

Ollie the Owl Learns to Be Honest

Lesson Objective:

Students will learn the importance of honesty and how being truthful helps build trust and strong friendships.

Materials Needed:



- The story “Ollie the Owl Learns to Be Honest”
- The song “Ollie the Honest Owl”
- Ollie’s Wise Choices Poster
- Paper and pencils, crayons and markers, stapler/glue stick
- Activity 1- Honesty Heart worksheet
- Activity 2- Truth or Tale Game
- Home Connection Letter

Introduction to the Topic (10 minutes)

Greeting Outline:

- Welcome the children and have them sit in a circle (if applicable)
- Begin with a brief discussion (topic of lesson).

Greeting and Circle Time Teacher Script

- **Warm Welcome and Opening Discussion:**
 - “Good morning, everyone! Today, we’re going to talk about a very important idea called *honesty*. Does anyone know what it means to be honest?”
 - (Allow children to share their thoughts and gently encourage anyone who may feel hesitant to participate.)
 - If necessary, prompt with examples, like, “Maybe you’re honest when you tell the truth about something you did.”
- **Discussion Starter**
 - “Exactly! Honesty is when we tell the truth, even if it’s sometimes hard. Being honest helps our friends and family trust us, and it makes our hearts feel good. Can you think of a time when you were honest, or maybe a time you felt proud for telling the truth?”
 - Allow children to share briefly, reinforcing their responses with positive comments.
 - “Great examples! Now, we’re going to read a story about our friend Ollie the Owl, who learns about honesty and why it’s important. Let’s see what happens when Ollie faces a situation where he has to decide between being honest or hiding the truth.”

Read the Story (15 minutes)

Story Time Outline:



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

Story Time Teacher Script:

1. Prepare the Students for the Story:

- a. “As we read the story, think about how Ollie feels when he makes different choices and how his friends react. Let’s begin!”
- b. (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:**
 - Where was Ollie flying when he found the shiny hook?
 - Whose hook did Ollie find near the brook?
 - What did Ollie do when Benny asked if he had seen the hook?
 - How did Ollie feel after he said he didn’t take the hook?
 - Who noticed that something was bothering Ollie?
 - What advice did Grandma give to Ollie about telling the truth?
 - How did Benny respond when Ollie told him the truth?
 - What happened the next day when Ollie was playing with Harriet the Hare?
 - What choice did Ollie make after breaking Harriet’s chair?
 - How did Harriet react when Ollie told her the truth?

Ollie the Owl Learns to Be Honest

In a forest tall and bright,
Lived Ollie the Owl, with wings so light.
With feathers soft and eyes so wide,
He loved to play and often glide.

One day, while flying near the brook,
Ollie saw a shiny hook.
He picked it up, without a care,
But soon found trouble waiting there.

Benny the Bear came running fast,
“My fishing hook! It’s gone at last!”
Ollie hid the hook behind his back,
Unsure of how to face the lack.

“Have you seen it?” Benny asked,
Ollie felt a heavy task.
He shook his head and said, “Not me.”
But deep inside, he felt uneasy.

Later that day, Grandma came by,
Seeing the worry in Ollie’s eye.
“Ollie dear, what’s wrong with you?
Why so sad? What did you do?”

Ollie sighed and told the tale,
Of finding Benny’s hook and how he’d fail.
Grandma listened, wise and kind,
“Honesty, dear, brings peace of mind.”

“It’s hard to tell the truth, I know,
But it’s the right way for us to grow.
Go to Benny, make things right,
And you’ll feel lighter, day and night.”
Ollie nodded, feeling scared,
But knew that honesty should be shared.
He found Benny and took a breath,
Ready to face what he’d suppressed.

“Benny,” Ollie said, “I must confess,
I found your hook and caused this mess.
I was scared and didn’t say,
But now I’m here to make it okay.”

Benny looked, and then he smiled,
“Ollie, thanks for being so mild.
It’s hard to tell the truth, it’s true,
But I’m glad you did, I forgive you.”

Ollie felt a weight lift away,
Honesty had saved the day.
He learned that being truthful and kind,
Brought peace and joy to his mind.

Next day, while playing with Harriet the Hare,
Ollie broke her favorite chair.
He felt the urge to hide the fact,
But remembered honesty’s impact.

