

Character Education Skills Ladders: Honesty



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Children independently and automatically tell the truth. They have got to this stage by learning from past mistakes, when/if they were made. Children know about consequences and how, as they get older, lies and their consequences might get bigger. Children need little to no reminders about the importance of honesty.

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Children are always honest about things that matter and tell the truth about these important matters first time. Children can describe a variety of ways to manage their pressures (i.e. peer pressure) in order to be honest.

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Children understand that lies can be harmful and so do not lie, even when they think that it is for a 'good' reason, like sticking up for their friends. Children know that liars usually get found out and have bigger consequences than telling the truth. Children can explain reasons why some people choose to lie and can give advice.

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Children know the difference between a 'lie' and a 'white lie,' and understand that sometimes white lies are OK. In Year 3, children might sometimes still lie but children understand that the truth is always best. Children learn from their mistakes and can explain how they've learnt from them so that they're not repeated. Children understand the vocab: 'consequence.'

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Children can explain why lying is bad and can describe some of the things that might happen if you lie. Children also understand the benefits of being honest; for example, things will be better. However, children know that you don't get physical rewards, i.e. house points, prizes, etc. for being honest and can explain why.

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Children know what a 'lie' is and what the 'truth' is. They understand the vocab: 'fact.' Children have a basic understanding of: when you lie, something bad happens. Children can link values behaviour to the zone board.

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Children begin to understand being honest by retelling, in order, something that has happened to them/something they have done recently. They begin to understand a lie as something that is not true.