

Ollie the Owl Learns About Mistakes

Lesson Objective:

Students will learn about the importance of honesty, taking responsibility for mistakes, and making things right.

Materials Needed:



- The story “*Ollie the Owl Learns About Mistakes*”
- The song “*Ollie the Owl Learns From Mistakes and is Honest*”
- Ollie’s Wise Choices Poster
- Paper and pencils, crayons and markers, stapler/glue stick
- Activity 1-Puppet Role-Play
- Activity 2- Mistake Monster handout
- Home Connection Letter

Introduction to the Topic (10 minutes)

Greeting Outline:

- Welcome the children and have them sit in a circle (if applicable)
- Briefly talk about what it means to make a mistake and how everyone makes mistakes.
- Introduce the concept of being honest and taking responsibility for our mistakes.

Greeting and Circle Time Teacher Script

- **Warm Welcome and Opening Discussion:**
 - “Good morning, everyone! Please find a spot in our circle. Today, we are going to talk about something that happens to everyone: *making mistakes*. Can anyone tell me what a mistake is?”
 - (Allow children to share their thoughts and gently encourage anyone who may feel hesitant to participate.)
- **Discussion Starter**
 - “Great answers! A mistake is when we do something wrong, like spilling milk or breaking a toy by accident. But here’s the good news—*everyone* makes mistakes, even grown-ups. And when we make a mistake, the most important thing to do is to be honest and try to fix it.”
 - (Pause for a follow-up question.)
“How do you feel when you make a mistake?”
 - “It’s okay to feel upset, but mistakes are actually a way to learn and grow. Today, we’ll read a story about Ollie the Owl and what he learned about making mistakes, being honest, and fixing them.”

Read the Story (15 minutes)

Story Time Outline:



- Read the story *Ollie the Owl Learns About Mistakes* aloud to the class
- Engage the children by asking questions during key parts of the story

Story Time Teacher Script:

Prepare the Students for the Story:

- “Now, I’m going to read a story called ‘*Ollie the Owl Learns About Mistakes.*’ While I read, think about the different mistakes Ollie makes and what he learns. Let’s also watch how his friends help him along the way.”
- (Read the story aloud, pausing at key moments to ask questions and engage the children.)
- **Read the Chapter with Emphasis on Key Moments:**
 - **While reading**, pause during key moments.
 - **Ask Questions:**
 - What did Ollie find and start playing with?
 - Whose ball did Ollie take without asking?
 - What happened to the ball while Ollie was playing?
 - How did Ollie feel when he realized he made a mistake?
 - Who did Ollie talk to first about the mistake?
 - What advice did Benny give to Ollie?
 - What did Ollie say to Betty when he told her the truth?
 - How did Betty feel at first, and then how did she respond?
 - What did Ollie and Betty do to make a new ball?
 - What did the other friends say to Ollie at the end of the story?

Ollie the Owl Learns About Mistakes

In a forest green and grand,
Lived Ollie the Owl, with wings so grand.
He loved to play and explore each day,
But one day he learned, in a tricky way.

Ollie flew high, with a swoop and a glide,
When he saw a shiny ball, just inside.
It was Betty the Beaver's, precious and bright,
But Ollie didn't know, it was out of sight.

He grabbed the ball and played with glee,
But oh no, he dropped it into the sea.
Ollie felt worried, his heart sank low,
He knew he had made a mistake, oh no!

He flew to his friends with a heavy heart,
Unsure of how he should even start.
First, he found Benny, the big brown bear,
"Benny," he said, "I made a tear."

"I took Betty's ball without asking her first,
And now it's lost, I feel the worst.
What should I do? How can I make it right?"
Benny hugged Ollie, holding him tight.

"Honesty's best, it's the way to be,
Tell Betty the truth, she'll see.
We all make mistakes, it's part of life,
Being honest helps end the strife."

Ollie nodded, feeling a bit brave,
He flew to Betty near the cave.
"Betty," he said, with a voice so small,
"I took your shiny, lovely ball."
"It slipped and fell into the sea,
I'm so sorry, please forgive me."

