Preventing Lying, Cheating, and Stealing

Parenting Strategies

These three issues can result in adult issues. Honesty is a serious subject that you will need to show your child that you are serious about it. If dishonesty arises, stop everything, sit down, and talk—not lecture to your child. Find out the cause to prevent him from being in a position to lie, cheat, or steal again. Read through the passages below for some parenting strategies.

Lying

Most children will lie if telling the truth will result in punishment. Children need to know that lying destroys trust and should have to provide a plan that regains your trust. Lying is many times a way for your child not to accept rules. Discussions, not war, about rules with “give and take” may secure more cooperation and eliminate a lot of lying.

Cheating

Parents should never accept a “good” reason that would make your child think cheating is acceptable. Teach that cheating is like stealing things he does not have. Make your child give back the grade or anything else gained by cheating. Also teach your child to be a good sport. Bad sports try to win at games and sports by cheating. Work on self improvement rather than on beating and winning. Compliment your child when he is giving lots of effort or doing well but not necessarily winning or making top grades.

Stealing

Greed is the basis for much stealing. When you talk about money and possessions, make sure you stress that you admire the people involved because of their hard work, not just for their material things. Talk about trust when your child has stolen. Any stole item must be returned by your child or paid for by your child if used up. Insist that your child join a group that works on community projects. He should experience what it is like to give instead of take.

All of these behaviors by school age children should have a penalty in addition to the basic corrections mentioned above. Children should not “use” and abuse other people and ‘come out even”. However, punish in a spirit that says, “You are a good person and I have faith that you will do the right thing next time.”

“Home of the Shining Suns”

“In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing.”

Theodore Roosevelt

Counselor’s Corner—1st grade

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This story can fit 75-125 words.

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“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”
Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Caption describing picture or graphic.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it’s a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you’ve created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.