

Character Quality Presentations

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Attentiveness

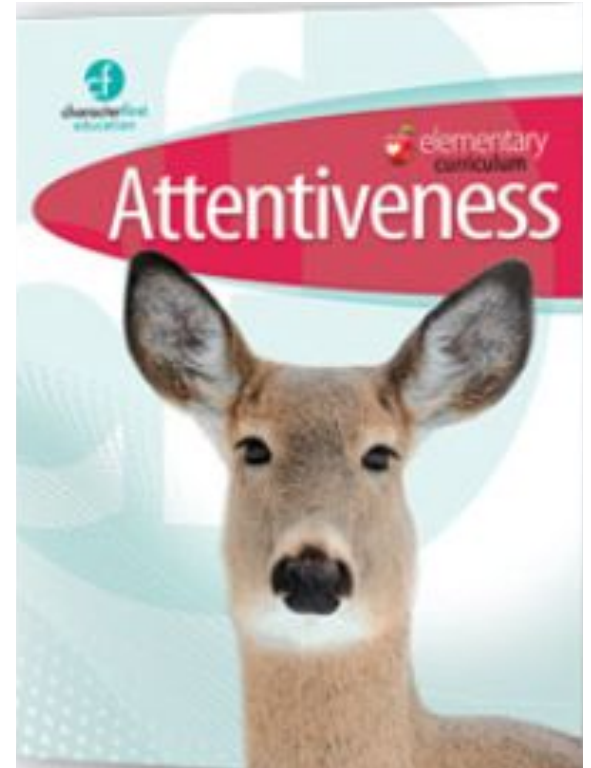
Attentive is “concentrating on the person or task before me”

I will..

1. Look at people when they speak
2. Ask questions if I don't understand
3. Sit up or stand up straight

Discussion Starters

- Have you ever felt ignored? How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever forgotten the answers to a test? What happened?



Availability

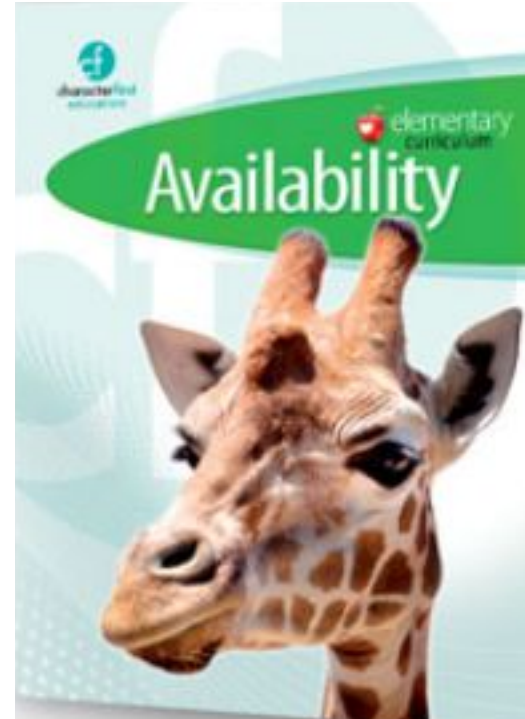
Availability is “being ready and willing to help.” This means putting others’ needs ahead of your own and lending a helping hand when you can.

I will..

1. Put others ahead of myself
2. Find a way to help, not a way to hide.
3. Be ready when I am called

Discussion Starters

- What happens on a team when everyone works together? What happens when they do not cooperate with one another?
- Why should you care about others and not just yourself?



Cautiousness

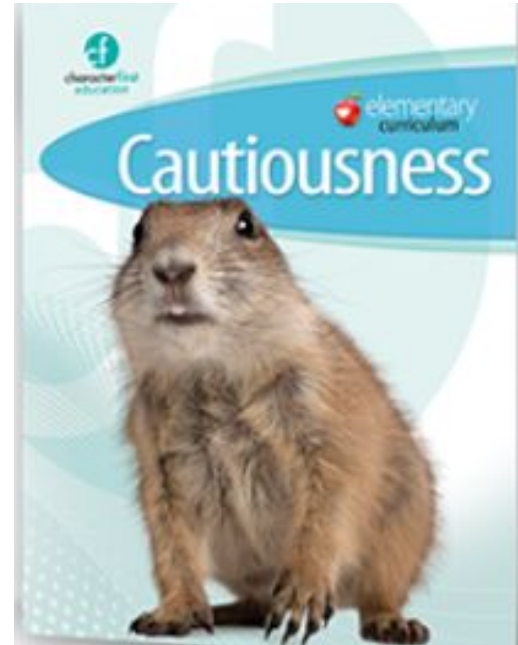
Cautiousness is “taking the time to make sure the right decision is made or action is taken”. Practicing cautiousness can help reduce fear and build confidence.

