

Chapter 5—Family Reading Resource Guide

Chapter 5: Honesty: A Guiding Principle

Below is a list of readings that support this chapter's topic. Each title contains a link to a dedicated webpage where the item can be purchased or downloaded (if available). Click on the blue text at the end of the title to activate the link. If the link provided is not longer valid, you can search for the title using the ISBN provided with each title.

Elementary

The Honest-to-Goodness Truth. Author: Patricia McKissack. Children know just how difficult it is to find that balance between a lie and the honest-to-goodness truth. Award-winning author Patricia McKissack teams up with acclaimed illustrator Giselle Potterto create a witty, touching story that will sound quite familiar to anyone who has ever struggled with just this quandary. **ISBN: 978-0689853951.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

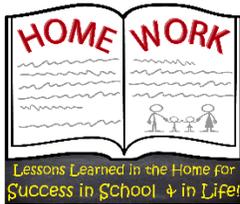
Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big. Author: Berkeley Breathed. Fannie Fudwupper's big brother, Edwurd, spends his time cooking up big fibs full of phooey and letting them rip. But one day, Edwurd tells such a whopping lie that the army, the air force, and the dogcatcher are called to reverse the damage. **ISBN 9780316144254.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Ricky Sticky Fingers. Author: Julia Cook. This book confronts the issue of stealing and offers a strategy to curb the desire to steal! Through a fun and whimsical story, children will learn the concept of ownership and how it feels when someone doesn't respect what is yours. **ISBN: 9781937870089.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Little Croc's Purse. Author: Lizzie Findlay. When Little Croc finds a purse full of money, he and his friends have all sorts of ideas about what they could spend it on. Should Little Croc keep the money for himself, or try to find the owner? When he decides to return the purse, Little Croc learns important lessons about sharing, saving, and spending. Lizzie Finlay pairs charming and humorous illustrations with this light-hearted tale that will have readers rooting for the resolute Little Croc as he overcomes pressure and does what he knows is right. **ISBN: 978-0802853929.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Pre-teens/Teens

Winners Take All. Author: Fred Bowen. To win an important baseball game, twelve-year-old Kyle claims to have made a difficult catch which he actually dropped. In the end Kyle learns a valuable lesson about sportsmanship and realizes that being a hero is only worthwhile if you have earned it. **ISBN: 9781561455126.** [Available at Amazon.](#)



Chapter 5—Family Reading Resource Guide

Shiloh. Author: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. This 1992 Newbery Medal winner revolves around an 11-year-old boy who finds an abused dog near his West Virginia hills home; PW noted that this heartwarming novel should win new fans for the popular Naylor. **ISBN: 9780689835827.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Additional Titles to Explore

The Empty Pot. Author: Demi. A Chinese emperor holds a contest where the child who grows the most beautiful flowers from his seeds will be his successor. **ISBN 978-0375856204.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

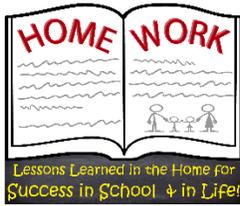
The Boy Who Cried Wolf. Author: B.G. Hennessy. "Nothing ever happens here," the shepherd thinks, but the bored boy knows what would be exciting: He cries that a wolf is after his sheep, and the town's people come running. How often can that trick work, though? **ISBN: 9780689874338.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

The Honest-to-Goodness Truth. Author: Patricia McKissack. Libby decides that she is only going to tell the truth, but her total honesty results in many hurt feelings, and she soon learns that sometimes truth helps and sometimes it hurts. "A welcome offering about honesty and consideration." **ISBN: 978-0689853951.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Princess K.I.M. and the Lie That Grew. Author: Maryann Cocca-Leffler. Kim wants the kids at her new school to like her, so she tells a teeny, tiny, bitty lie. She says her name is really "K.I.M."--for "Katherine Isabella Marguerite"--and that she comes from a royal family! Pretty soon all the students know there is a princess in the school. Kim wears her golden tiara from dance class and a big fancy ring she won at the arcade. Her little lie grows and grows. When a classmate invites her to a birthday party, Kim says she can't go because her grandmother is coming to visit. But she had told the kids her grandmother was a queen. Now they all want to meet the queen. Kim is in a real bind; her lie has grown too big and it's about ready to explode! **ISBN: 9780807541784.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Princess K.I.M. and Too Much Truth. Author: Maryann Cocca-Leffler. Although she's always been called Princess at home, Kim is not a real princess, so she decides "From now on, no matter what, I'm only going to tell the truth!" At home, she tells her Dad that the pancakes are rubbery and her Grandma that her new necklace looks like the slimy rocks at the bottom of the fish tank. At school, she's just as honest...until she learns what too much truth can do. **ISBN: 9780516246567.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Little Lies: All about Math. Author: Kirsten Hall. This was a little rhyming book about lying that features the Beastieville monsters. It definitely teaches honesty and shows how being dishonest turns friends away. The little monster learns the hard way that lying breaks trust. Luckily, he has friends who will speak the truth to him in love. This book has other learning opportunities. It gives guides at the end to count



Chapter 5—Family Reading Resource Guide

throughout the book, talk about kids' responses or try and read the word list featuring the words from the book. **ISBN: 9780516246567.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Honesty. Author: Kathryn Kyle. This is a practical book with real pictures and real situations. It gives tangible examples of how to be honest in a variety of situations. It is a direct instruction book rather than a story. It shows kids (and probably some adults too) how to be honest at home, at school and in the community. Simple text describes honesty and what it means to be honest with others. The honesty and integrity of President Abraham Lincoln is given as an example of the importance of honesty. An end section offers suggestions on how readers can show honesty in their own lives. **ISBN: 9781567660890.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Honesty. Author: Kimberley Jane Pryor. This is another straight forward book about honesty. It defines what it means to be honest. It shows what it looks like to be honest with family, friends and neighbors. It addresses topics like: telling the truth, not stealing, not cheating, being fair, being trustworthy and being reliable. It emphasizes the importance of living with integrity. This is not a story but rather a book that gives a clear-cut picture of this character trait. It has pictures of real kids, which I think helps kids identify with what is written. **ISBN: 9780761431251 .** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Lizard's Guest. Author: George Shannon. Skunk is mischievous. Skunk is selfish. Skunk is bossy. Skunk is ... a skunk. So when Lizard stomps on Skunk's toes (purely by accident) you can be sure that Skunk won't forget it. As it turns out, however, the only thing bigger than Skunk's silly grudge is Lizard's generous heart. For Lizard is a friend (a true friend), and as Skunk soon discovers, friends believe in making things right, no matter what it takes. **ISBN: 9780060090838 .** [Available at Amazon.](#)