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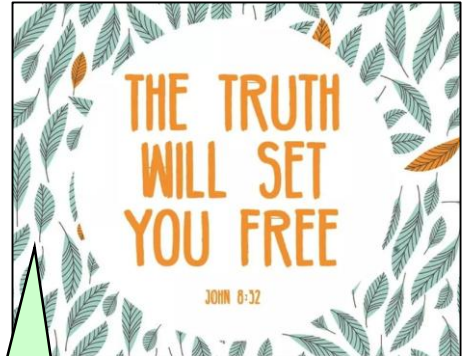
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12th to 25th April



Truthfulness

**Truthfulness
is at the
foundation
of all
personal
excellence.
Samuel Smiles**



What the bible
says about
truthfulness?

**SPEAK THE
TRUTH,
EVEN IF YOUR
VOICE SHAKES.**

What is Truthfulness or honesty?

Many children think honesty means you "don't tell a lie" and speaking the truth is a big part of being honest. However, honesty means more than "not lying." Honesty means your actions are truthful too. If you have to hide what you are doing because you are trying to trick someone, you probably aren't being honest. So honesty is about both speaking and acting truthfully.

Here are some ways in which we can do this.

- telling the truth based on what actually happened, based on facts and real things*
- telling the whole truth, and not leaving out parts in order to hide something you know is wrong*
- acting in a way that is truthful and doesn't hide the truth or trick others*

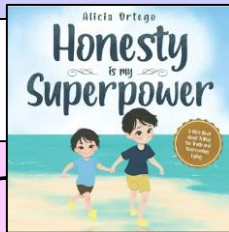
Play the Honesty Well

Take a small container such as a jar and fill it with water. Ask your child to drop a penny into the middle and explain that it symbolizes a lie. The task is to make up for the lie by covering it with other coins, which symbolise apologies. It will take many coins (or apologies) to cover up the penny. You can discuss questions after the activity, such as the following:

Is it easy for people to forget about dishonesty?

Have you ever been dishonest?

Has anyone been dishonest towards you? What did you feel? How would you react if someone told you the truth?



Read the story —
Honesty is my Superpower  [HONESTY IS MY SUPERPOWER by Alicia Ortego : Kids Books Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

Create a poster or write a story to show the importance of being truthful.

Be as creative as you can - it would be lovely to have

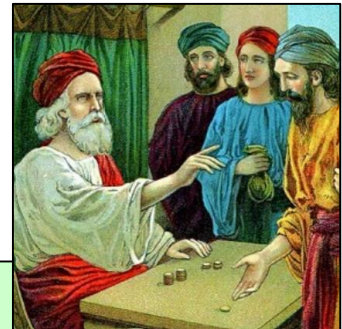
some on display!

Being honest may not get you a lot of friends; but it'll always get you the right ones! (Gandhi)

H —
O —
N —
E —
S —
T —
Y —

What do you know about honesty and telling the truth? Create your own acrostic poem by writing words or phrases about honesty beginning with each letter on the side of the page.

Read our Faith story about Truthfulness on our website.



Zacchaeus was a tax collector, known for how rich he had become – likely by being dishonest and keeping some tax money for himself. But one day, Jesus came to Zacchaeus' town and Zacchaeus had the chance to meet him. Read how knowing Jesus, helped him see the error of his ways.

<http://preachbrotherbob.blogspot.com/2014/08/walking-with-zacchaeus.html>