Betty looked sad, but then she smiled,
"Thank you, Ollie, for being so mild."

"Mistakes do happen, it's part of the game,
But being honest, that's true and tame.
Let's work together, we'll find a way,
To make a new ball, come on, let's play!"

They gathered wood and shiny stones,
Building a ball, with joyful tones.
Ollie felt lighter, his heart was clear,
He knew that honesty brought them near.

As they played, his friends gathered round,
Harriet the Hare and Buzz, with a bound.
"Ollie," they said, "we're proud of you,
For being honest, and kind too."
Ollie felt proud, he learned that day,
Mistakes are just a part of the way.
Being honest and taking responsibility,
Brings friends closer and sets you free.

So if you make a mistake, don't hide,
Be honest and true, with friends by your side.
Take responsibility, make things right,
And you'll feel better, day and night.

Ollie the Owl, wise and kind,
Learned that honesty brings peace of mind.
With friends who care and love so true,
There's nothing in life you can't get through.

3. Post-Chapter Teacher Script

- “Now that we’ve read the story, let’s talk about what we learned. Why was it important for Ollie to tell Betty what happened? What did Ollie and his friends do to make things right?”

4. Post-Chapter Questions

Ask these questions to help students reflect on the chapter and connect it to their own experiences:

- How do you think Ollie felt when he made a mistake?
- Why is it sometimes hard to tell the truth after making a mistake?
- What does it mean to take responsibility for something?
- Have you ever made a mistake like Ollie? What did you do?
- What helped Ollie feel brave enough to talk to Betty?
- How did Ollie and Betty fix the problem together?
- What would have happened if Ollie had not told the truth?
- Why is it important to forgive someone who makes a mistake and says sorry?
- What can we say to ourselves when we mess up?
- What did Ollie teach us about being honest and responsible?

Sing the Song (10 minutes)



- Teach the children the *Ollie the Owl Learns From Mistakes and is Honest* song

- Sing the song together a few times, encouraging the children to join the actions.

“Teacher Script!”

“Ollie the Owl Learns From Mistakes and is Honest”

Hand Movements

[Verse]

Ollie the owl he flew too fast
Knocked down a tree oh what a blast
Felt so bad had nowhere to hide
He took a breath let out a sigh

Flap arms like wings

Frown and look down

[Chorus]

It's okay to make mistakes
Just be honest gives and takes
Learn from them and stand up tall
Ollie knows he's part of all

Thumbs up

Place hand over heart

Palms up

[Verse 2]

Dropped his snack while on a cruise
Hooted loud felt confused
Saw his friends giggle and cheer
Ollie said I'll fix it here

Cup hands around mouth

[Chorus]

It's okay to make mistakes
Just be honest gives and takes
Learn from them and stand up tall
Ollie knows he's part of all

Thumbs up

Place hand over heart

Palms up

[Bridge]

Big round eyes what did you see
An owl who's honest now he's free
With each stumble don't you hide
Take your time stand beside

Circle fingers around eyes

[Chorus]

It's okay to make mistakes
Just be honest gives and takes
Learn from them and stand up tall
Ollie knows he's part of all

Thumbs up
Place hand over heart
Palms up

Song Wrap-up

“Great job, everyone! Remember, just like Ollie, we can learn from our mistakes and feel better when we are honest.”

Do an Activity (20 minutes)

- Students will practice dealing with mistakes and taking responsibility

Please choose from the following 2 activities:



Activity 1: Role-Play with Puppets (15 minutes)

Introduce Activity

“Now, we’re going to practice what to do when we make a mistake by using these puppets. Each puppet will act out a mistake, and together we’ll figure out how the characters can be honest and make things right.”

Activity Instructions

- Use the owl, bear, beaver, hare, and bee puppets to act out different scenarios where Ollie and his friends make mistakes and learn from them.
- Let the children take turns using the puppets to practice being honest and taking responsibility.

