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## Behaving in a way that is honest, sincere and genuine.

People with integrity speak and act the truth. These are the people you can trust because they have a strong moral compass. However, they aren't rigid in their sense of what's right, because integrity is honesty coupled with empathy and understanding. People with integrity are grounded, kind, truth-tellers. They argue honorably, so you can trust what they are saying even when there is conflict. Their comments and compliments are genuine.

**Children with integrity are truth-tellers, not tattlers. These children do not willingly try to get someone in trouble with their honesty. They tell the truth, even when it may result in negative consequences. They have a strong sense of justice. They may not yet understand the important role they play in a community, but they are comfortable and sure of their alignment with truth.**



You can help children develop integrity by modeling honesty and sincerity in your talk and in your actions. **Give compliments** that are sincere and specific. You can celebrate children's integrity by **letting them know you trust them** and can count on them to be honest about their actions and their intentions. Show how integrity matters in your relationships with children by **affirming your respect** for their integrity and by **demonstrating sincere recognition and gratitude** for the people they are!



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**People who have integrity are honest, sincere and genuine. People with Integrity are on the PATH TO SUCCESS.**