

TELLING THE WHOLE TRUTH

SESSION A



Honesty is:

- * Speaking the truth.
- * Refusing to cheat or take something that does not belong to you.
- * Admitting your mistakes.
- * Being true to yourself.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Children learn that, even though they are not telling a lie, hiding the truth (deceiving) is dishonest.

Children know that being honest means telling the whole truth.

Preparation:

Organise the children into groups of five, where possible, in preparation for next week's role play session. If possible start the role play this week to maximise the use of time.

Script:

Set out this scenario to the class: "You went to Sam's house to play and then you went to Zara's house without asking your mum and dad. When your dad asks, "Whose house did you play at today?" you say, "I played at Sam's house". Ask children to discuss this in pairs. Was that the right thing to say to your dad? Why? What would you have done? Take answers from the class.

Extend the scenario: "Imagine you are at Zara's house. Your mum and dad think you are at Sam's house and they drive there to collect you to take you to see your

grandmother. You are not there when they arrive. How do you think they will feel? Why?" Discuss in pairs.

Extend the scenario further: "Your parents find out that you have gone to Zara's house, so they drive there instead. What will you say when they get there?" Discuss in pairs.

Extend the scenario still further: "The next week, when you ask to play at Sam's house, your parents say no. Why do you think they said no?" Discuss in pairs.

Extend the scenario further still: "You really want to play at Sam's house because Zara will be there and they have a new exciting game to play. Your parents are unsure about whether to let you go. How can you make sure they will trust you in the future?"

The children should prepare a simple script for a role play based on the scenarios above, deciding who plays each of the five parts.

Character Coaching

Meaningful Praise:

Thank you for being honest.

Thank you for admitting what you did, I appreciate your honesty.

Guidance:

Remember that being honest is very important because it helps people to know that you can be trusted.

Correction:

How could you use honesty next time this happens?

I need someone to practise honesty so that I know what really happened.

I was saddened that you did not practise honesty today. What will you do differently next time?

Please practise honesty.