

HONESTY CIRCLE TIME: FOUNDATION STAGE

Virtue 11 – Summer 2 Honesty –

HONESTY is telling the truth. It is speaking the truth without exaggerating or omitting things. It is having the courage to admit the truth even when it is hard to do. When you are honest, you can be trusted. When you are trustworthy you can be relied on to do something and to keep the promises you have made. You have integrity, when you are honest to others and to yourself; you do not try to be like someone you are not, you are your true self. When you are honest your actions match your words: you practise what you preach.

Knowledge:

I know that it is right to tell the truth even when I find it difficult.

Skills:

Be Honest, tell the truth kindly, and let my actions match my words.

Attitudes:

If we are honest, our friends can trust us and we can trust them. Honesty means doing the right thing even if no one is around.

Statements for Assessment:

I tell the truth.

I am reliable and trustworthy.

My actions match my words.

I am honest with myself and others even when it is difficult.

Circle Time Rules:

We listen to each other.

We do not say or do anything that would hurt another person.

We signal when we want to say something.

We may say pass.

If a game involves touch we may sit and watch before making a decision to join in.

Skills - Thinking, Looking, Listening, Speaking, Concentrating

Throughout Circle Time it is vital that teachers praise children for using the above skills.

Step 1. Game

Button, Button, Who has the Button?

This is an older game that can be used to teach honesty in a fun way. An adult should choose one child to be "it" while the other children gather in a circle. The person who is "it" closes her eyes. A button or other small object is passed from person to person until an amount of time passes. The adult could set a timer or play some music for the button passing time. When the person who is "it" opens her eyes the group says "Button, button, who's got the button?" while they are all pretending to hide the button in their hands. The person who is "it" will then guess a person. The person with the button can take a turn to be "it" next. While this game seems like simple fun, there is a desire for some kids to lie when they hold the button and the person who is "it" guesses their name. It feels like they are getting caught even though it's just fun. Adults can discuss why everyone needs to tell the truth, and how that keeps the game fun for everyone.

Step 2. Round

Read or watch the video about the boy who cried wolf.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKWktweAZbo>

Step 3. Open Forum

Puppet has broken something in the classroom, finding it hard to tell someone, as he does not want to get in to trouble. What should he/she do.

Teacher tells puppet not to worry. S/he asks the children to help.

Children give ideas

Trigger statement:

I should always tell the truth because ,,,,,,,,,,

Step 4. Celebration

Children sitting in a circle then = Tell a true, kind fact about the person to your left. Or say about a time when you found it difficult to tell the truth.

Step 5. Ending Ritual

Join hands in the circle then send a wiggle from one hand/ arm to the next so that it ends up back at the teacher.