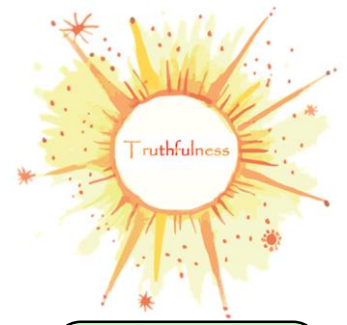


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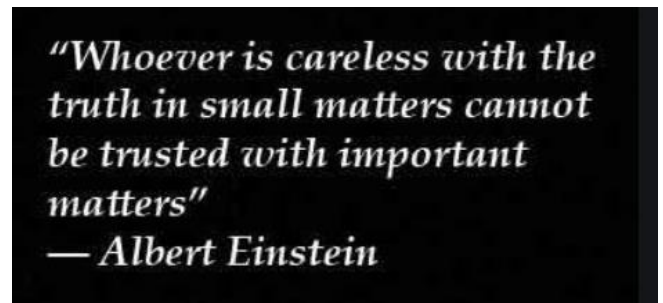
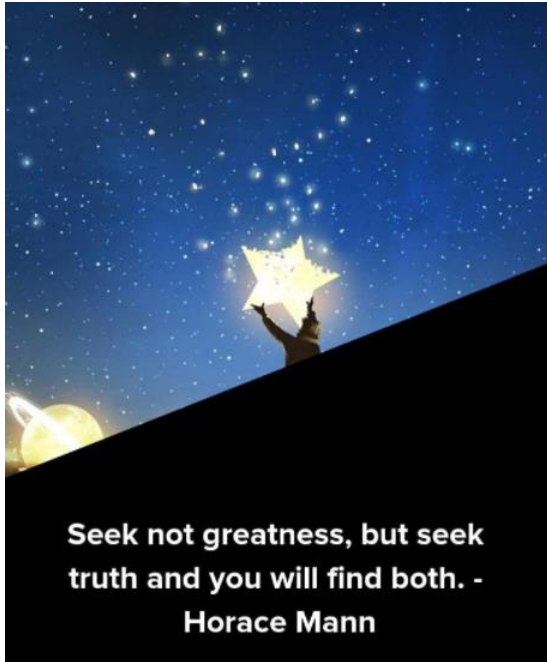
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21st April to 4th May



Truthfulness

What the bible says about truthfulness?



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.

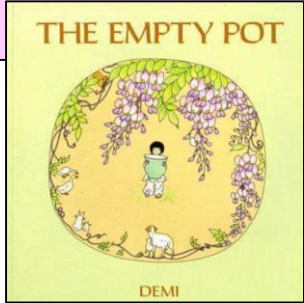
- telling the truth based on what actually happened, based on facts and real things
- telling the whole truth, and not leaving out parts in order to hide something you know is wrong
- acting in a way that is truthful and doesn't hide the truth or trick others

Here are some activities that you could do at home with your family to help develop a shared understanding of truthfulness.

With your family, complete the attached sheet thinking about possible consequences. Try to make some guidelines about telling the truth in your home!

Read the story – The Empty Pot. Here is a link to hear the story read aloud!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9K-sAKdk2Y>

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!



Use the ideas on the attached sheet to sort the actions into those that show truthfulness and those that don't. You could also have an 'unsure' pile. Make sure you talk to someone in your family about your thoughts – they may have a different idea to you!

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.

H _____
O _____
N _____
E _____
S _____
T _____
Y _____

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- Admitting that you did something wrong.

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I've done something really bad. My conscience is plaguing me!

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Keep quiet about it.

Talk to a parent or mature adult

Possible negative consequences of keeping quiet:

Possible positive consequences of talking to someone:

"If you cover up your mistake, you will never have a clean conscience, and that is a horrible feeling. Plus, when the truth does come out—and it always does—it will just make things worse."



—Carly.

Spreading rumours you heard about someone making a mistake.

Admitting that you did something wrong.

Exaggerating a story so it sounds more interesting.

Hiding the truth because you think it will make someone upset.

Cheating on a test.

Telling yourself that what you did was OK even though you know it was wrong.

Sharing the answers to a test with a friend.

Telling your friends how you feel.

Telling your friend you like their jumper when really you don't.

Letting your partner copy your work.