“Harriet,” Ollie said, feeling low,
“I broke your chair, I didn’t know.
I’m sorry for what I’ve done today,
I’ll help you fix it right away.”

Harriet smiled and hugged him tight,
“Thank you, Ollie, for being right.
Honesty is brave and true,
And I’m glad to have a friend like you.”

Ollie learned, through each mistake,
That honesty’s the path to take.
With Grandma’s wisdom and friends so dear,
He faced the truth without fear.

So remember, Ollie, wise and bright,
Who learned to be honest, day and night.
Telling the truth, even when it’s tough,
Makes our hearts strong and our friendships enough.

Ollie the Owl, with a heart so light,
Learned that honesty feels just right.
With every truth he bravely shared,
He found love and trust everywhere.

3. Post-Chapter Teacher Script

Wasn't it great to see how Ollie learned to be honest? Even though he felt scared at first, being truthful helped him feel better, and his friends forgave him. Let's remember how important it is to be honest, just like Ollie."

4. Post-Chapter Questions

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

- Why do you think Ollie was scared to tell the truth at first?
- How did Ollie feel before and after he was honest with Benny?
- What might have happened if Ollie had never told the truth about the hook?
- Why is it sometimes hard to be honest when we make a mistake?
- How did being honest help Ollie's friendships?
- What did Grandma mean when she said, "Honesty brings peace of mind"?
- Have you ever had to tell the truth about something even when it was hard? What happened?
- Why is honesty important when we play or work with others?
- What can we learn from Ollie's choice to tell the truth the second time to Harriet?
- If you were Ollie's friend, what would you say to him after he told the truth?

Sing the Song (10 minutes)



- Teach the children the *Ollie the Honest Owl* song
- Sing the song together a few times, encouraging the children to join the actions.

“Now we’re going to sing a song called “*Ollie the Honest Owl*.” This song is all about how being honest helps us feel good and keeps our friendships strong. Let’s listen and follow along with the movements.”

- **Play the song and model hand actions as you sing each verse.**
- Encourage children to join in the movements to help reinforce the message.

“*Ollie the Honest Owl*”

Hand Movements

[Verse]

Ollie the owl

Wise and so proud

Hoots in the night

Soaring above the crowd,

Cup hands around mouth

Spread arms out wide

[Verse 2]

But Ollie loved stories

Tall tales he told

Stretching the truth

Oh, how they rolled

Fists together, pull apart

[Chorus]

Tellin' the truth

and down

Is the best way

Ollie's learning

Day by day

Point finger and wag it up

[Verse 3]

One day, he fibbed

To his good friend Buzz

And Buzz flew off

All sad because

Flap hands like wings

[Verse 4]

Ollie felt sad
And then it hit
Be honest and true
That's the best fit

Frown
Point finger up

[Chorus]

Tellin' the truth
and down
Is the best way
Ollie's learning
Day by day

Point finger and wag it up

Song Wrap-up

"Well, that's a fun song to help us remember to be honest like Ollie the Owl.

"Do an Activity (20 minutes)

- Students will

Please choose from the following 2 activities:



Activity 1: Honesty Hearts (15 minutes)

Introduce Activity

"For our next activity, we're going to make 'Honesty Hearts' to remind us of how good it feels to be honest. I'll give each of you a heart shape and some craft supplies. You can draw or write something honest you did recently or something you promise to be honest about in the future."

Activity Instructions

- Hand out the "Honesty Heart" templates and craft materials, encouraging children to decorate their hearts with drawings, colors, and stickers.

“Think about a time you told the truth, even if it was hard. Did it make you feel proud or relieved? Maybe it even helped someone else feel good!”

- Once children finish, ask a few to share their Honesty Hearts with the class, praising their efforts.

“These Honesty Hearts are so beautiful! You all did a wonderful job. I’m so proud of each of you for thinking about honesty and sharing your promises to be truthful.”

Activity 2: Truth or Tale Game(15 minutes)



1. Introduce Activity

“Now, let’s play a game called *Truth or Tale*! I’ll read out a situation, and you’ll decide if the character should tell the truth or a tale. Remember, telling the truth means being honest, even when it’s hard.”

