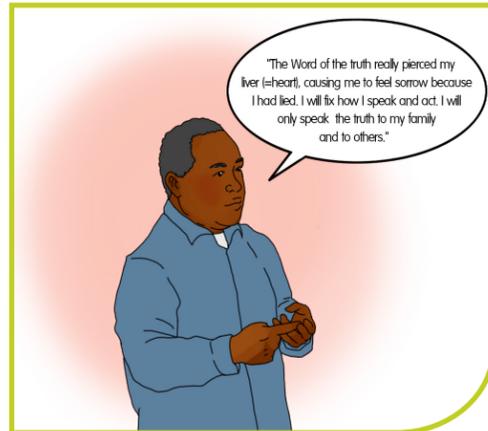
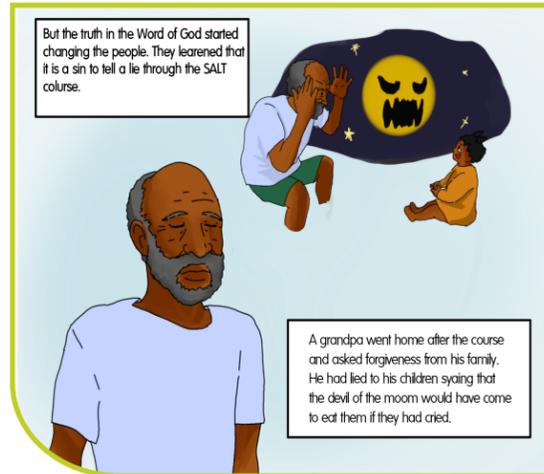
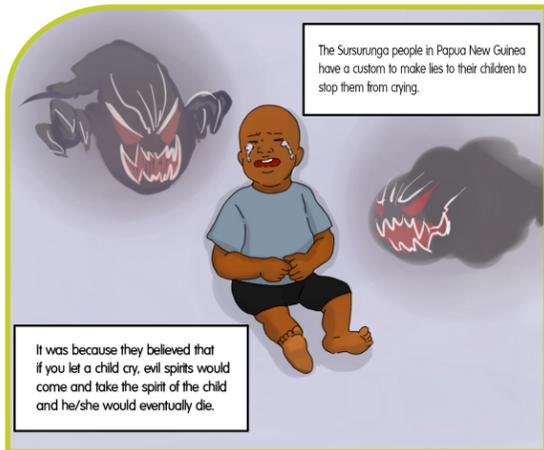


# Speaking the Truth



## Let's read the Bible

Daniel 2:7-14  
9:1-23  
10:11-21

## We consider together

God loves us and that is why He always tells us the truth. Let us tell the truth to one another with a loving heart.



Have you ever heard of the Boy Who Cried Wolf? At first, the townspeople trust the boy and gather to kill the wolf, but after a few times, even when the boy tells the truth, the people do not believe him. The Boy Who Cried Wolf is a made-up story, but there was a tribe in Papua New Guinea that really believed that it was okay to lie.

The Sursurunga people believed that if you let a child cry, evil spirits would come and take the child's spirit, and the child would become sick and die. In order to keep their children from crying, the adults lie to their children from the day they are born.

A girl named Tala was crying. Tala's mother had to go with Tala somewhere far away, but Tala kept crying. "Look, a bus has come. We should hurry and ride it." Tala stops crying and runs outside. Riding a big bus is exciting. But when Tala went out, there was nothing, not even one bicycle passing by. Tala had already stopped crying, and because they were already out of the house, Tala quietly held hands with his mother and left. Tala's mother was delighted. Tala had stopped crying, so she did not have to worry about evil spirits coming to take his spirit away. Tala's mother continued to tell similar lies whenever Tala cried, and Tala was always fooled by her mother.

The Sursurunga people then learned about the Word of God, and they started to change little by little. Through the missionary, they learned that the Word of God is the truth, and that lying is a sin to God. They decided not to tell any more lies.

After listening to the Word of God from missionaries one day, one grandfather went home and asked his children for forgiveness. Whenever the children were about to cry, he had lied to them, telling them, "the moon will come to eat you up." His daughter, who had heard him say this as she grew up, had also told the same lies to her sons. But as soon as the grandfather asked for forgiveness, the rest of the family also asked each other for forgiveness as well.

The people now say, "The Word of the truth really pierced my liver (=heart), causing me to feel sorrow because I had lied. I will fix how I speak and act. I will only speak the truth to my family and to others."

What would happen if everyone were to believe the truth of God's Word and only tell the truth? Think about how God worked through the Sursurungan people through His truth, and let us pray for His Word of truth to create an honest heart within us!

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