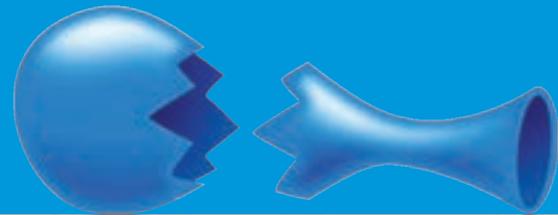
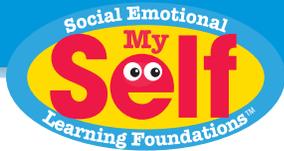


Be Honest, Jess



by Molly Smith • illustrated by Marc Monés



SET THEME: I Get Along with Others

Build Social and Emotional Intelligence

Use the following tips to encourage children to be honest:

- Make it safe for children to be honest. Children are more inclined to be honest if adults respond to dishonesty in a gentle, rather than angry, way.
- Do not overemphasize bad behavior. Bringing up past lies will discourage children from being honest.
- Be a good example. Avoid lying to children, even about difficult subjects.
- Praise children when they tell the truth.

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How to Read This Book with Children

1. Read aloud the title. Discuss what it means to be honest and why it is important.
2. Read aloud the book with children.
3. Talk about the characters' actions as you read.
4. Ask children to describe how Jess changes over the course of the story.
5. After reading, use the Real-World Wrap-Up prompts to discuss the photograph.
6. Guide children to connect the story to their own experiences.

Jess



“Don’t let the balloon touch the floor, Jess!”
said my brother Will.



I dove across the room to save it.



I hit the balloon. The balloon went up.
Then I hit the vase. The vase went down.



Crack! The vase broke on the floor.

“Oh no!” cried Will. “Mom is going to be so mad.”



“What should we do?” I asked. “We shouldn’t have been playing that game in here.”



“Let’s try to glue it back together before Mom sees it,” said Will.



Real-World Wrap-Up

My Thoughts:

How can this child be honest?



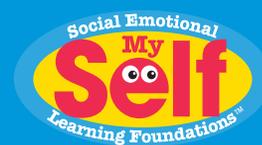
My Feelings:

How do you feel when you tell the truth?



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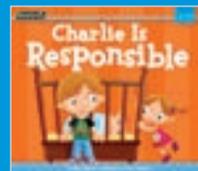
Jess and her brother accidentally break a vase. When their mom asks about the vase, Jess has to decide whether or not to tell the truth.



Social and emotional intelligence comprises the abilities and character traits that enable people to work with others, learn effectively, and play important roles in their families and communities.

I Get Along with Others

The books in this set help children develop character traits that enable them to get along in a community.



Look for the other sets in this series.

I Have Feelings



I Am in Control of Myself



I Believe in Myself

