# HONESTY
## Teacher Resource

## WHAT IS HONESTY?

Telling the truth.

## BENCHMARKS

✓ **HE.3.R.1.2** — Identify ways to show trustworthiness.

✓ **HE.4.R.1.3** — Predict the potential outcomes of repeating and/or sharing information that is not true.

✓ **HE.5.R.1.4** — Discuss ways that honesty and trustworthiness can lead to school and career success.

## PURPOSE

▶ These interactive activities will help your students continue to explore the characteristic of honesty and the importance of being truthful. Share the suggested introduction with your students, choose one or more of the activities below, and conclude with the suggested wrap-up. Feel free to modify or revisit activities throughout the week to continue reinforcing honesty.

## Suggested Introduction:

"Today, we are going to explore honesty by identifying ways we can show trustworthiness and analyze the potential outcomes of repeating and sharing information that is not true. Honesty is an important part of being respectful, responsible and showing good character. It is important to be honest to the people around us, including our parents, teachers, friends and classmates."

## Activities to Build Honesty:

### 1 Truth Chain Reaction

Help students analyze the impact of spreading false information by presenting a scenario where someone spreads misinformation. Write the scenario on chart paper and as a class, brainstorm what could happen next, adding each possible consequence to the chain. Guide students through the discussion, pointing out the possible consequences of spreading misinformation. Discuss how one false statement can lead to misunderstandings and hurt feelings. Ask students to identify ways that honesty could have prevented negative outcomes.

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## Activities to Build Honesty (Continued):

### 2  Career Role Model Discussion

Help students connect honesty to career success by having students learn about successful role models in various careers (e.g., athletes, historical figures, local officials). Discuss how honesty and trustworthiness helped these role models achieve success. Ask students to think of careers they are interested in and discuss why honesty is important in those professions. Have students write or present how they believe being honest and trustworthy will help them in their future career goals.

### 3  Trustworthy or Not Sorting Game

Present scenarios to the class (e.g., telling the truth even when it's difficult, telling a secret someone asked you to keep). Divide students into small groups, and have students read scenarios and decide whether the behavior shows trustworthiness or not. Discuss as a class why trustworthiness is important in friendships, school and beyond.

## Suggested Wrap-Up:

"Today, we have learned about honesty, ways to show trustworthiness and how this characteristic can lead to success in your education and beyond. Honesty is always the best policy, even when it may be difficult. Telling the truth shows others you are reliable and can be trusted."

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## Truth Chain Reaction
## Sample Anchor Chart

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**SCENARIO:**

### Positive Chain:
**What can happen when someone is honest?**

### Negative Chain:
**What can happen when someone is dishonest?**

**What are ways that honesty could have prevented negative outcomes?**

*This is a supplemental document to support the 3–5 Honesty Teacher Resource.*