Activity Instructions

1. Start with a simple scenario:

“Here’s the first situation: Jamie finds a toy on the playground and wants to take it home. What should Jamie do—tell the truth or make up a tale?”

- **Allow children to respond.**
- **Discuss the honest choice (e.g., Jamie should find the toy’s owner or tell a teacher).**

1. Continue with other scenarios, encouraging children to discuss each choice and why honesty is important.

Example Scenario Dialogue:

- **Scenario:** “Samantha broke her sister’s favorite toy. What should she do?”
- **Teacher:**
“Should Samantha be honest and tell her sister, or make up a tale and pretend she didn’t do it?”
- **Wait for the children to respond.**
- **Reinforce that honesty would help Samantha feel better and build trust with her sister, even if it’s difficult to admit the truth.**

“Great thinking! By choosing honesty, we help others trust us, and we feel good about ourselves.”

Here are some additional examples for the "Honesty Scenarios" game:

1. Lost Toy

Scenario: You found a toy on the playground that isn't yours. What should you do?

Honest Response: Look for the owner or give it to the teacher.

2. Spilled Milk

Scenario: You accidentally spilled your milk during snack time. What should you do?

Honest Response: Tell the teacher and help clean it up.

3. Broken Crayon

Scenario: You broke a crayon that belongs to a friend. What should you do?

Honest Response: Tell your friend what happened and offer to share your crayons

4. Forgotten Homework

Scenario: You forgot to do your homework, and the teacher asks if you completed it. What should you do?

Honest Response: Tell the teacher the truth and ask for help to remember next time.

5. Secret Treat

Scenario: You found some candy in the kitchen and ate it without asking. Later, your parents ask if you know where it went. What should you do?

Honest Response: Tell your parents that you ate the candy and apologize for not asking first.

6. Muddy Shoes

Scenario: You came inside with muddy shoes and made a mess on the floor. Your parents ask who made the mess. What should you do?

Honest Response: Admit that it was you and offer to help clean it up.

7. Missed Turn

Scenario: You took an extra turn during a game with friends, and someone noticed. What should you do?

Honest Response: Acknowledge the mistake and let others take an extra turn to make it fair.

8. Unfinished Chore

Scenario: You were supposed to put away your toys but didn't finish. Your parents ask if you completed your chore. What should you do?

Honest Response: Tell your parents you didn't finish and go complete the task.

9. Drawing on the Wall

Scenario: You accidentally drew on the wall while coloring. What should you do?

Honest Response: Tell your parents what happened and help clean it off.

10. Taking a Snack

Scenario: You took a snack from the kitchen without asking. Your parents ask if you took it. What should you do?

Honest Response: Admit that you took the snack and apologize for not asking first.

Wrapping it Up

Wrap Up the Lesson (5 minutes)

1. Review and Reflection Overview:

- Discuss each scenario with the children and why it's important to be honest in each situation.
- Encourage students to continue using the strategy in their daily lives

Review and Reflection Teacher Script



1. **Gather in a Circle for Reflection:**

- "Let's all come back to the circle and talk about what we learned today. Who can tell me something they learned about honesty?"

2. **Closing**

- "We learned that being honest, like Ollie the Owl, helps our friends and family trust us. It's not always easy to tell the truth, but it helps us feel good inside. You all did a wonderful job today with your Honesty Hearts and the Truth or Tale game!"
- "Thank you for being so thoughtful today. Remember, just like Ollie, honesty is a special way to show we care."

Home Connection Letter

1. **Sending Information Home:**

- "Before you go, I have a letter for you to take home. 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 the importance of honesty through the story "Ollie the Owl Learns to Be Honest." This story teaches children that telling the truth is important, even when it's hard, and that being honest helps build trust and strong friendships.

Here's what we learned:

- Understanding Honesty : Recognizing why being honest is important.
- Practicing Honesty : Learning how to be truthful in different situations.
- Building Trust : Understanding that honesty helps build trust with friends and family.

We practiced these concepts through making "Honesty Hearts" and playing the "Truth or Tale" game. You can help reinforce this at home by encouraging your child to talk about honest moments and praising them for telling the truth.

Thank you for your support!

With gratitude,



Honesty Heart

