

Definition: The Goal of holding yourself to the highest standard in every aspect of your life. Choosing to do the right thing whether or not is watching or knows that you are doing it. Soundness of moral character; the state of being unimpaired; soundness; • The quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness.

Literature:

1. A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
2. Something Special for Me by Vera B. Williams
3. Music, Music for Everyone by Vera B. Williams
4. A Day's Work by Eve Bunting
5. Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill
6. Harriet and the Garden by Nancy Carlson

Scenario: You ride the bus home from school. As you are getting off the bus you find a wallet on the floor of the bus. Is it "Finders Keepers"- you keep the whole wallet or return the wallet and keep the money, or return the whole wallet? What choice reflects your integrity?

Ready, Set, Go! : Integrity, does it hold up?

Make 3 pinwheels :

Materials needed:

1. Three new pencils with erasers
2. Straight pins
3. Tape
4. Three different types of paper of different weights (example: tissue paper, newsprint paper and construction paper) Paper should be 6" x 6" in size.
5. The song, Integrity.
6. Hair dryer or a fan
7. teacher made pin wheels

Procedure: Show the samples of paper to the students. Give students a chance to feel the different types of paper. As they are feeling the paper you say, "We are going to make pinwheels out of these materials and find out which one holds up the best under pressure; kind of like integrity. How can we find that out? Let's test it."

1. Hold up the tissue paper pinwheel and ask, "What will happen when you put this in front of moving air?" Lead the discussion to help the children understand this represents a person whose integrity collapses under temptation or pressure as represented by child who takes the wallet on the bus (see scenario above).

2. Hold up the newsprint paper pin wheel and ask, “What will happen when you put this in front of moving air?” Again lead the discussion to help children understand this represents a person whose integrity is visible but sometimes falters under pressure. Most of the time this person does the right thing but occasionally falls short of the mark especially when no one is watching as represented by the child who returned the wallet but kept the money (see above scenario).
3. Hold up the construction paper pin wheel and ask, “What will happen when you put this in front of moving air?” Lead the discussion to help students understand this represents a person whose integrity holds its shape consistently under all circumstances as represented by the child who returned the entire wallet (see above scenario).

Variation: For older students instead of a pinwheel you create a simple structure made out of 3 different kinds of materials (pipe cleaners, index cards, popsicle-sticks). The test is to see which structure has enough integrity to hold up the weight of a stapler.