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HONESTY

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Grade Levels: 2-6

30 minutes



DESCRIPTION

The superhero format deals with honesty and its dishonest counterparts, lying, cheating, and stealing. Policé Man and Rewind Guy present realistic situations with two possible outcomes, always presenting "Honesty is the best policy."

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Subject Area: Behavioral Studies

- Standard: Understands various meanings of social group, general implications of group membership, and different ways that groups function
 - Benchmark: Understands that the "rules" for group behaviors and expectations sometimes are written down and strictly enforced or are just understood from example

Subject Area: Civics

- Standard: Understands how certain character traits enhance citizens' ability to fulfill personal and civic responsibilities
 - Benchmark: Knows private character traits that contribute to the health of American democracy such as individual responsibility, self-discipline/self-governance, honesty, persistence, and compassion

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

1. To define *integrity* and *honesty*.
2. To dramatize dishonest and honest behaviors.
3. To emphasize appropriate honest actions.

BEFORE SHOWING

Allow 45 minutes to an hour of class time for the viewing of the video, discussion and activity time. The running time of the video is approximately 28 minutes. Discussion and activity time should last 25 to 30 minutes. We suggest using the discussion section immediately following the viewing of the video. The activities are optional, but offer a fun and entertaining way to reinforce the character facts the students have just learned. (Choose the most appropriate activity for your age class.)

AFTER SHOWING

Discussion Items and Questions

1. What does *integrity* mean?

2. What does it mean to be a person of integrity?
3. Can anyone be a person of integrity?
4. Who can turn you into a person of integrity?
5. Does integrity matter? Why?
6. Where does integrity matter?
7. What is *honesty*?
8. What was Policé Man's "policy" that helps us remember to be honest?
9. Why should you be honest?
10. Who should you be honest to?
11. What does *dishonesty* mean? What are the three ways of being dishonest (in the video)?
12. Is it OK to tell a little white lie?
13. Discuss the scene about "lying" that Rewind Guy had to set right. Why was the honest way better?
14. Discuss the scene about "cheating" that Rewind Guy helped keep honest. Why was the honest way better?
15. Discuss the scene about "stealing" that Rewind Guy put the freeze on. Why was the honest way better?

Applications and Activities

1. Instruct your students to think of how they would look as a superhero like Rewind Guy. Have them think of what their costume would look like. Then have them draw themselves (in costume) reversing a dishonest situation. Encourage them to think of a situation (not shown in the video). If time permits, have volunteers act out their scene as they tell the class about it.
2. Rewind Guy and Policé Man Skit: (You'll need a TV remote control as a prop.) Divide the students in your class into two groups. One person in each group will be the Rewind Guy (RG) and another will be chosen to be Policé Man (PM). Have each group think of a scenario about honesty not used in the video. Then have them act out their scenario first by doing things the "wrong way." After they have done this, the PM contacts RG through whatever communication mode the students dream up. Then RG uses his remote control to freeze the situation. (The characters should actually freeze in place and stay that way until RG "rewinds" them.) Then the RG or other team member will briefly discuss what the "characters" did "wrong" in the scenario. Next the RG will "rewind" the characters back to where they started to reenact the situation doing things the "right way." After they are finished with the scene, the RG and PM will discuss why acting out the scene the "right way" showed honesty.

SUMMARY

This action-packed, superhero-driven video of the *Integrity Matters* series takes character education to new heights. *Integrity Matters* "Honesty" takes on all forms of the meaning as Policé Man and Rewind Guy combine their efforts to fight the dishonesty battle. See scenes that aren't exactly honest, turned around by the super-powered remote control of Rewind Guy as Policé Man diligently searches for the next possible dishonest act. Because, after all, "Honesty is Always the Best Policy!"

RELATED RESOURCES



Captioned Media Program

- Bobby's Choice: A Story About Honesty #3012



World Wide Web

The following Web sites complement the contents of this guide; they were selected by professionals who have experience in teaching deaf and hard of hearing students. Every effort was made to select accurate, educationally relevant, and "kid safe" sites. However, teachers should preview them before use. The U.S. Department of Education, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Captioned Media Program do not endorse the sites and are not responsible for their content.

- **NATIONAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CENTER**

<http://www.ethicsusa.com>

The "Values in Action" network is a growing number of North American schools (over 1,000) who feel ethics education and values-centered environments make the most impact in a child's success in schools. Provides information, links, and a newsletter.

- **CHARACTER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

<http://www.character.org>

A nonpartisan coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to developing moral character and civic virtue in our nation's youth. Provides links to resources and a database search of resources and organizations.

- **LIVING VALUES**

<http://www.livingvalues.net>

A partnership among educators around the world, supported by UNESCO. Provides materials and resources related to values education.

