

# CHARACTER EDUCATION

# HONESTY



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## PARENT LETTER

Hello Parents,

Our students are learning about the value of honesty — telling the truth, taking responsibility, and building trust through words and actions. Honesty is one of the most important character traits for middle school students to develop as they grow into responsible young adults. Here are a few simple ways you can help encourage honesty at home:

- Model honesty.** Children learn by example. When you tell the truth — even in small situations — you show your child that honesty matters in everyday life.
- Praise truth-telling.** When your child admits a mistake, thank them for being honest before addressing the behavior. This helps them see that telling the truth is valued and safe.
- Talk about “why.”** Discuss how honesty builds trust in friendships, families, and teams. Help your child understand that being truthful strengthens relationships.
- Discuss tough situations.** Ask how they might handle moments when honesty feels hard — like when they’ve made a mistake, are embarrassed, or want to fit in.
- Be calm when they tell the truth.** If children fear punishment, they may be tempted to hide the truth. Responding calmly helps them feel safe to be honest in the future.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students build strong character and positive life skills!

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## WRITING PROMPTS

1. Write about a time when you were tempted to lie but decided to tell the truth instead. What made you choose honesty? How did it feel afterward?
2. Sometimes, telling the truth can hurt someone's feelings. Write about a situation where being honest was hard because you didn't want to upset someone. How would you handle it now?
3. Do you think people are honest on social media? Why or why not? Write about how honesty (or dishonesty) online can affect friendships and reputation.
4. Imagine a world where no one could ever lie — not even a little. What would school, friendships, and family life be like? Would it make things better or worse? Explain your reasoning.

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## SAMPLE ROLE PLAY SCENARIOS

- Forgot to Study: You forgot to study for a quiz and are tempted to sneak a look at someone else's paper. What do you do?
- Plagiarism Temptation: You find a perfect answer to your assignment online. Do you copy it or write your own in your own words?
- Taking Credit: A group project goes really well because of your partner's hard work, but the teacher praises you. Do you speak up?
- Gossiping and Denial: You told a friend's secret and now they're upset. When asked about it, you want to lie to avoid conflict. What should you do?
- Lying to Fit In: You exaggerate or make up a story to seem cool or fit in with a group. A classmate calls you out. How do you handle it?
- Caught Cheating in a Game: You're playing a game and cheat to win. A classmate notices and calls you out. Do you deny it or admit what you did?
- False Accusation: You saw who actually took something from a locker, but someone else is getting blamed. Do you stay silent or tell the truth?



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## MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Week 1:** We are learning all about Honesty. We defined being honest as saying or doing what is truthful and being straightforward. Some ways you can be honest at school are following the rules, admitting a mistake, being accountable for your actions, keeping your eyes on your own paper, and making sure your work is your own.

**\*Week 2:** We are continuing to learn all about Honesty. Remember being honest means saying or doing what is truthful and being straightforward. Some ways that you can be honest at home are keeping your promises, telling the truth even if it means you might get in trouble, and asking before you borrow from a sibling.

**\*Week 3:** We are continuing to learn all about Honesty. Remember being honest means saying or doing what is truthful. Some ways that you can be honest in your community is by returning library books, honoring commitments made to others, not taking something that does not belong to you, and taking lost items to lost & found.

**\*Week 4:** As we continue to learn about Honesty, let's reflect on this quote by John Lennon, "Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it will always get you the right ones." This means that honesty can be difficult, and it may not be what is always easy and popular, but it will attract the right kind of people to you and those are the kind of people you want in your life. What is one way you will be honest today?

**\*Week 5:** Honesty is an essential trait to have for many careers. Doctors for example show a lot of honesty. They are licensed health professionals who maintain and restore their patient's health through the practice of medicine. Doctors must maintain their patient's confidentiality and collect sensitive information. Once they examine results, they are responsible for determining a treatment plan and explaining the procedure and prescribed treatments to their patients in a compassionate and honest way. Think of a career you may be interested in and how you can show honesty within that career.

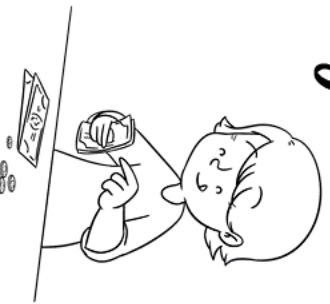
**\*Week 6:** Kindness is also shown by many leaders throughout history and is an important feature of being a leader. One such leader was Abraham Lincoln, the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the U.S. He was often referred to as "Honest Abe" due to his long career ruled by honesty, truth, and integrity. He earned his nickname when he was working as a young store clerk. Whenever he realized that he shortchanged a customer even by a few pennies, he would close the shop and deliver the correct change, no matter how far he had to walk. Later on, his good name helped win him four consecutive terms in the legislature. He showed us the importance of being an honest leader, he said *"I am glad of all the support I can get anywhere, if I can get it without practicing any deception to obtain it."* Think about how you can be a leader in your classroom by showing honesty.



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## PRE-SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am learning to be honest.



Always



Sometimes



Hardly



Never

I try to be honest even when it's hard.				
I can identify ways to be honest.				
I can recognize honest behavior.				
I tell the truth even when my friends don't.				
I can admit when I make a mistake.				
Being honest is important to me.				
I'm honest online and on social media.				



# HONESTY

## POST-SURVEY

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am learning to be honest.



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I try to be honest even when it's hard.				
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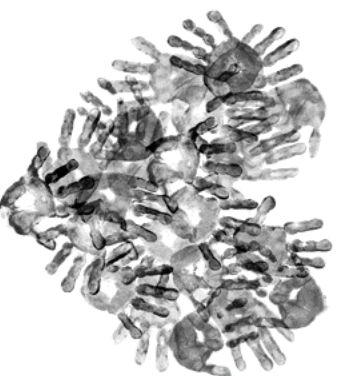
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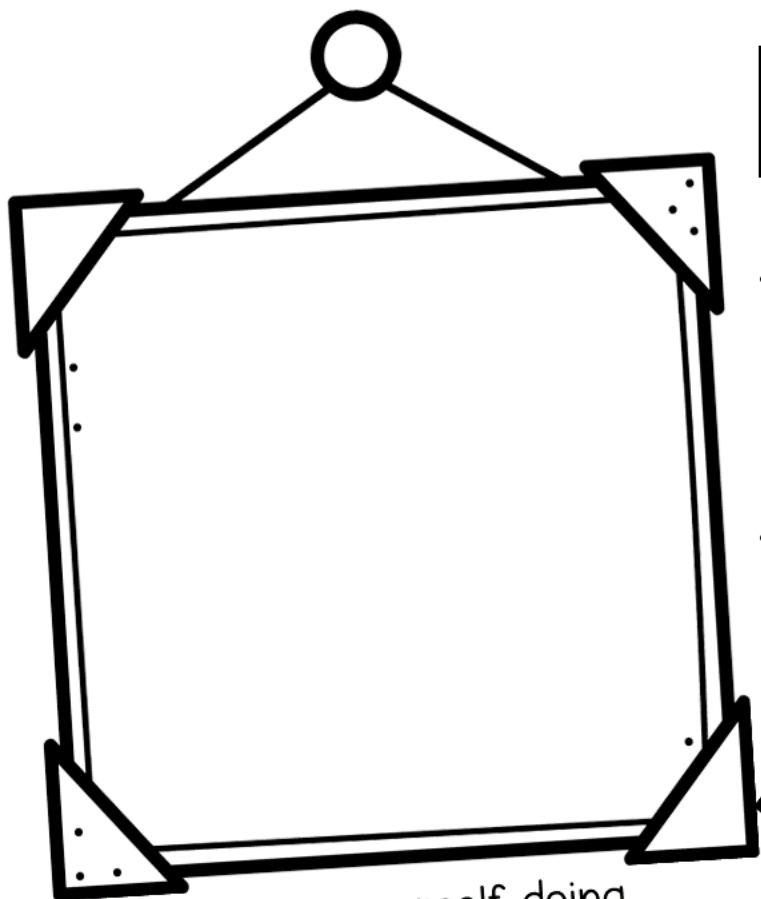
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## WAYS TO BE HONEST

