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LEARNING ACTIVITY GUIDE - THIRD GRADE

HONESTY



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WHAT'S INSIDE?

- Student-centered activities designed to promote lifelong social and emotional intelligence
- Book recommendations + literacy activities
- Home connections + tips for parents

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Welcome to the Third Grade Honesty Learning Activities!

This month, your school community will be emphasizing the importance of honesty. Use this Learning Activity Guide to help students understand and embrace honesty through an engaging video or audio recording, a children’s book, a lesson, discussion questions, extension ideas, bonus materials, and at-home engagement. These fun and student-centered activities are cross-curricular and include opportunities for children to collaborate and work independently, exercise their literacy skills and creativity, and develop social and emotional awareness.

The Choose To Be Nice® school program is a comprehensive and engaging SEL (social and emotional learning) program that focuses on the nine important values of respect, kindness, acceptance, teamwork, honesty, responsibility, friendship, patience, and courage. Schools focus on one value per month, and all program components are designed to foster empathy, kindness, and lifelong values that will help children become resilient and compassionate individuals. All learning activities are aligned with the five core social-emotional learning competencies identified by CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning), the nation’s leading organization advancing the development of academic, social, and emotional competence for all students. As students go through the Choose To Be Nice program and learn and practice the Choose To Be Nice values, they are building their skills in the five competencies: self-management, self-awareness, responsible decision making, relationship skills, and social awareness.



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GETTING STARTED

OUR VALUES

Choose To Be Nice promotes its mission with these nine important values:

RESPECT - be polite and show consideration for others and their differences

KINDNESS - be nice and friendly to people wherever you go

ACCEPTANCE - appreciate and recognize people for who they are

TEAMWORK - collaborate and work together with others

HONESTY - be truthful and fair

RESPONSIBILITY - be accountable for your own actions

FRIENDSHIP - be a friendly companion other people want to be around

PATIENCE - be calm and understand that some things take time and endurance

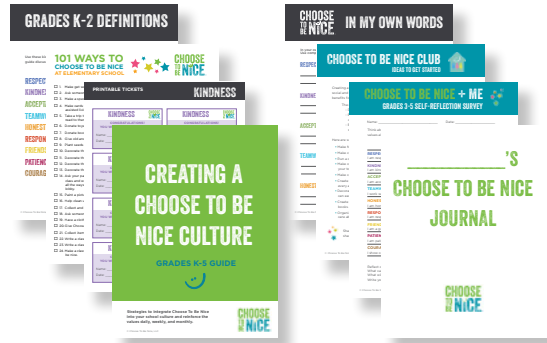
COURAGE - be brave and dare to be nice even when it's hard

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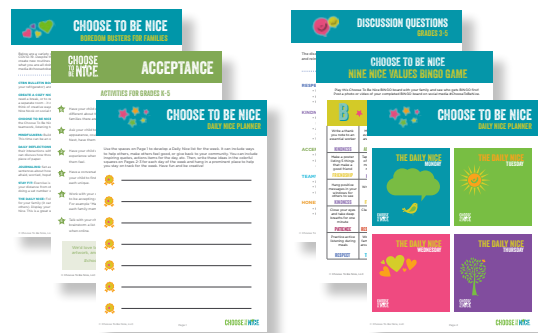
ONLINE RESOURCES

Resources for educators and families are available to download on our website.

Educator Resources Page: The entire Choose To Be Nice curriculum, along with supporting documents, additional student worksheets, at home activity guides, bonus materials, and this guide, are all available on our website on the Educator Resources Page. To access materials visit: www.choosetobenice.com/educator-resources. Use password: **CTBNschool24-25**.



Family Resources Page: Please be sure to direct your families to our online **Family Resources Page**, where we have additional engaging and fun at home activities for families, as well as tips and other resources. Families can access the activities at: www.choosetobenice.com/home-community-resources/.



