



The Good Eggs

Chapter 10: Honesty (June)

Chapter Review:

In Chapter 10, Benedict once again makes some poor decisions. This time his decisions are dishonest. He tells his parents he lost his report card, and then he has Peggy water down the lemonade at their lemonade stand so they can make it last longer and earn more money. Even though Peggy tells him he is being dishonest in both situations, Benedict doesn't care. Benedict's dishonesty gets worse. He made Seggourney a glass of lemonade that wasn't made from lemonade powder, and then he "fixed" Reggie's bike with an inner tube he knew was too old to be safe. Both incidents caused some major problems for both Seggourney and Reggie. Benedict learned a hard lesson, but in the end, he told the truth about everything, including his report card. Benedict "realized that one lie leads to another and just makes a mess of things." Peggy reminds Benedict that "honesty is the best policy."

The Lesson:

Honesty is the best policy in every situation.

Overview:

Helping students determine that telling the truth is always the best course of action.

Materials:

Paper strips

Peggy was not happy with Benedict because he was not being honest. He did not tell his parents about his report card, and he did not run his businesses honestly. She tried to tell him but he did not listen. Peggy did not want to help Benedict anymore because of his dishonesty.

Peggy did the right thing by not participating in Benedict's wrongdoing. Ask your students for examples from their television shows/YouTube videos depicting people who did the right thing by walking away. Tie the discussion into their own lives – they may even want to share a real-life incident. Stress the importance of not participating in dishonesty because of the consequences it can bring.

Reggie was hurt because his bike was not fixed properly, and Seggourney was very sick because she drank some drain cleaner. Peggy realized this was caused by Benedict's dishonest actions, which resulted in serious consequences. She urged him to tell the truth.

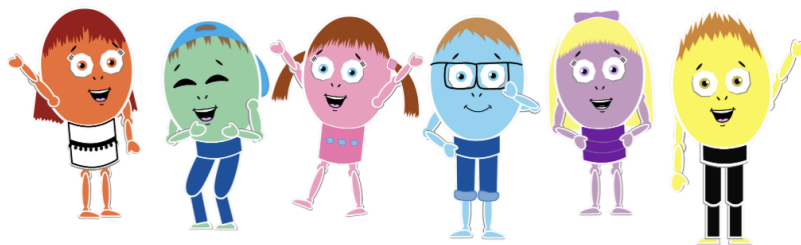
Play the game Truth or Lie. Have each student write down one thing that is true and one thing that is a lie about them. Each student takes a turn saying both statements and the class must guess which one is the truth. For example, the student might say, "I like strawberries dipped in chocolate," and "I have been to Disneyland." The class would have to determine which statement is true or which statement is a lie.

Benedict panicked after realizing what he had done to his friends. He learned the importance of being honest the hard way. He told the truth about everything to his parents and friends and wrote them letters of apology.

Ask your students if they have ever had to apologize. Tell them it is not an easy thing to do, but it helps to heal relationships. Brainstorm with your class ways to apologize. Benedict decided to write letters of apology. That is one way. What else can be done? Tell them when they apologize they should always mention what they are apologizing for. Do some role playing with partners using fictitious situations for practice!

Reflection:

Honesty is up there with the highest of virtues. Without honesty, nothing else seems to matter. Honesty breeds trust, integrity, respect, loyalty, and faithfulness. These are all virtues we expect of those closest to us and ones we hope for in others. Benedict was right when he realized that one lie just leads to another. A dishonest person continues being dishonest and he or she spirals down and life closes in, leaving no room for others. Honesty is always the best policy. Living honestly – all the time – is always a better way to live. Modeling honesty for our students will help them to create honesty within themselves.



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