

HONESTY CIRCLE TIME: KEY STAGE 1

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. I know I have to be honest with myself, I know I should speak with kindness when I am honest

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.

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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

Children stand up in turn and say a statement; the others have to say Truth or False. Eg I can speak Japanese, I own a horse – rest of the class say Truth or false – child sits down and the next child stands up.

Step 3. Open Forum

Two puppets - one has broken something belonging to the other puppet. He does not know how to tell the other one – the children take the puppet and speak for him.

Trigger statement:

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

Step 4. Celebration / Reflection – share rhyme on the smartboard.

Sometimes we think it is easier to tell a little lie.
We find it hard to tell the truth, however we may try.
We're just afraid to take the blame,
We feel remorse, we're full of shame.
We should not cheat when things go wrong,
Just face the facts, own up, be strong.

Step 5. Ending Ritual

Lord, please help us to be honest and true in all the things we say and do! Amen