

# CHARACTER CONNECTION



“What is right is right, even if no one is doing it. What is wrong is wrong, even when everyone is doing it.”

## Character Trait:

### HONESTY

**Honesty:** moral uprightness: the quality, condition, or characteristic of being fair, truthful, and morally upright

## Diversity Awareness:

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

## Quote Of The Month

“Always tell the Truth. That way, you don’t have to remember what you said.”

--Mark Twain

## DID YOU KNOW?

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on friend Maya Angelou’s birthday on April 5, 1968. Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday for years afterward, and sent flowers to King’s widow, Coretta Scott King, for more than 30 years, until Coretta’s death in 2006.

## How Honest Are You?

Here are a few questions to start conversations about honesty with your child.

**Q1** As you’re about to drive out of the grocery store parking lot, you realize the clerk gave you \$20 instead of \$10 for change. You:

- Keep driving. They should’ve been more careful.
- Turn the car around, park, find the manager, and return the extra cash.
- Resolve to donate the extra \$10 to charity.

**Q2** Your best friend’s new hair color looks terrible. When she asks what you think, you:

- Try not to answer directly, and say something that is true like, “It brings out your eyes.”
- Say it looks great to protect her feelings.
- Tell her it looks awful.

**Q3** You’re riding your bike and accidentally give a car parked on the street a minor scrape. You:

- Ride away. That’s just the risk of parking on the street.
- Stop and make sure the damage is barely even visible, then leave.
- Leave a note with your name and number on it.

**Q4** You’re walking behind an elderly man and you see a stray \$20 fall from his pocket. You:

- Pick up the money, and hand it back to her.
- Pick up the money. Hand her a five and tell her she dropped it. \$15 is a reasonable reward.
- Pick up the money and pocket it. Finders Keepers.