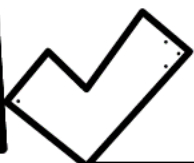
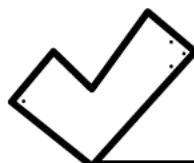
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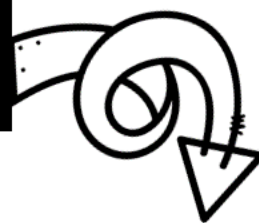


Draw yourself doing something honest.

I can be honest by...



What does Honesty mean to me?



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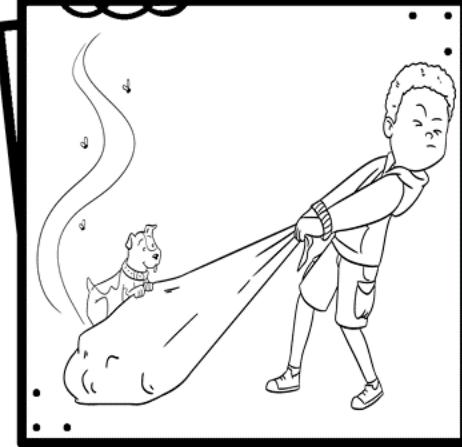
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### Ways I can be honest at School



- Tell the truth, even if it means admitting a mistake.
- Do your own work and avoid copying or cheating.
- Be honest with teachers about missing assignments or late work.
- Own up if you break or lose something that belongs to the classroom.
- Give credit when you use someone else's ideas.
- Keep your promises to classmates and group members.

### Ways I can be honest at Home



- Tell your parents or guardians the truth about how your day went.
- Admit when you forgot to do chores or made a mess.
- Be honest about your grades or homework.
- Keep your word when you say you'll help with something.
- Don't hide things that could cause problems later.
- Share your feelings honestly and respectfully.

### Ways I can be honest in my Community



- Return items that don't belong to you (like a lost wallet or library book).
- Be truthful when volunteering or helping others.
- Don't take credit for something you didn't do.
- Be honest when selling or fundraising for school events.
- Speak up if you see someone being treated unfairly.
- Follow rules in public places.

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## WAYS TO BE HONEST SORT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ways I can be honest in  
my School

Ways I can be honest in my  
Home

Ways I can be honest in my  
Community



# HONESTY

## STUDENTS WITH CHARACTER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Honest Students

## THE BIG RACE



Ava had trained hard for the school track meet and was determined to win the 400-meter race. When the whistle blew, she ran her fastest, her legs burning as she rounded the final curve. The crowd cheered as Ava crossed the finish line first — she had done it! But then she remembered something — during the last turn, she had accidentally stepped out of her lane. No one seemed to notice, but Ava knew. Her excitement faded as she walked up to the coach and said, “I think I stepped out of my lane. I don’t think I really won.” The coach thanked her for being honest and gave the medal to the next runner.

### How did this student show Honesty?



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## LEADERS WITH CHARACTER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Honest Leaders

# ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Abraham Lincoln was the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. He was often referred to as "Honest Abe" due to his long career ruled by honesty, truth, and integrity. He earned his nickname when he was working as a young store clerk. Whenever he realized that he shortchanged a customer even by a few pennies, he would close the shop and deliver the correct change, no matter how far he had to walk. His honest reputation grew, and he was asked to be a judge and mediator in contests and fights. Lincoln's judgment was final in that region of the country. Later on, his good name helped win him four consecutive terms in the legislature. He showed us the importance of being an honest leader, he said *"I am glad of all the support I can get anywhere, if I can get it without practicing any deception to obtain it."*

## How did Abraham Lincoln show Honesty?



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## CAREERS WITH CHARACTER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Honest Careers

# DOCTOR



Doctors are licensed health professionals who maintain and restore their patient's health through the practice of medicine. They examine patients, review their medical history, diagnose illnesses or injuries, administer treatment, and counsel patients on their health and well-being. Doctors must maintain their patient's confidentiality and collect sensitive information such as exam results. Once they examine the results, they are responsible for determining a treatment plan and explaining the procedure and prescribed treatments to their patients in a compassionate and honest way.

How do Doctor's show honesty?



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## DIGITAL CHARACTER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Digital Honesty

### ONLINE PAPER



Ethan is working on a science project about renewable energy. While researching, he finds an amazing article that explains solar panels better than anything he could write himself. The words sound professional, and he's running out of time before the project is due. He hovers over the "copy and paste" buttons, thinking, No one will know — it's just a few sentences. Then Ethan remembers his teacher's lesson about academic honesty and how plagiarism means using someone else's work without giving credit. He feels a little guilty and decides to delete what he copied. Instead, he writes the information in his own words and adds a slide at the end showing where he found it. It takes more effort, but when he finishes, he feels proud knowing the work is truly his.

How did he show digital honesty?



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# HONESTY

## THINK AND RESPOND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the questions about honesty and respond.

Why is it sometimes hard to tell the truth, even when you know it's the right thing to do?

Have you ever told a "small lie" to protect someone's feelings? Was that still dishonest?

How does it feel when someone is dishonest with you?



# HONESTY

## THINK AND RESPOND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the questions about honesty and respond.

What helps you decide  
whether to be honest  
or stay quiet?

When was a time  
your honesty made  
a situation better?

How can you tell  
the truth kindly  
without hurting  
someone's  
feelings?

# HONESTY

## THINK AND RESPOND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the questions about honesty and respond.

What can happen in a group project if someone isn't honest about their work?

How does being honest help teachers or classmates trust you more?

How can being honest online (social media, texting, group chats) be different from being honest in person?

