

# TRUTHFULNESS PARENT PREVIEW

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"Circle Time" during a Tiny Tiger Class.

*The Character Parent Preview* is a monthly email designed to help parents teach Biblical character qualities to their children by giving you a preview of what KK4C will be teaching your child (ren) in the karate class.

Each month a different character quality is presented with suggestions for Bible lessons and projects. The length of time you spend teaching these principles to your children each day is not nearly as important as your sincerity and consistency.

### How To Praise Your Child

The goal in praising character should be to encourage growth. To promote growth look beyond your child's actions to understand the attitudes behind them. The following list may assist you in recognizing attitudes:

- a. Accuracy: Truthfulness
- b. Openness and sincerity: Truthfulness
- c. Consistently being on time: Punctuality
- d. Neat appearance: Orderliness
- e. Not giving up: Endurance
- f. Following Directions: Obedience
- g. Completing Homework: Responsibility
- h. Not being wasteful: Resourcefulness
- i. Taking notes: Attentiveness
- j. Volunteering to help others: Initiative
- k. Desk area tidy: Orderliness
- l. Letting others be first: Generosity
- m. Resolving conflicts: Forgiveness
- n. Completing laborious tasks: Diligence
- o. Refusing to admit wrong: Deception
- p. Complaining: Willfulness
- q. Picking up trash: Responsibility
- r. Saying, "Thank you:" Gratefulness
- s. Praising others: Generosity
- t. Refusing to share: Stinginess
- u. Returning a lost item: Orderliness
- v. Hitting someone: Rejection
- w. Laughing at other's ideas: Hypocrisy
- x. Exaggeration: Deception
- y. Drawing attention to self: Unconcern

***Character reveals the attitudes behind actions.***

## This Month's Character Definition:

**TRUTHFULLNESS** is earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts



### Character Card Tips

Here are some more ideas for using the character cards. Help your child earn the whole set by demonstrating each of the five "I will's" at home.

1. Show the back of the card and say the character quality. Ask your child to name the animal.
2. Pick one word out of the definition and ask your child to give the word preceding and the word following it.
3. Say "I will tell..." Ask your child to finish it. See how many of the "I Will's" your child can recite with your prompting the first three words.
4. Repeat the definition together, alternating words. You say "Truthfulness." Your child says "is." You say "Earning." They say "Future" and so on.

Remind your child that as he/she starts to demonstrate the 5 "I will's" at home you will give me (Mr. Schainblatt) the card to award them in class. Praise your child when he/she is truthful.

## The 5 "I Will's" to Become More Truthful

1. I will tell the truth.
2. I will encourage others to tell the truth.
3. I will not cheat or steal.
4. I will admit when I am wrong.
5. I will not exaggerate to make things seem different than what they are.

### Scripture Memory

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." (Ephesians 4:25)

### How To Demonstrate Truthfulness

to God:

- Clear your conscience by confessing secret sins
- Realize that nothing is hid from God
- Recognize that there is a cost when you try to hide from God ([Proverbs 28:13](#))
- Fulfill past promises and vows
- Put on the "Belt of Truth"

to Parents

- Clear your conscience with them
- Never promise anyone not to tell your parents
- Seek your parents approval on all friendships
- Do not secretly do anything that you know your parents would disapprove (Music, TV. shows, books)
- Share with your parents areas of moral weakness and ask for their help and protection.