

BEING TACTFUL

SESSION B



“A truth that’s told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent.”

William Blake

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Children know the importance of thinking before speaking, so that when they tell someone the truth it is in the kindest way possible.

Script:

Knowing how to be tactful and dealing with the consequences is tricky. This is a discursive lesson in which you can explore all of the dilemmas children might face when needing to tell the truth. Below there are some questions that you should use to guide a discussion about telling the truth and being tactful.

- * Is it ever OK to upset someone by telling the truth?
- * What do you do if you have been as tactful as you possibly can be, but the person you are speaking to is still upset? Have you failed in your tactfulness?
- * How can your body language help you be tactful?
- * Have you ever been upset because someone was not tactful? How did you respond?

Character Coaching

Meaningful Praise:

Well done for telling the truth without upsetting anyone. You were very tactful!

Guidance:

Remember that when we tell the truth we need to be careful about how we say it, so that we don’t upset anyone unnecessarily. Can you show me how to respond tactfully in this situation?

Correction:

You did not think before you spoke and, as a result, you have upset someone. You must be careful about how you speak to someone when you disagree. You do not need to lie, but you must show some tact.

How will you respond tactfully next time?

