

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- What are the qualities of a trustworthy person?
- How are trustworthiness and responsibility related?
- In this Month's newsletter, Susanna accepted responsibility for passing a note in class, after the teacher suspected someone else. What would you have done in that situation? Why?
- If you were Susanna's friend under suspicion how would you feel towards Susanna afterwards? Why?
- How do you know when you can trust someone?
- If you lose trust in someone how does it make you feel?
- How do you feel when someone puts their trust in you and you let them down?

**WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Explain what trustworthiness and honesty mean to you. How are they similar virtues? How are they different? What kinds of things are you doing to become more trustworthy?

Write a story about a time you had to make an important decision. What were some of the things that influenced your decision? How did you feel before you made the decision? How did you feel after you made the decision? Did you do the right thing? Why or why not? What were the consequences of your decision?

Write about a time you did something really trustworthy. Was it easy or hard? How did you feel afterwards? Write about a time when you betrayed someone's trust. What was their reaction? How did you feel?

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES:**

Debate the following hypothetical situations in class:

#1) You have a big test coming up and you have agreed to study tonight with some of your class members but you just remembered that you told your little sister you would help her with her math homework tonight too! What do you do and why?

#2) You buy a soda after school at the grocery store and give the cashier a \$5 bill, but instead he gives you change for a \$20. What do you do and why?

#3) Your mom asks you to set the table. While getting plates out of the kitchen cupboard, a very expensive glass vase in the back tips over and breaks. You know it is cherished by your mom. What do you do and why?

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