GETTING STARTED

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

Here is a suggested schedule to follow for Third Grade Honesty Month:

Prior To Week One:

- Send home the Choose To Be Nice At Home Activity Book (Third Grade Honesty) available on the Educator Resources Page
- Have books from the suggested book list readily available for your students

Week One:

- Play Hannah's audio recording found on the Educator Resources Page
- Honesty Learning Activity: Tell the Truth Theatre

Week Two:

- Have Group Discussions about honesty

Week Three:

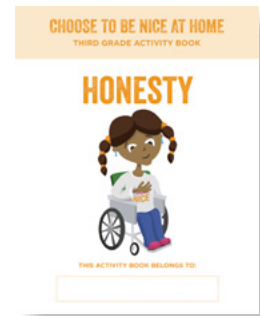
- Have students reflect on and write about honesty during journal time. Journal covers and pages are available to download from the Educator Resources Page

Week Four:

- Honesty Extension Activity

CHOOSE TO BE NICE AT HOME ACTIVITY BOOK

Essential to adopting any new behaviors is making sure the learning reaches home. **Choose To Be Nice At Home Activity Books** help to reinforce the Choose To Be Nice values and encourage positive dialogue at home. Each Guide includes a note to parents/guardians, a fun activity, discussion questions, a coloring page and a poster. Be sure to send this guide home prior to starting this month's learning activities.



HONEST HANNAH AUDIO

In this short audio recording, **Honest Hannah** talks about honesty and builds excitement for additional learning and exploration. Be sure to play this audio prior to starting this month's learning activities.



All At Home Activity Guides and audio recordings are available on our website on the [Educator Resources Page](#). Password is CTBNschool24-25.

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BOOK SUGGESTION: *Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire*, By Diane deGroat

LEARNING ACTIVITY: Tell the Truth Theatre

SUBJECT CONNECTIONS: English Language Arts,
Performing Arts

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- None needed

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the story, *Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire*. Have students discuss the importance of **honesty** and telling the truth. Ask: *Have you ever been in a tricky situation when **being honest** was difficult?*

Divide students into groups of 2-3 to create their own skits about the importance of being honest. Ask each group to brainstorm a situation where being honest is difficult but important. Some examples include: accidentally breaking a vase at home, being with a friend who steals candy from a store, etc. Give each group 15-20 minutes to create a two-minute skit about their scenario.

After each group is finished, have them present their skit to the class. Pause after each presentation to reflect on the scenario. Ask students to discuss what they would have done in the situation and why being honest is important.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (3-5)

Use these questions to engage students in thoughtful discussions about honesty.

- Have you ever told a lie? What happened? How did you feel?
- How would you feel if someone lied to you?
- Why is it important to be honest?
- What are some consequences of dishonesty that you have observed or experienced?
- Share a situation where telling the truth was difficult but necessary. What was the outcome?
- How can we encourage more honesty in our daily interactions?

EXTENSION IDEAS

Use these Extension Ideas to extend and reinforce the learning anytime throughout the month and year.

- Have students practice and perform their skits for students in a younger grade.
- Record each skit and upload to a classroom YouTube page.
- Have students write another story about honesty in their CTBN Journal.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS LIST - HONESTY (3-5)

Use these additional books to reinforce the concept of honesty.

A Day's Work, By Eve Bunting

Shiloh, By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sun and Spoon, By Kevin Henkes

Liar, Liar, By Gary Paulsen

Honey Moon Shiver, By Joyce Magnin

BONUS MATERIALS

Award Certificates: Choose To Be Nice Award Certificates are a great way to promote a positive school culture and reinforce the Choose To Be Nice value of the month. Use the Honesty Award Certificate to recognize those students for consistently being honest and showing honesty with others.



Reward Tickets: Keep a stack of Honesty Tickets handy. When you observe a student showing honesty through actions, words, or interactions, award them a ticket. Empowering students to award these tickets to their peers is a great way to encourage them to recognize and value honest behavior in different situations. Consider setting up a system where tickets can be exchanged for small rewards or privileges.



Coloring Page: Students can use coloring pages during quiet time. Display completed pages around the classroom to celebrate students' understanding and commitment to honesty.



Poster: Hang the poster in your classroom as a visual reminder of the importance of honesty. Use the poster to spark meaningful discussions about honesty.



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HONESTY AWARD

This award is being presented to

for being truthful and fair.

Keep up the good work!!



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