## "I Lied... But Why?" - A Self-Honesty Starter Sheet

1. Pause & Reflect Section
"What did I lie about?"
"Was it a big or small thing?"  Big Small "How did I feel right before I lied?"  Nervous Angry Hurt Overwhelmed Protective Other:
2. Why Did I Lie?
□ I didn't want to start a fight □ I was scared of being judged □ I thought it would hurt his feelings □ I felt ashamed □ I didn't know how to say it calmly □ I was trying to keep peace at home □ Other:
3. Gentle Reframe
"Does this lie define me as a bad wife?"  ¬ Yes ¬ No What would I tell a friend if she was in my shoes?
4. Next Honest Step
"I'm not a bad person. I'm <mark>a human lear</mark> ning love." What's one small way I can be honest next time, without guilt

"Sometimes love speaks through silence. But healing begins with gentle honesty."

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