# HONESTY

## THINK AND RESPOND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Read the questions about honesty and respond.

Should you always tell the truth if it might get someone else in trouble? Why or why not?

How is honesty connected to your reputation?

What's the difference between being honest and being rude?

# HONESTY

## THINK AND RESPOND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the questions about honesty and respond.

Why is it important to be honest even when no one is watching?

How does one dishonest choice lead to bigger problems later?

How can being honest show respect for others?

# HONESTY

## THINK AND RESPOND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the questions about honesty and respond.

What would you say to a friend who says, "It's just a little lie — no big deal"?

Can honesty ever cause problems? If so, what should you do in those situations?

Do you think honesty and loyalty can ever clash? Explain your reasoning.



# HONESTY

## HONESTY MULTIPLE CHOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONESTY: COLOR THE CHECKMARK OF YOUR ANSWER.**

You forgot to do your homework, and your teacher asks for it.

Say your dog ate it.

Admit you forgot and ask if you can turn it in late.

Copy a friend's paper quickly.

You find a \$10 bill on the school hallway floor.

Turn it into the office.

Keep it — finders' keepers.

Ask your friends if they dropped it and split it if no one claims it.

Your friend shows you a drawing and asks, "Do you like it?" but you don't.

Say "no" and laugh about it.

Say it's great, even if you don't mean it.

Tell the truth in a kind way.

# HONESTY

## HONESTY MULTIPLE CHOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONESTY: COLOR THE CHECKMARK OF YOUR ANSWER.**

You accidentally broke a class supply.

Hide it and hope no one notices.

Tell the teacher what happened.

Blame another student.

Your teacher gives you credit for an assignment you didn't actually finish.

Say nothing and enjoy the higher grade.

Let them know there was a mistake.

Brag to your friends about the "bonus points."

Your best friend asks you to lie for them, so they won't get in trouble.

Refuse and explain that you don't want to get involved.

Tell the lie to protect them.

Avoid answering and hope it goes away.

# HONESTY

## HONESTY MULTIPLE CHOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONESTY: COLOR THE CHECKMARK OF YOUR ANSWER.**

You overhear  
classmates  
spreading a false  
rumor.

Repeat it to others.

Correct the story with  
the truth.

Pretend you didn't hear  
anything.

You forgot your  
lunch, and someone  
offers to share  
theirs, but you say  
you already ate.

Keep pretending you're  
not hungry.

Tell them the truth and  
thank them for offering.

Take their food later  
without asking.

You notice your  
partner didn't do  
their part of a group  
project.

Cover for them and do all  
the work.

Tell the teacher immediately  
without talking to your  
partner first.

Talk to them honestly  
about it.

# HONESTY

## HONESTY MULTIPLE CHOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONESTY: COLOR THE CHECKMARK OF YOUR ANSWER.**

Your sibling asks if you took their favorite pen, and you did.

Deny it.

Blame the pet.

Admit it and return the pen.

You forgot to log out of your friend's social media account on your computer.

Log out right away and tell them.

Look through their messages before logging out.

Post something funny "as a joke."

You did poorly on a test, and your parents ask how it went.

Say you did fine to avoid trouble.

Tell the truth and show them the grade.

Blame the teacher for "bad questions."



# HONESTY

## HONESTY MULTIPLE CHOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONESTY: COLOR THE CHECKMARK OF YOUR ANSWER.**

You see someone  
drop their wallet  
outside school.

Turn it into the office.

Keep it.

Look inside to see who it  
belongs to, then decide.

You're tempted to  
exaggerate a story to  
make it sound  
cooler.

Add a few exciting  
details that aren't true.

Let someone else tell it  
instead.

Tell it exactly how it  
happened.

You tell your parents  
you finished your  
homework so you  
can hang out.

Go out anyway and do  
homework later.

Tell them the truth — you  
haven't finished.

Pretend you're working  
on it when they check.



# HONESTY

## HONESTY MULTIPLE CHOICE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HONESTY: COLOR THE CHECKMARK OF YOUR ANSWER.**

You see your teacher drop some papers in the hallway. One has an answer key on it.

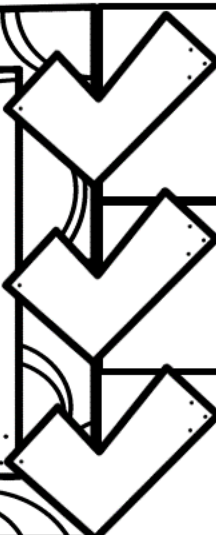


Take a picture before giving it back.

Pick it up quietly and keep it.

Return it to the teacher.

You're caught between two friends who each want you to take their side.

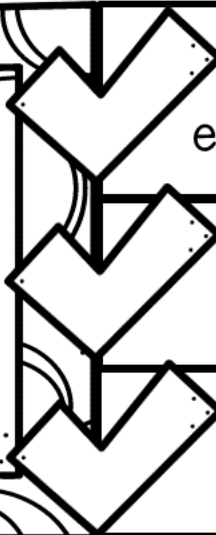


Tell them what each one wants to hear.

Be honest and say you don't want to choose sides.

Avoid both of them until it blows over.

Your friend says something mean about someone, and later that person asks if they did.



Tell the truth carefully and encourage them to talk it out.

Lie to keep the peace.

Make up another story to distract from it.

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## AN HONEST WORLD

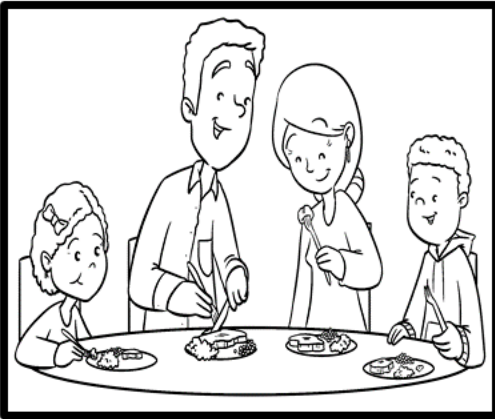
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### A Prosocial Lie

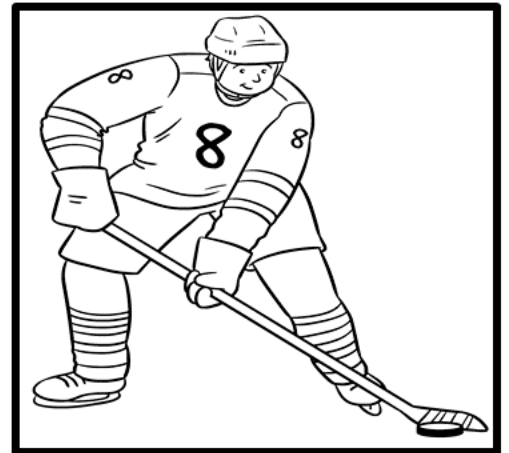
a harmless or trivial lie, told to avoid hurting someone's feelings and help our interactions with others.