Instructions for Role-Playing:

1. **Set the Scene:** Use puppets representing Ollie, Benny, Betty, and others.
2. **Scenario 1: Ollie loses Betty’s Ball.**
 - **Teacher:** “How can Ollie make things right with Sammy?”
 - **Guide the children:** Help them use the puppet to apologize and offer to share.

“Today we’re going to act out a story using puppets or pretend play. In this story, Ollie makes a mistake, but he learns that being honest and taking responsibility helps fix the problem and keeps his friendships strong. We’ll practice what to say when we mess up, and how we can make things right.”

Sample Script: “Ollie Makes a Mistake”

(Teacher can begin by modeling the role-play using puppets or student volunteers.)

Narrator (Teacher):

“One sunny day, Ollie the Owl was flying through the forest when he saw something shiny below.”

Ollie the Owl:

“Ooo! Look at that shiny ball! It must be fun to play with!”

(picks up the ball and tosses it)

“Wheee—oh no!”

(pretends the ball drops)

“Oh no... it rolled into the stream. I didn’t mean to lose it!”

Narrator:

“Ollie felt worried. He didn’t ask whose ball it was. And now it was gone!”

Ollie the Owl:

“I feel bad. I made a mistake. I need help.”

(flies to Benny the Bear)

“Benny, I did something wrong. I took a ball that I didn’t ask for, and I lost it. What should I do?”

Benny the Bear:

“Hmmm... that sounds hard, Ollie. But I’m proud of you for telling me. You should tell Betty the truth. That’s the best way to make things right.”

Narrator:

“Ollie took a deep breath and flew to Betty the Beaver.”

Ollie the Owl:

“Betty, I have something to tell you. I took your shiny ball without asking, and I dropped it into the stream. I’m really sorry.”

Betty the Beaver:

“Oh... that makes me sad, Ollie. But thank you for telling the truth. That was very brave. Let’s make a new one together!”

Narrator:

“Ollie and Betty worked as a team to build a brand-new ball. Ollie learned that mistakes happen—but being honest, saying sorry, and helping to fix the problem can make things better.”

Teacher Wrap-Up

Teacher:

“Let’s remember what Ollie did when he made a mistake:

1. He **noticed** what went wrong.
2. He **asked for help**.
3. He **told the truth** and **said sorry**.
4. He **worked to fix it** and stayed kind.

“Now it’s your turn! Who wants to be Ollie? Who wants to be Betty or Benny or Buzz? Let’s practice this together!”

Scenario 2: Benny the Bear breaks a toy by accident.

- **Teacher:** “What should Benny do after making this mistake?”
- **Guide the children:** Encourage honesty and problem-solving, like fixing the toy together.

Scenario 3: Buzz the Bee forgets to return a book.

- **Teacher:** “How can Buzz apologize and make things better?”
- **Guide the children:** Show how to offer a solution, like returning the book with a kind note.

“You all did an amazing job! You showed that even when mistakes happen, we can fix them by being honest and trying our best.”



Activity 2: Mistake Monsters(15 minutes)

1. Introduce Activity

“Now, we’re going to create 'Mistake Monsters.' These monsters remind us that mistakes aren’t scary—they are just part of life.”

Activity Instructions

1. **Distribute materials:** Give each child a Mistake Monster handout.
2. **Explain the Activity:**
 - “On your paper, color the Mistake Monster This monster represents a mistake you’ve made—like spilling something or forgetting to clean up.”
 - Help children write (or draw) in the rectangles on the worksheet, what you can say or do when you’ve made a mistake to be honest and take responsibility

Wrapping it Up

- Gather the children back in a circle.
- Review what they learned about making mistakes, being honest, and taking responsibility.
- Ask a few children to share their "Mistake Monsters" and explain what they wrote about their mistakes and how they can make things right.

Wrap Up the Lesson (5 minutes)

Review and Reflection Teacher Script



1. Gather in a Circle for Reflection:

- "Let's all come back together in a circle."

