

Deception

Biblical Material: Proverbs 6.12-14

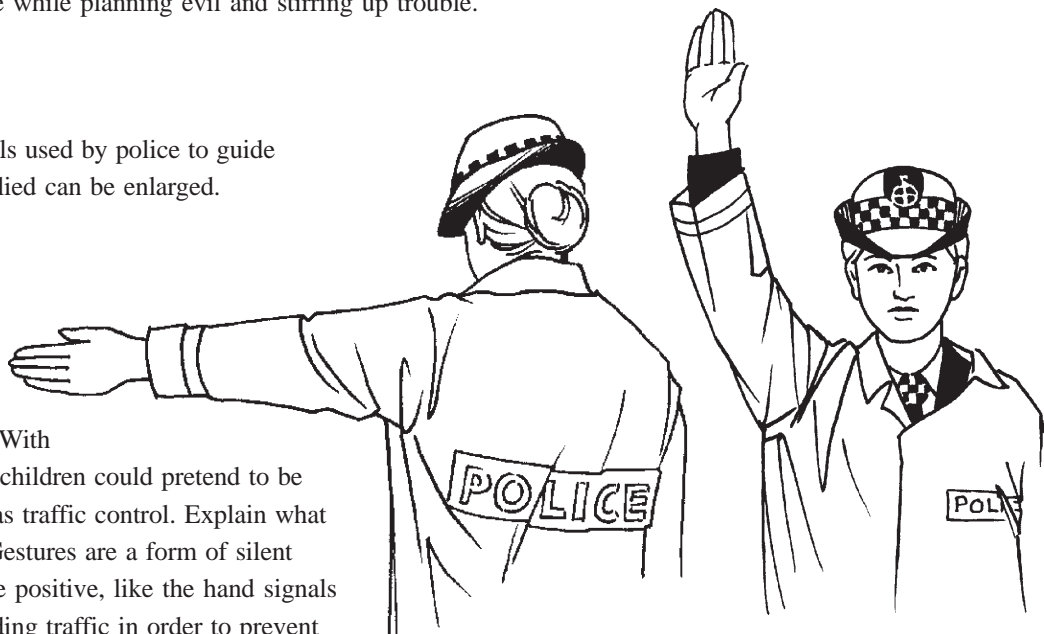
‘Stupid people go around telling lies. They wink with their eyes and beckon with their fingers. They make gestures to deceive people, all the while planning evil and stirring up trouble.’

You will need:

Pictures of hand signals used by police to guide traffic. The ones supplied can be enlarged.

Introduction

Show hand signals and demonstrate them or ask pupils to demonstrate them. With younger pupils, some children could pretend to be cars while others act as traffic control. Explain what each gesture means. Gestures are a form of silent language. They can be positive, like the hand signals the police use for guiding traffic in order to prevent accidents, or they can be negative. Negative gestures are ones that lie or insult people.



STOP -
traffic approaching from behind

STOP -
traffic approaching from front

Core Material

Read the Biblical Material. There is more than one way of lying. Gestures can lie. A person can lie by the actions they do, not necessarily by anything they say. A person can wink and laugh, making out something is a joke when it is really very serious. People can fool others into thinking that stealing is all right by making gestures, such as chicken noises, that indicate you are a coward if you don't join in. There are many types of lies. People can lie without ever opening their mouths. Ask pupils to suggest ways people can use gestures to lie. You might like to demonstrate some of these. For example - people can open their eyes wide and look innocent when they are really guilty. People can point to a person and indicate that they started a fight which they didn't.



BECKONING ON -
traffic approaching from side

BECKONING ON -
traffic approaching from front

Prayer/Reflection

Ask pupils to think about lies that are told by gestures. Gestures can also be used for good, like the police signals. Ask pupils to make a 'stop' signal with their

hand, as shown in the illustration, then close their eyes and think about a time when they were glad that someone stopped them doing something that would have got them into trouble.

Note. For guidance on prayers and reflections see pages 9-11.