### Why are these Prosocial lies okay?



You are eating dinner at a friend's house, and the food is terrible. Your friend's mom asks you how the food is, and you say it's great.

Your friend is on the opposite team, and they win the game. You tell him you are happy for his win, even though you wish you won instead.



Your grandma asks if you like the new swimsuit she gave you as a birthday gift. You tell her you like it, but you really don't like it.

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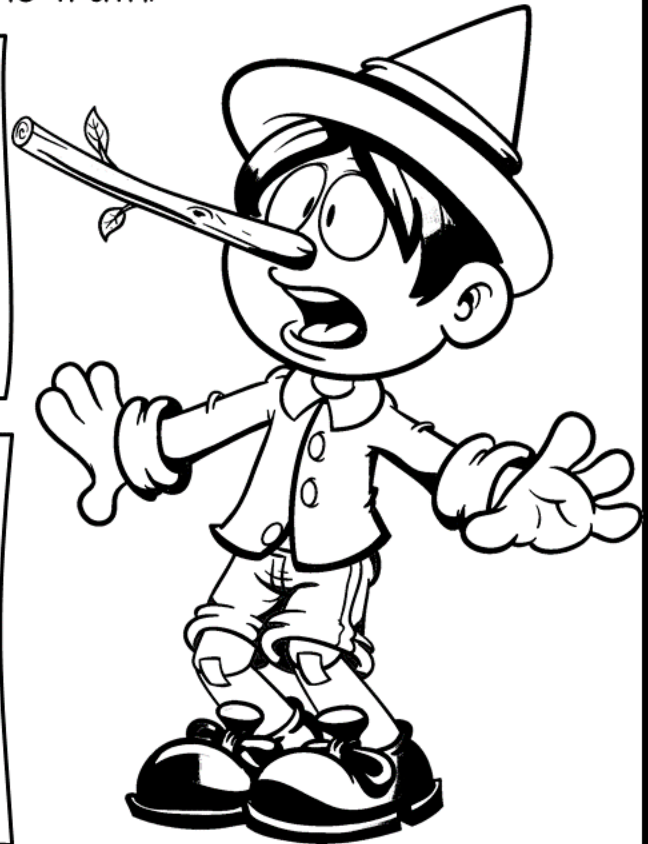
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### Pinocchio

In the Fairy Tale, Pinocchio's nose grew every time he told a lie. Telling lies can cause other people not to trust you. Just like Pinocchio's nose, you wear the lies you tell but you do so on your reputation. It is hard to gain back someone's trust once it is lost. They will view you differently, and question if you are telling them the truth.

What is the downside of being known as someone who is dishonest?



What are the benefits of being known as someone who is honest?

What can you do to earn back someone's trust once you have broken it?

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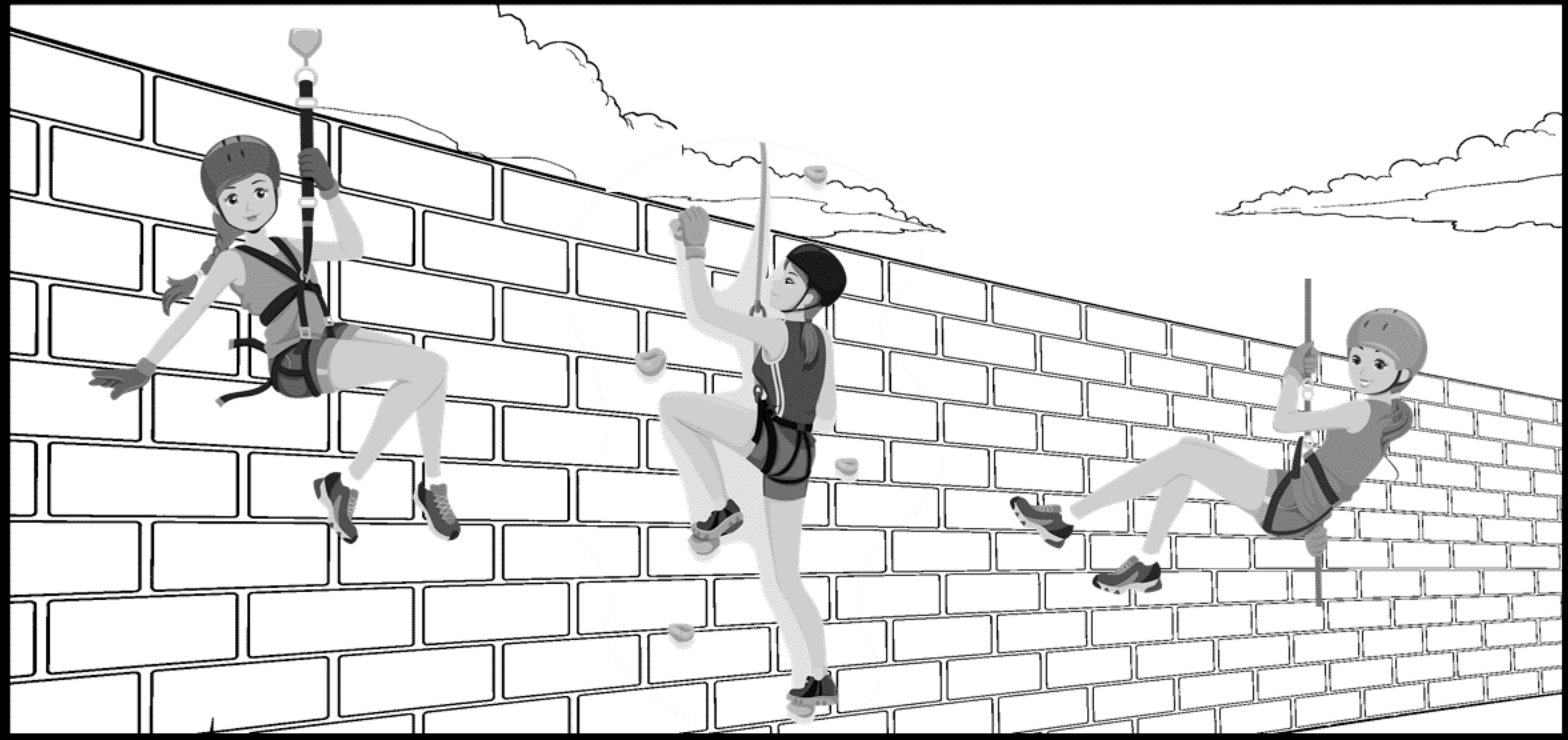
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### Climb the Trust Wall

Put a check mark on the actions that will make others trust you more.



Being accountable  
for your actions.

Doing what you said  
you would do.

Stealing.

Cheating.

Telling the  
truth.

Doing the right thing  
when no one is looking.

Following the rules.

Breaking a promise.

Being  
responsible.

Honoring your  
commitments.

Spreading gossip.

Keeping my eyes  
on my own paper.

Exaggerating the  
truth.

Breaking the law.

Keeping a promise.

Admitting a  
mistake.