2. Closing

- "What did Ollie the Owl teach us about making mistakes?"
- "Why is it important to tell the truth when we make a mistake?"
- "How did it feel to fix a mistake during our puppet role-play?"

"Remember, it's okay to make mistakes. What's important is being honest, learning from them, and trying to fix them. And if you ever need help, you can always ask a friend or teacher."

Home Connection Letter

1. Sending Information Home:

- "Before you go, I have a letter for you to take home that explains what we learned today in class."
- Hand out the letters as the children prepare to leave.

Parent Letter

Sending Information Home:

- Provide each child with a letter to take home to their parents explaining the lesson.

Dear Families,

Today in class, we learned about making mistakes through the story "Ollie the Owl Learns About Mistakes." This story teaches children the importance of being honest, taking responsibility for their mistakes, and making things right.

Here's what we learned:

- Honesty – Understanding that being honest about our mistakes helps us make things right.
- Responsibility – Recognizing that taking responsibility for our actions is important.
- Making Things Right – Learning how to correct our mistakes and move forward.

We practiced these concepts through role-playing and making "Mistake Monsters." You can help reinforce this at home by encouraging your child to talk about their mistakes and how they can make things right.

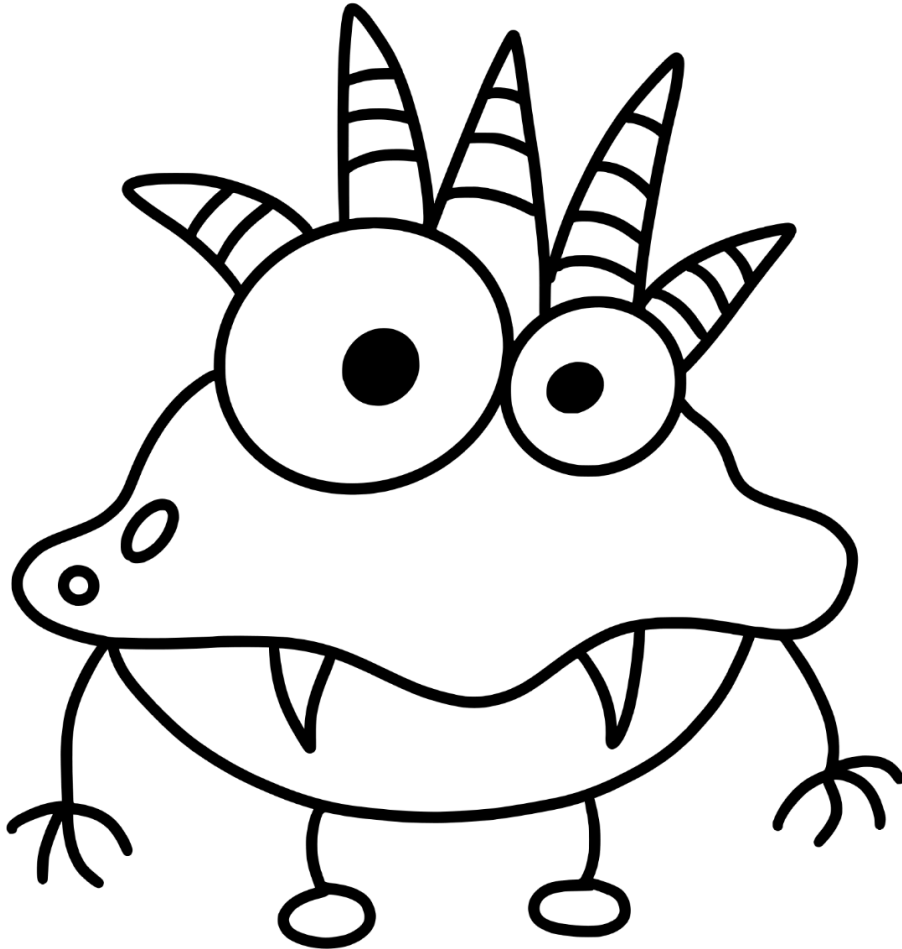
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With gratitude,



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