

Character Under Construction

Table of Contents

Introduction	ix
Character Keys (Reproducibles)	xi
Character Blueprint	1
Keys to CHARACTER	2
Sample Parent Letter	3
Activity 1: Character Cart	4
Activity 2: Cool Character	7
Activity 3: Character Being Constructed Here!	10
Choosing Your Building Site	13
Keys to CHOICES	14
Sample Parent Letter	15
Activity 4: Chain of Choices!	16
Activity 5: Right or Wrong?	19
Activity 6: Friends with Character!	23
Clearing the Land for Responsible Building!	27
Keys to RESPONSIBILITY	28
Sample Parent Letter	29
Activity 7: Responsible Rachell!	30
Activity 8: "Rockin' Responsibility"	33
Activity 9: Racing Responsibility	36
Choosing a Kind Builder!	39
Keys to KINDNESS	40
Sample Parent Letter	41
Activity 10: Kind Kollage	42
Activity 11: Kind Find Rap!	45
Activity 12: Kindness Corners!	48
Mannerly Workers Needed!	51
Keys to MANNERS	52
Sample Parent Letter	53
Activity 13: Terrific Table Manners!	54
Activity 14: Vera's Voice	57
Activity 15: More Manners!!!	60



Character Under Construction

Laying the Foundation with Honesty!	63
Keys to HONESTY	64
Sample Parent Letter	65
Activity 16: Miserable Millie!	66
Activity 17: Digging Toward Truthful Character	70
Activity 18: Safety Sam?	73
 Trusty Tools	 77
Keys to TRUST	78
Sample Parent Letter	79
Activity 19: "Train"ing for Trust	80
Activity 20: Trust or Bust	83
Activity 21: Trust/Love Connection	85
 Cover with a Roof of Respect!	 89
Keys to RESPECT	90
Sample Parent Letter	91
Activity 22: Raking In Respect	92
Activity 23: "Seek and Respect" Property Power!	96
Activity 24: Roving Respect	99
 Cementing Your Courage!	 103
Keys to COURAGE	104
Sample Parent Letter	105
Activity 25: Cement Courage Recipe	106
Activity 26: Courage Under Pressure	109
Activity 27: COURAGEOUS Role Plays	111
Activity 28: Creative Courage	113
 Balance Beams of Equality/Friendship	 117
Keys to EQUALITY	118
Sample Parent Letter	119
Activity 29: Less Than, Greater Than, or Equal To?	120
Activity 30: The See-Saw Game!	123
Activity 31: Friends	125



Character Under Construction

A Shovel Full of Sharing and Cooperation!.....	129
Keys to SHARING/COOPERATION.....	13□
Sample Parent Letter	131
Activity 32: Cool Cooperation Game	132
Activity 33: Cooperation at Home!	145
Reaching Your Construction Goal!.....	147
Keys to GOAL SETTING	148
Sample Parent Letter	149
Activity 34: Gaining Our Goals!.....	15□
Activity 35: Climbing Your Stairs - Reaching Your Goals!	152
Activity 36: Goals for Life.....	155
Dependable Builders!	157
Keys to DEPENDABILITY	158
Sample Parent Letter	159
Activity 37: Dependability	16□
Activity 38: Links to Dependability.....	162
Activity 39: Dean of Dependability.....	165
Attitude to Completion.....	167
Keys to POSITIVE ATTITUDE	168
Sample Parent Letter	169
Activity 4□: Attitude Check-Up	17□
Activity 41: Attitude With Latitude	172
Quote to Remember.....	174

Character Blueprint

(Sample Parent Letter)

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

During this year our class will be discussing "Good Character Traits". We will be recognizing children who are kind, truthful, show respect toward others, are responsible, use good manners, and much more!

Our theme is "CHARACTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION" and this first section is the beginning blueprint! Just as you and I have grown and matured over the last several decades, our children need to be shown that as they grow they will make mistakes. But if they keep "BUILDING" on good character it will help them become more successful in life and have many more friends!

Your help will be so valuable to these life lessons! Please encourage your child to practice these good character traits at home. PRAISE good character changes that your child makes as he/she matures!

More information will be sent to you as we study and learn about each individual character trait. Please send me a note with any success you notice at home from this character program so I can reinforce and praise your child's progress, too!

Thanks for your participation and support!

My best,



Activity 1: CHARACTER CART

BRIEF OVERVIEW

This lesson is a simple overview and awareness exercise of positive character traits such as making good choices, being responsible and kind, showing respect, having courage, etc. It is to be the foundational introduction to the more detailed character lessons contained in this book.

MATERIALS NEEDED



- "CART" worksheet
- Card stock paper (various colors)
- Safety scissors
- Quick dry glue (or scotch tape)

TIME NEEDED

30 minutes



OBJECTIVE

Students are introduced and will recognize good character virtues.

PROCEDURES

Copy on different colored paper the "CART" worksheet so that each student will have a copy. An example of a completed "CART" will be exhibited for the children to see. The teacher will say the following to the children as she holds up the "CART" (point to each character virtue as it is discussed).

Today we are going to learn about some good character traits that will help us feel better about ourselves. Good character includes things like being honest (or telling the truth). When we tell the truth we can feel good inside ourselves and others listen to us more! Good character includes having good manners and showing respect for other people. We show others good character when we are kind and share with everyone, and we realize everyone is equally important. It is up to each of us to decide or make good choices to show others our good character. When we make these good choices others trust us more and believe we are responsible for the way we choose to act! A good attitude is very important and having courage to do the right thing when others

Activity 22: Raking Up Respect

(cut out and attach these rake prongs to the rake head on page 95)

KIND

MEAN

NICE

HARD WORKING

HONEST

LIAR

LAZY

RESPONSIBLE

TAKE TURNS

PUSH

YELL

FOLLOW RULES