Making sure my work  
is always my own.

Not doing what you  
said you would do.

Doing the wrong thing  
when no one is looking.

Being  
irresponsible.

Looking down and not  
making eye contact.

Making eye contact  
when speaking.

Telling lies.



# HONESTY

## AN HONEST WORLD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Types of Lies

Read the actions and determine which type of lie was told. A lie by leaving out/hiding information, a trick, or stealing. Put a checkmark on the best answer.



Trick



Hiding/leaving out



Stealing

You tell the cafeteria worker that your parent said you can have 2 ice cream's even though they did not.			
You tell the new kid that there is a pool on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor of the school, even though there isn't one.			
No one is looking so you sneak a few extra cookies from the cookie jar without permission.			
You realize you forgot to pay for the candy bar in your pocket, since your already to the car you think it's fine.			
Your parent asks how you did on the test, you say you did fine and leave out that you think you failed it.			
You tell your parent that you finished your homework so you can go play, but you haven't really finished it.			
Your little brother is playing with the toy you want, so you distract him to get the toy when he's not looking.			
You tell your teacher certain parts of what happened and leave out the parts that would get you in trouble.			



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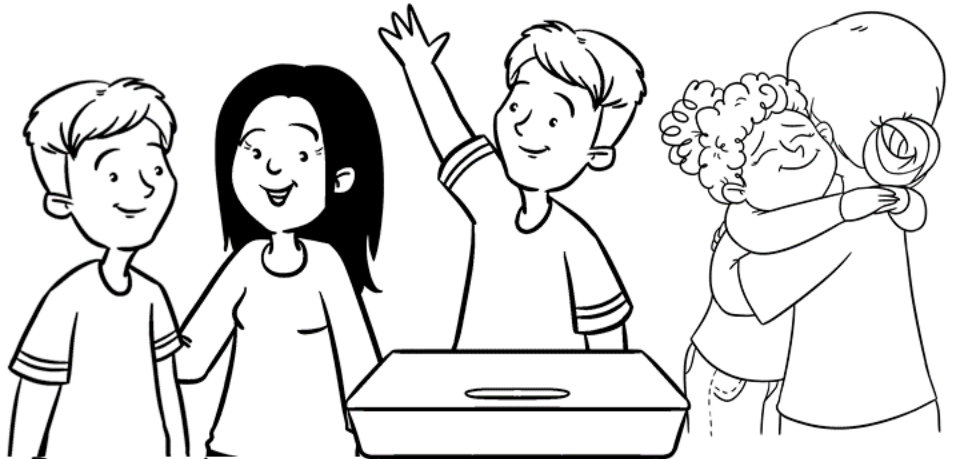
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### Types of Honesty

Read the actions and determine which type of truth was told. A truth by keeping a promise, being accountable for your actions, or doing what is right. Put a checkmark on the best answer.



Promise keeper

Accountable

Do what is right

You realize you forgot to pay for the candy bar in your pocket, you run back to the store to pay for it.			
You promised your brother you would play soccer with him, you don't want to, but you do it anyways.			
No one is looking so a few people sneak extra cupcakes at the party, you don't take any.			
You tell your teacher exactly what happened, even though you know you will probably get in trouble.			
Your parent asks how you did on the test, you say you did not do well even though they will be disappointed.			
You tell your parent that you have not finished your homework, even though you really want to go play.			
You turn in a lost wallet you found on the playground.			
You promised to turn in your part of the group assignment today; you have a lot to do but finish it on time.			

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## AN HONEST WORLD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some examples of honesty you have seen from others?

Teacher

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Strangers

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Friends

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# HONESTY

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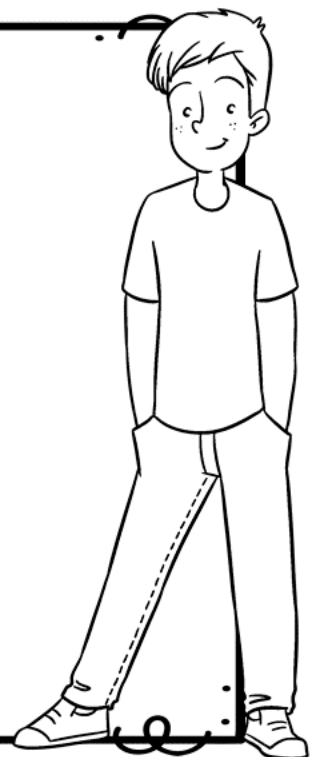
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What would society look like if no one was honest?



Would you want to live in this society, why or why not?



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Let's time travel to the future, what is one way you would want people to be more honest? Why?



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Let's time travel to the past, what is one way you would have wanted people to be more honest? Why?



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# HONESTY

## SELF-REFLECTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We all make mistakes, that is how we learn! Think of one example of a time where you did NOT show honest behavior.

I was NOT honest when I...

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What I learned...

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This is how I will be more honest...

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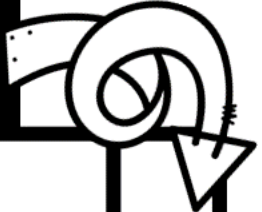
Think about what honesty means to you and how you like to show honesty or have others show honesty to you.

One way I would like to show honesty



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One way I would want honesty shown to me



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Being honest is important to me because



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Think about the ways you show honesty, pick one that you feel you are consistent in doing and reflects your good character.



# TASK THINK & DISCUSS CARDS



### TIPS FOR USING TASK CARDS

- Encourage students to think about each question and share their response.
- Pair students together to have them take turns answering the task cards.
- Use the task cards as a center activity.
- To make it a writing activity, have students write their responses on paper.
- To make it a class wide activity, read the card out loud and encourage student responses. (see included PowerPoint slides to display on board)

### DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS

- Are there multiple answers that could be considered honest decisions?
- How are your responses different or similar to other students?
- Why are some of our responses similar or different?
- What impacts our decision to be honest or dishonest?
- Does one dishonest decision make you a dishonest person?
- What will happen if you repeatedly make dishonest decisions?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

What are honest and kind ways to tell someone you don't like something?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

What are ways to show honesty as a student?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

What kind of person do you want to be known as — honest, popular, or something else? Why?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

Why do people sometimes lie to themselves?



# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

Why is it sometimes hard to tell the truth, even when you know it's the right thing to do?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

How does it feel when someone is dishonest with you?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

Have you ever told a "small lie" to protect someone's feelings?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

What helps you decide whether to be honest or stay quiet?

# HONESTY

What's the difference  
between being honest  
and being rude?



**THINK & DISCUSS**

# HONESTY

How is honesty  
connected to your  
reputation?



**THINK & DISCUSS**

# HONESTY

Why is it important  
to be honest even  
when no one is  
watching?



**THINK & DISCUSS**

# HONESTY

How does one dishonest  
choice lead to bigger  
problems later?



