



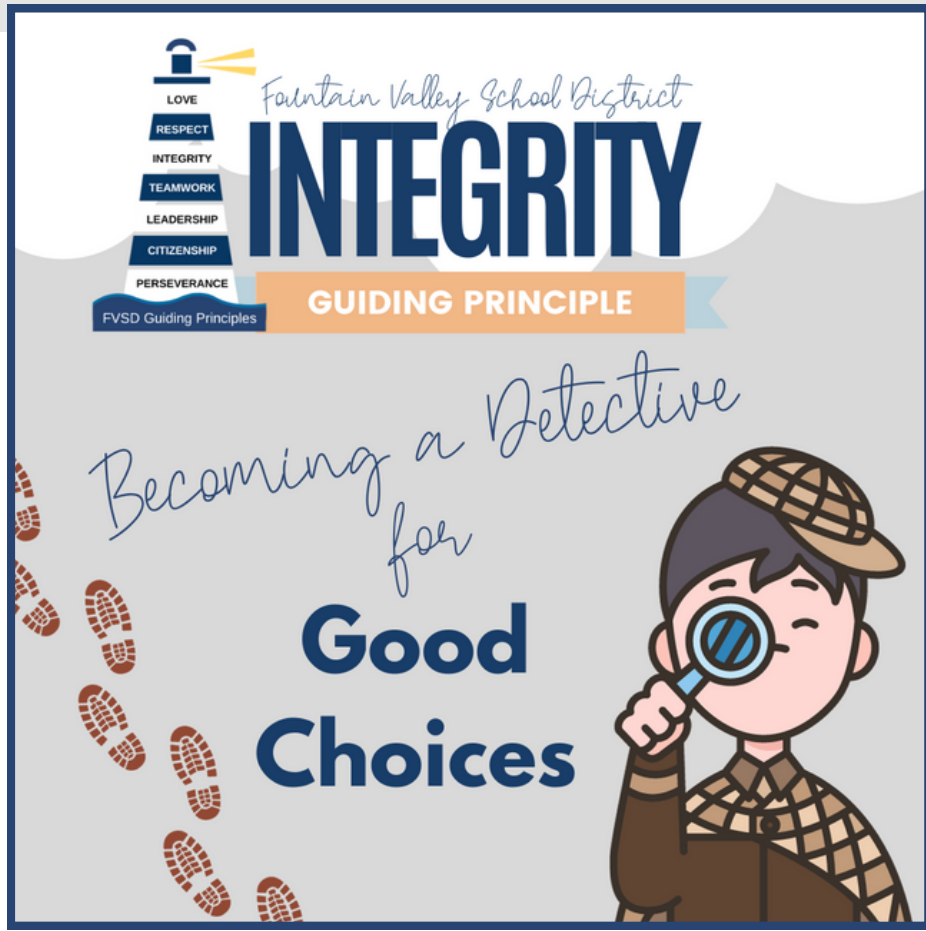
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As adults, one of the greatest gifts we can impart to children is the importance of integrity. January is the perfect time to focus on this crucial value that lays the foundation for a lifetime of honesty, responsibility, and ethical behavior. Integrity is about doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, and instilling this virtue in our children from an early age can set them on a path to becoming responsible and trustworthy individuals.

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### Doing the Right Thing Even When No One is Watching

This episode of [The Mr. Saad Show](#) explains what integrity means in a child-friendly way. Consider watching with the kids as a lead-in to discussion afterward. He talks about the dilemma of finding a wallet as a concrete example of integrity in action. You may also like his video, [The Integrity Song](#), which uses kid-friendly vocabulary to explain this abstract concept. It's okay for adults to learn it too!

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## Gameify Practicing Integrity in the Classroom

Here are some role-playing scenarios that you can use to teach integrity:

### 1. The Lost and Found Dilemma:

Create a scenario where a child finds a lost item in the classroom. Discuss and act out different choices the child can make, such as keeping the item, returning it to its owner, or bringing it to the teacher. Emphasize the importance of making the right choice, even when nobody is watching.

### 2. The Sharing Challenge:

Set up a situation where children are playing with toys (or using supplies), and one child wants to play with a toy that another is using. Explore different ways to handle the situation, such as taking turns, asking politely, or finding a compromise. Highlight the importance of sharing and being considerate of others.

### 3. The Homework Helper:

Imagine one child completes their homework but notices a classmate struggling. Discuss the child's choices, such as offering to help, encouraging the classmate to ask the teacher for assistance, or ignoring the situation. Reinforce the idea that helping others is a positive choice.

### 4. The Truth or Dare Challenge:

Create a scenario where children are playing a truth or dare game. Explore their choices when faced with a dare that goes against their values or might be unsafe. Discuss the importance of standing up for what they believe is right and saying no to actions that compromise their integrity.

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### More Ideas to Gameify Practicing Integrity

#### 5. The Responsibility Relay:

Set up a scenario where children must complete a task together, such as cleaning the classroom or organizing materials. Discuss the choices they can make, such as working as a team, taking responsibility for their assigned tasks, or avoiding their duties. Emphasize the positive outcomes of being responsible.

#### 6. The Apology Practice:

Create a scenario where one child accidentally hurts another child's feelings or breaks something that belongs to someone else. Role-play the process of offering a sincere apology, taking responsibility for the mistake, and finding a way to make amends. Highlight the importance of owning up to errors and showing remorse.

#### 7. The Peer Pressure Challenge:

Explore a scenario where a child is faced with peer pressure to do something they know is wrong, such as copying someone else's work or engaging in a mischievous activity. Discuss their choices to resist peer pressure and stick to their values.



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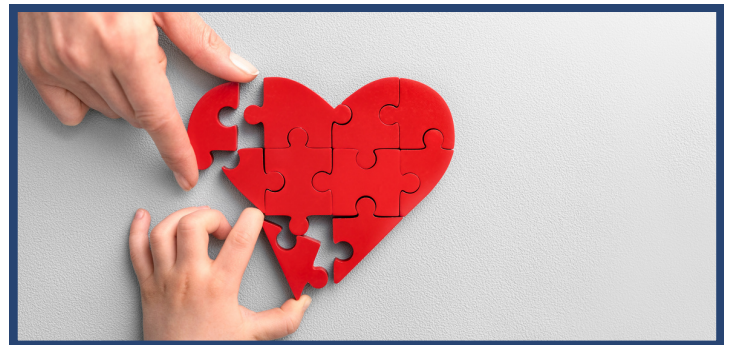
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#### 8. The Inclusion Puzzle:

Imagine a situation where children form groups for an activity, and one child is left out. Discuss and role-play different choices, such as inviting the excluded child to join the group, standing up against exclusion, or playing independently. Emphasize the importance of inclusivity and kindness.



#### 9. The Rumor Mill:

Create a scenario where a false rumor about a classmate is spread. Explore the choices the children can make, such as participating in the gossip, confronting the rumor-spreader, or choosing not to engage in spreading misinformation. Discuss the impact of rumors on individuals and the importance of being truthful.

#### 10. The Teamwork Challenge:

Set up a scenario where children are working on a group project. Discuss the choices they can make, such as contributing their fair share, listening to others' ideas, and supporting team members. Emphasize the positive outcomes of working together and valuing everyone's contributions.

**Together we can nurture and encourage this generation of individuals to value integrity and make positive choices!**

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