

## Cornerstone Value of the month Honesty and truthfulness



**Dishonesty and untruthfulness can take many forms:**

- ◆ Theft
- ◆ Burglary
- ◆ Pilferage
- ◆ Embezzlement
- ◆ Fraud
- ◆ Conversion
- ◆ Cheating
- ◆ White collar crime
- ◆ Extortion
- ◆ Lying
- ◆ False pretence
- ◆ Misrepresentation
- ◆ Fabrication

What is the difference between each of these forms of dishonesty?

Took through a news paper and see if you can find any examples.

Honesty is like an icicle. "If once it melts, that's the last of it."

**Honesty and truthfulness is not stealing, cheating, lying or being unfair.**

### The Boy Who Cried "Wolf"

This may be Aesop's most famous fable, and for good reason. The fastest way to lose what we call "good character" is to be dishonest

Every day the shepherd boy was sent with his father's sheep into the mountain pastures to guard the flock.

It was a lonely spot at the edge of a dark forest, and there were no companions with whom to pass the wary hours of the day.

One day, just to stir up some excitement, he rushed down from the pastures, crying, "Wolf, wolf." The villagers heard the alarm and came running with clubs to help chase the enemy away, only to find the sheep grazing peacefully and no wolf in sight.



So well had the trick worked that the foolish boy tried it again and again, and each time the villagers came running, only to be laughed at for their troubles.

But there came a day when the wolf really came. The boy screamed and cried for help. But all in vain! The villagers, supposing him to be up to his old tricks, paid no attention to his cries, and the wolf devoured the sheep.

### Suggested Reading

The Bersenstain Bears and the Truth

On My Honour

The Story of Reglus

The Pied Piper

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## Remember Pinocchio

The lengthening of the nose has become one of instantly recognizable symbols of dishonesty thanks to the famous scene from Carlo Lorenzini's classical nineteenth-century Italian tale, Pinocchio.



The wooden puppet, with the aid of the Fairy with the Blue Hair, is recovering from the effects of falling in with the wrong company.

Find a copy of Pinocchio and discover why Pinocchio's nose grew.

Most reported crime is for dishonesty.

There are nine reported burglaries every hour.

One car is stolen every twenty minutes.

Every household in NZ has to pay \$400 a year in higher prices because of shoplifting.

## Things to talk about -



- ◆ Read "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and talk about why the people didn't believe the boy even when there was a wolf. What is trust? Why is it important?
- ◆ Read together, "The Emperor's New Clothes," by Hans Christian Anderson and talk about why so many people lied.
- ◆ Why is honesty and truthfulness better than dishonesty and untruthfulness?
- ◆ People sometimes say, "It's OK to steal provided you don't get caught." What do you think about that?

Parents, share some personal examples of honesty



- ◆ Returning what has been borrowed.
- ◆ Making amends for hurts to others.
- ◆ Returning money that has been found
- ◆ Keeping agreements and promises.