**THINK & DISCUSS**

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

How can being  
honest show  
respect for others?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

How can honesty help  
build stronger  
friendships or  
relationships?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

What's the difference  
between being honest  
and oversharing?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

Why do you think  
people sometimes lie  
to make themselves  
look better? Does it  
actually help in the  
long run?

# HONESTY



## THINK & DISCUSS

What is one way you wish people would be more honest?

# HONESTY



## THINK & DISCUSS

How can you stay honest when you feel pressured to fit in or go along with the crowd?

# HONESTY



## THINK & DISCUSS

Have you ever been honest and regretted it? What did you learn from that situation?

# HONESTY



## THINK & DISCUSS

Why is it important to be honest about your feelings, even when it's uncomfortable?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

What are some ways people can be dishonest without actually lying?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

How can being honest with your teachers or parents show maturity and responsibility?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

How can honesty help you make better decisions about your goals or future?

# HONESTY



**THINK & DISCUSS**

Imagine someone lies to protect a friend from getting in trouble. Is that still wrong? Why or why not?



# SITUATION

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

# CARDS

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- For a class wide activity or morning meeting, use the included PowerPoint slides



### DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS

- What is the honest thing to do and why?
- What are the possible consequences of this decision?
- What are the possible positive results of this decision?
- What would happen if an alternative decision was made?
- Does your decision help or hurt others?
- Is what you want to do different than the honest thing to do? Why?
- What are all the different decisions that could be made?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You find a pair of wireless earbuds in the locker room after gym class.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You forgot to do your homework, and your teacher asks where it is.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You accidentally break a decoration in the classroom when no one is watching.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your friend asks if you like their new outfit, but you really don't.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You didn't study for a quiz, and your friend offers to let you copy their answers.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You overhear two friends spreading a rumor about another student.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your group finished a project, but one person didn't do much work. The teacher asks if everyone helped equally.

What is the honest thing to do?

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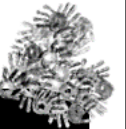


## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You see your cousin steal a candy bar from the store.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You forgot to give your parent a permission slip, and the field trip is tomorrow.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your friend tells you a rumor she heard about a classmate, you aren't sure if this is true or not.

What is the honest thing to do?

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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You see someone drop money in the hallway.

What is the honest thing to do?

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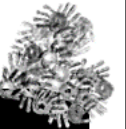


## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You accidentally take home a school iPad charger that isn't yours.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are working on your assignment, and your big brother offers to help finish it for you.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You tell your parents you cleaned your room, but you only stuffed everything in the closet.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You post something online that wasn't true to make your life look more exciting.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You see your friend cheat on a test. They beg you not to say anything.

What is the honest thing to do?



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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You accidentally delete a shared document your group was working on.

What is the honest thing to do?

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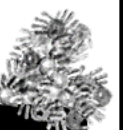


## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You're supposed to stay off your phone in class, but you sneak a quick text. The teacher asks if anyone was using their phone.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your parent asks if you broke the lamp, you did do it, but you don't want to get in trouble.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You overhear your friend lying to their parents about where they're going.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your friend wants to copy your answers on a homework assignment.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You get extra change back at the school store by mistake.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You accidentally open a text meant for someone else and read part of it.

What is the honest thing to do?

# HONESTY



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Someone compliments you for a drawing you didn't make — your sibling did.

What is the honest thing to do?

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# HONESTY

## SAYING OR DOING

### WHAT IS

### truthful

### AND BEING

### straightforward.

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# HONESTY

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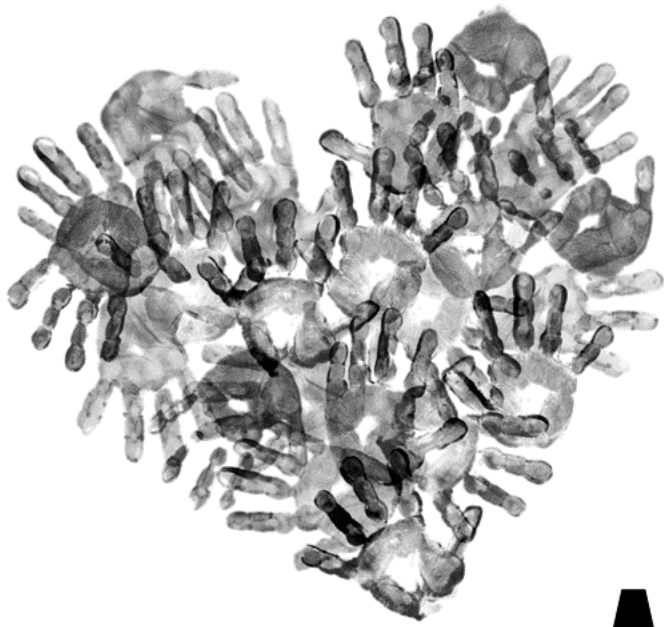
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# HONESTY

SAYING OR DOING WHAT IS truthful  
AND BEING straightforward.

Be trustworthy  
and reliable.

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Speak the  
truth to  
others and  
to yourself.

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Follow  
the rules.

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Be accountable  
for your actions.

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Be thoughtful  
with your  
words.

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Keep your  
promises.

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# QUOTE ABOUT

# HONESTY

“BEING HONEST MAY NOT GET YOU  
A LOT OF FRIENDS, BUT IT WILL  
ALWAYS GET YOU THE RIGHT ONES.”

- JOHN LENNON

# STUDENTS WITH

# HONESTY

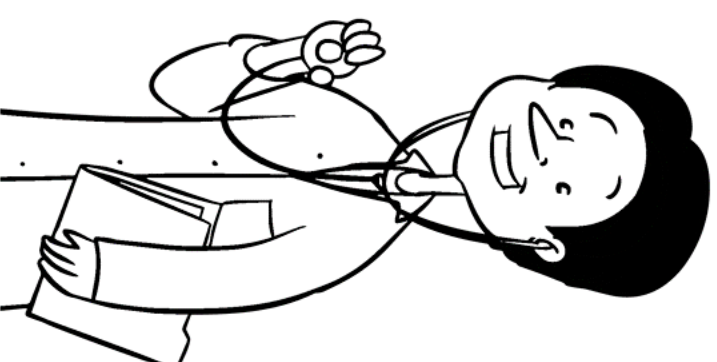


**TELL THE TRUTH SO OTHERS TRUST US, EVEN IF WE DID THE WRONG THING.**

- ✱ They admit mistakes instead of blaming others or making excuses.
- ✱ They do what they say they'll do and follow through on commitments.
- ✱ They don't cheat on tests, games, or assignments — they earn their success honestly.

