

Character Lesson On Dependability

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Dependability - Doing what I said I would, even when it is difficult.

Objective: Students learn the importance of being dependable and reliable.

Materials: 1 ball of yarn or string

Discussion Questions:

- What does the word “dependability” mean to you?
- Why is dependability important?
- Who are some of the people you depend on?
- Who depends on you?
- How do you feel about people you know you can count on?
- How do you feel about those you can’t count on?
- What happens if someone you count on is NOT dependable?
- When is it hard to be dependable?

Game – Webbed Together

- Stand and form a close circle including each member of your family.

- Unwind some yarn from the ball, then, holding one end, toss the ball to someone else in the circle. When you toss the yarn, say something you appreciate about the person you toss the ball to, or say a way you depend upon that person. The recipient then holds onto the yarn while tossing the ball to someone else, saying what he/she appreciates about the next person. For the best web, make sure each person receives the ball several times.

- As each person receives then passes the yarn, a connected web forms. We are connected to each other and we depend on each other.

- Instruct the rest of your family to hold on to their yarn, but drop yours. What happens to the web?

- What happens if even one person lets us down and isn’t dependable? What happens if *I’m* not dependable and my family can’t count on me? Let each person answer.

- How does my family know they can depend on me? Tell about a time you showed dependability. Let each person answer.