



Caught In a Lie

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Have you ever gotten caught in a lie? I have, which was the cause of public humiliation. I can laugh about it now, but at the time I was mortified. The scenario was like something out of *Seinfeld* (one of my all time favorite shows). My family was traveling to Arizona and my children were eight and five years old at the time. We were flying on Southwest Airlines and at that time they didn't offer the option of purchasing an early bird boarding pass. We were assigned B & C boarding groups. Anyone that has flown on Southwest knows it's like a cattle call when it comes to boarding the plane.

Southwest's pre-boarding rules regarding boarding with children seem to vary state to state. My kids were always smaller than their age and could easily pass for a year younger than their actual age. My daughter was five and the age limit was four and under. My gut told me we shouldn't chance pre-boarding, plus I'm a horrible liar. However, my husband was convinced we would have no problem. Being the obedient wife that I am (note sarcastic tone), I agreed to get in the pre-board

line. I was worried we wouldn't all be seated together.

The ticket agent took my husband's ticket, then my sons and then she paused and looked at my sweet five year old daughter. She looked directly at me and asked, "How old is she?" In my best lying voice I could muster I replied FOUR. Then my sweet little daughter with her big voice yelled, "No I'm not, I'm FIVE. I'm FIVE."

The ticket agent looked me straight in the eyes and like a stern teacher sent me and my family to the back of the line. Head hung low my family marched back to the B & C group. I'm sure my face was 50 shades of red. Needless to say, I was one of the last people to board the plane, but it all worked out and we were able to sit together.

The moral of this story is: It's better to tell the truth with a smile on your face than lie to a ticket agent because they have no compassion. As my Bible study leader would say, "faith and scheming don't mix!"

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