# CAREERS WITH

# HONESTY



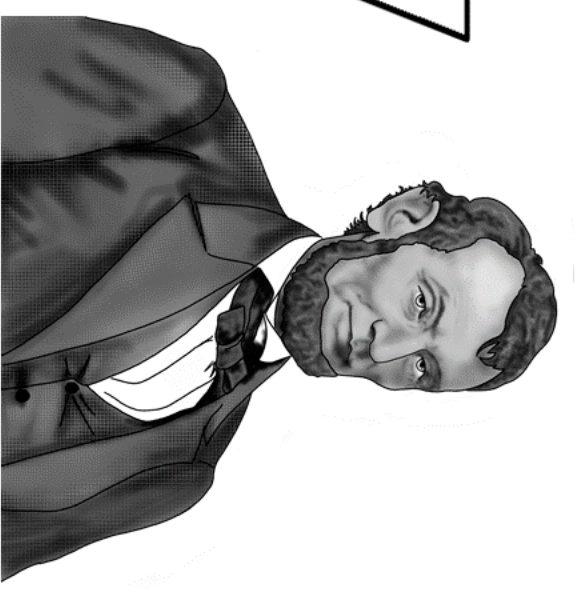
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# LEADERS WITH

# HONESTY

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Lincoln was the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. He was often referred to as “Honest Abe” due to his long career ruled by honesty, truth, and integrity. He

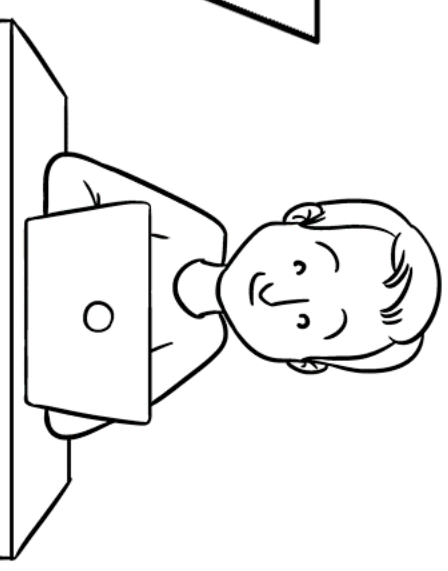
earned his nickname when he was working as a young store clerk. Whenever he realized that he shortchanged a customer even by a few pennies, he would close the shop and deliver the correct change, no matter how far he had to walk. His honest reputation grew as he was asked to be a judge and mediator in contests and fights. Lincoln’s judgment was final in that region of the country. Later on, his good name helped win him four consecutive terms in the legislature. He showed us the importance of being an honest leader, he said “*I am glad of all the support I can get anywhere, if I can get it without practicing any deception to obtain it.*”

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**BEING TRUTHFUL WHEN WORKING ONLINE,  
WITH MY WORDS AND ACTIONS.**

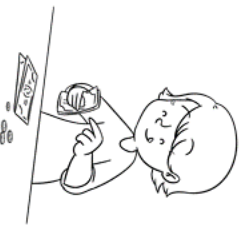
- ✱ Don't spread rumors, fake news, or exaggerated stories — share only what's real and respectful.
- ✱ Don't say things online that you wouldn't say face-to-face. Be genuine in texts, chats, and comments.
- ✱ Whether it's homework, a meme, or an image, make sure it's your own work or that you have the right to use it.

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# MY HONESTY PLEDGE

This is how I am going to be Kind:

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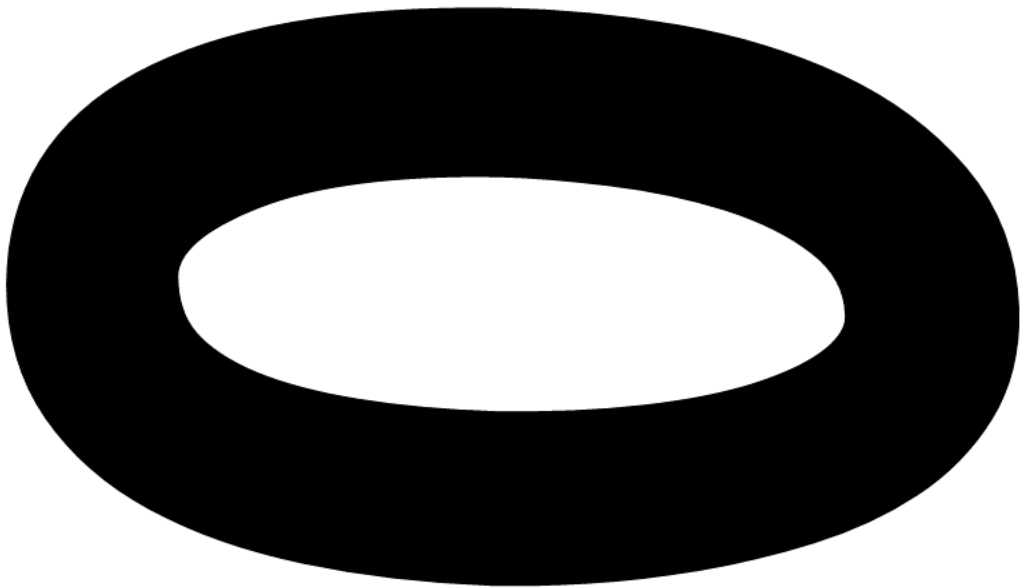
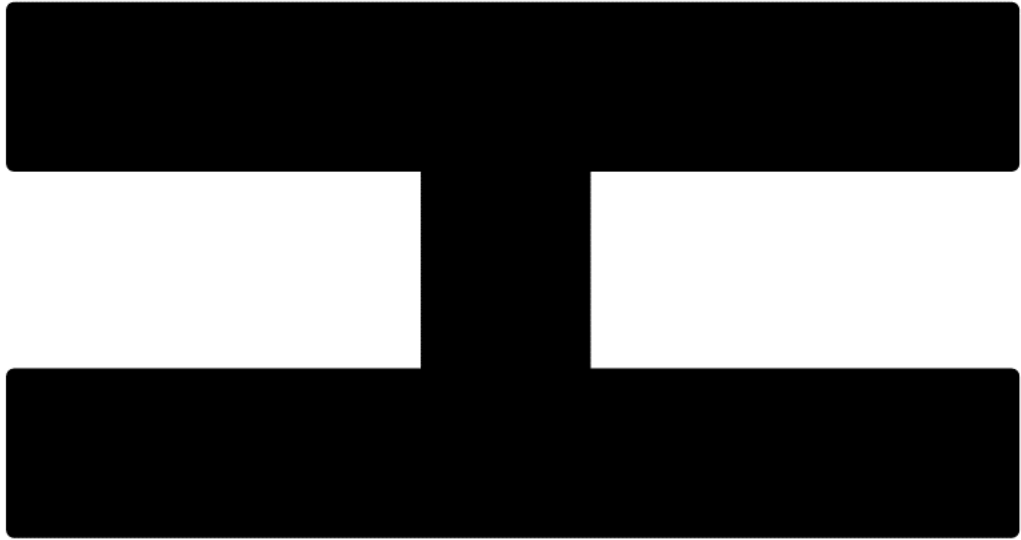
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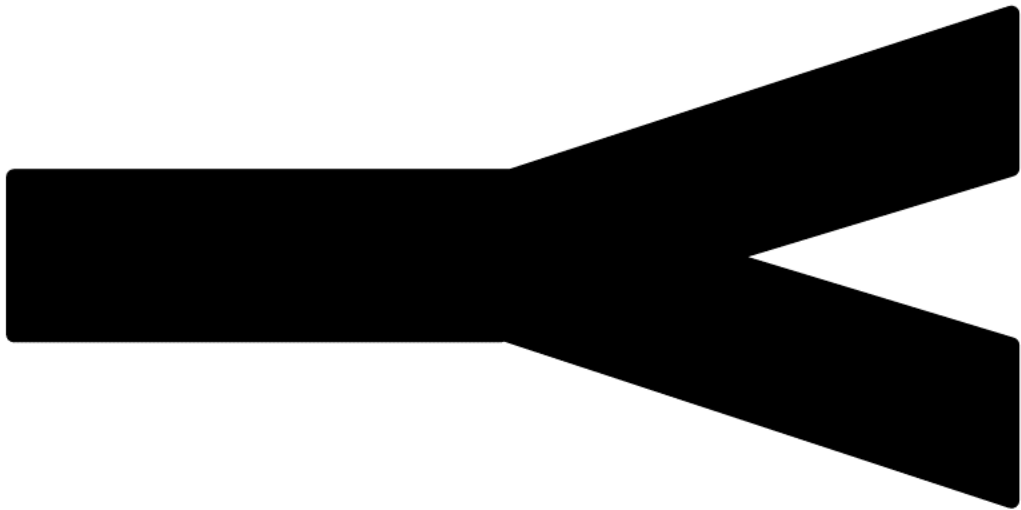


