long run than telling the truth.

Scene: Rustie is talking with her teacher.

Teacher: Rustie, what happened to your homework?

Rustie: Well, it was like this. You see my little brother found it in my room and flushed it down the toilet. (The balloon on her shoulder blows up a little.)

Teacher: I find that very hard to believe Rustie. You have already missed so much work that you are in danger of failing this class if you don't get caught up. Did you give your parents the paper I sent home with you?

Rustie: Of course I did. They have just been real busy. But I'll ask them to sign it and I'll bring it back tomorrow. (The balloon gets bigger.)

Teacher: Rustie, I want you to understand that if you don't get caught up, you won't be able to graduate.

Rustie: Yeah, yeah... whatever. Besides, it's not like I am going to use math in *real life*.

Teacher: This is all very important Rustie. (Bell rings and Rustie takes off.)

Scene: Rustie goes out to the play yard where a good friend is waiting for her.

Yanal: Hey Rustie wait up!

Rustie: What's going on Yanal?

Yanal: Not much. Hey Rustie, I just heard you talking with Mrs. Goodwin, you told her that you gave your parents the paperwork she sent home with you didn't you?

Rustie: So what if I did?

Yanal: Well, it's probably none of my business but I was over at your house most of the evening yesterday and I didn't see you give your parents anything.

Rustie: I know I didn't give it to them, but Mrs. Goodwin doesn't need to know that. If I told her the truth I would get in trouble.

Yanal: You know that we are not supposed to lie Rustie. It's one of the Ten Commandments.

Rustie: A little lie never hurt anyone Yanal. (The balloon on her shoulder gets larger.)

Yanal: Rustie, my dad says there is no such thing as a small lie.

Rustie: Whatever... Mr. goodie two shoes. I just know that if I was to tell the truth right now I'll be grounded for a week. But I better get home or I'll be grounded anyway. And besides, you are just as far behind as I am and I'll bet anything that you have not told your parents.(Rustie rushes off.)

ACT II

Yanal: (Sitting there alone) What am I gonna do? When my parents find out that I'm behind in my assignments, I'll be grounded until they are finished.

Devil: (Slides up) Excuse me young man, but weren't you listening to that Rustie girl? If you don't tell your parents, they won't know and you won't get in any trouble.

Yanal: You don't know me so why are you trying to make me do something I shouldn't?

Devil: Oh, I know you very well Yanal. I have been watching you for a long time now. And don't think of it as doing something wrong... just think of it as... well... making things easier on yourself.

Yanal: But God says I am not supposed to lie.

Devil: Technically you're not lying Yanal. You're just not telling them everything.

Yanal: Well I think you're splitting hairs sir. Jesus says I am supposed to be honest. And I believe he also said "Get thee behind me Satan!"

Devil: Oh no not that! (shrieks and shrivels away.)

Music: Play Lies song.

Mom: (phone rings) Hello, (waits) Why yes it is. Is there some kind of problem? (waits)
Oh no, I'm sorry. We had no idea. We thought she was doing so well. (waits.)
Hmm I see. Well thanks for the information. We'll take care of it. Goodbye Mrs
Goodwin.
Honey! Can you come here please?

Dad: What's the problem Dear?

Mom: That was the teacher from the school, you know Mrs. Goodwin?

Dad: But why would she be calling us here? Rustie has been doing so well in school.

Mom: Well not according to the teacher. She has missed so many assignments that
she is going to fail her class. She is going to have to go to summer school to
make it up. And she won't be able to graduate with her class.

Dad: But I don't understand. Every time I ask her, she tells me she is doing great.

Mom: Well, obviously, the apple of our eye has been lying to us. Do you want to handle
this one?

Dad: I guess I should. But I might need backup so don't go far.

Mom: Good luck handsome! (Mom puppet kisses him on the cheek and leaves)

Dad: Rustie! Get down here right now young lady!

Rustie: What's the matter oh Dad that I love (is trying to butter him up because she
knows she is in trouble.)

Dad: Rustie, is there something you want to tell me?

Rustie: Not that I can think of. (The balloon on her shoulder gets larger.)

Dad: Are you sure?

Rustie: You know I wouldn't lie to you dad. I've been a really good girl honest! (The
balloon blows up more and then bursts.)

Dad: Your mom just got off the phone with Mrs. Goodwin. (Rustie hangs her head.) She
told your mom that you are going to fail your math class.

Rustie: Well dad, the math is just too hard for me! I don't understand it. And the
teacher doesn't have the time to help me. So I got behind in my work. I'm sorry I
didn't tell you.

Dad: Rustie, did you ever think to come to me for help? I happen to be very good at math and I could have helped you get caught up. I would have been happy to help. But know it is too late and you are going to have to go to summer school and you won't be able to go to the graduation ceremony.

Rustie: That's not fair!

Dad: No Rustie, you lying to everyone so that no one could help you was "not fair". Summer school and graduation are just the consequences of your lies. But most importantly Rustie you have hurt the trust we have for you because you lied. It will be some time before we trust you again.

Rustie: I guess you're right. I am sorry I lied dad. It won't happen again. But this summer is really gonna stink. I wish I had just told the truth in the first place.

Sound: uplifting song.

Ripley: Well kids, does God want us to lie? Of course not. Not only do lies just get us in more trouble in the long run, they cost of the trust of the ones we care about. So, the next time the devil tries to convince you it's okay to lie, what are you going to tell him? That's right. Get thee behind me Satan!

Next time we'll talk about more of the commandments. So read them and learn them and remember... Our lives send out what kids? That's right – RIPPLES.

Finally to bid you farewell and remind you of the Ten Commandments are the SOCK it to me puppets!

Sock 1: SOCK it to me!

Sock 2: SOCK it to me!

Sock 3: SOCK it to me!

Sock 1,2,3 : SOCK it to me!

Sock1: Commandment one - 'You shall have no other gods before Me.'

Sock 2: Commandment two - 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.'

Sock 3: Commandment three - 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.'

Sock 1: Commandment four - 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

Sock 2: Commandment five - 'Honor your father and your mother.'

Sock 3: Commandment six - 'You shall not murder.'

Sock 1: Commandment seven - 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Sock 2: Commandment eight - 'You shall not steal.'

Sock 3: Commandment nine - 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.'

Sock 1: Commandment ten - 'You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.'

Sock 2: SOCK it to me!

Sock 3: SOCK it to me!

Sock 1: SOCK it to me!

Sock 1,2,3: SOCK it to me & God bless you!

Sound: [Closing song](#)