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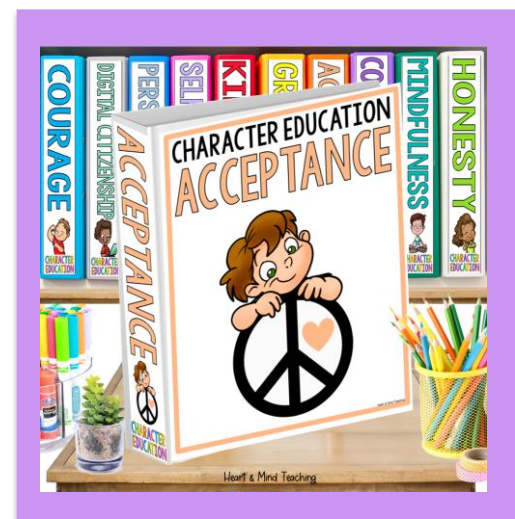
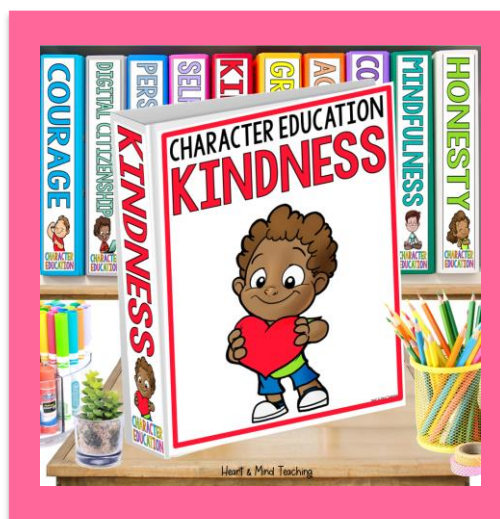
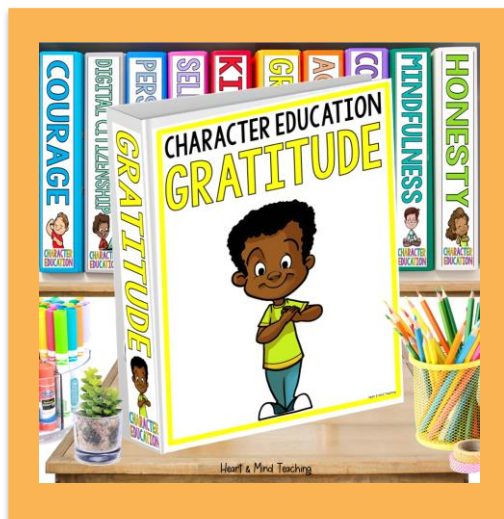
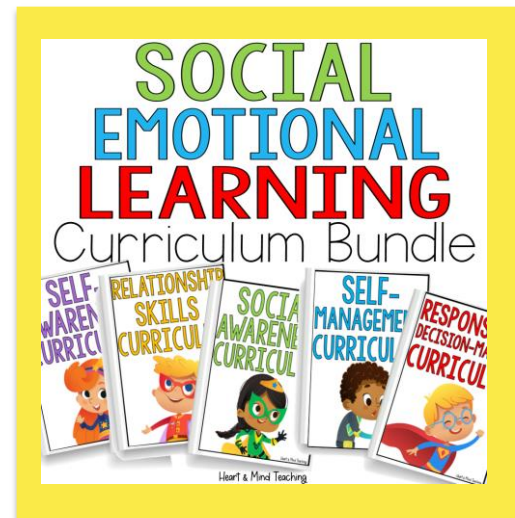
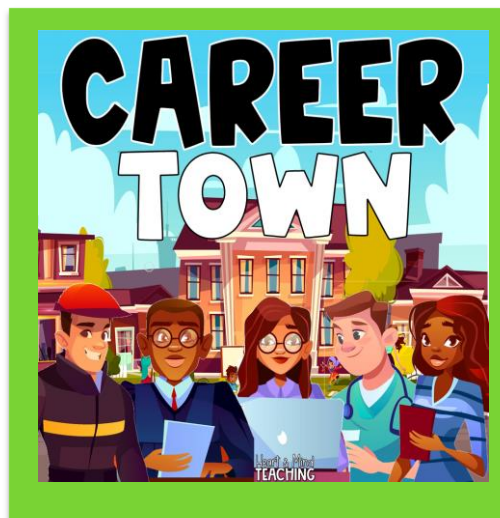
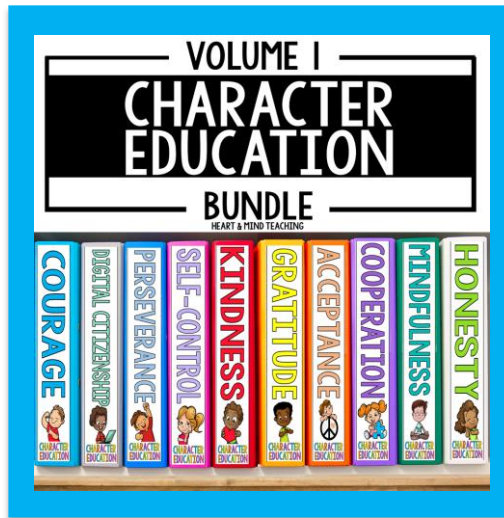
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