I will..

1. Think before I act.
2. Consider my words when I speak
3. Follow safety rules.

Discussion Starters

- How many ways did you have to be cautious on your way to school this morning?
- What sort of decisions do you have to make each day that require you to be cautious?



Compassion

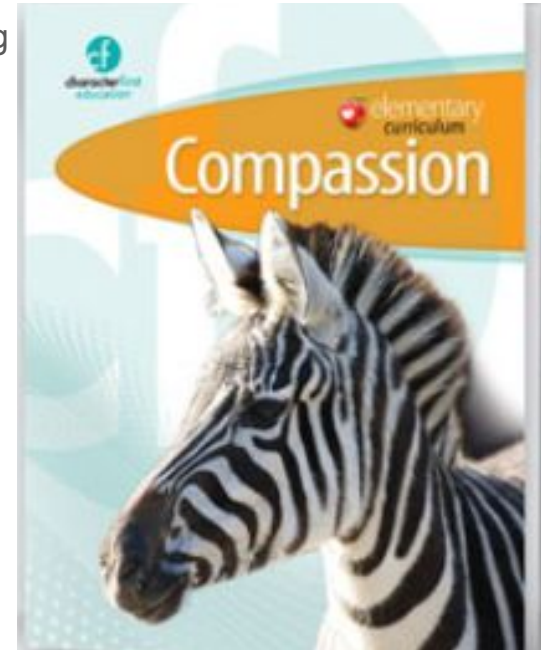
Compassion is “helping those who are hurting.” Compassion begins with sympathy, which is seeing someone’s pain. Compassion also includes empathy, which is feeling someone’s pain. This brings us to the full meaning of compassion, which is doing something to relieve someone’s pain.

I will..

1. Notice when others are hurting
2. Stop to help
3. Take time to listen
4. Do what I can

Discussion Starters

- When have you been sick or injured? How did others help you?
- What does it mean to be a “Good neighbor” when you see someone in need?



Conservation

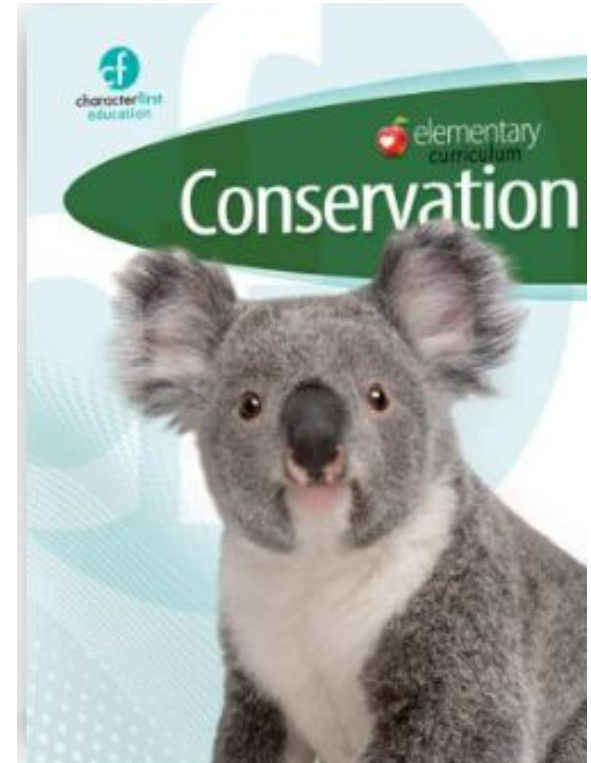
Conservation is “being a good steward of what I have.” This means paying attentive to your resources, making the most of what you have, avoiding waste or careless spending.

I will..

1. Save for the future.
2. Spend money wisely
3. Make good use of what I already have

Discussion Starters

- What is conservation a good habit?
- Why should you save for the future?



Courage

Courage is “overcoming fear so I can do what is right.” Courage begins by knowing what is good, true, and right. This gives you confidence that you are heading in the right direction.

I will..

1. Know the truth
2. Get help when I am afraid
3. Do what is right

Discussion Starters

- Why is courage important?
- Who can you talk to when you feel afraid?



Creativity

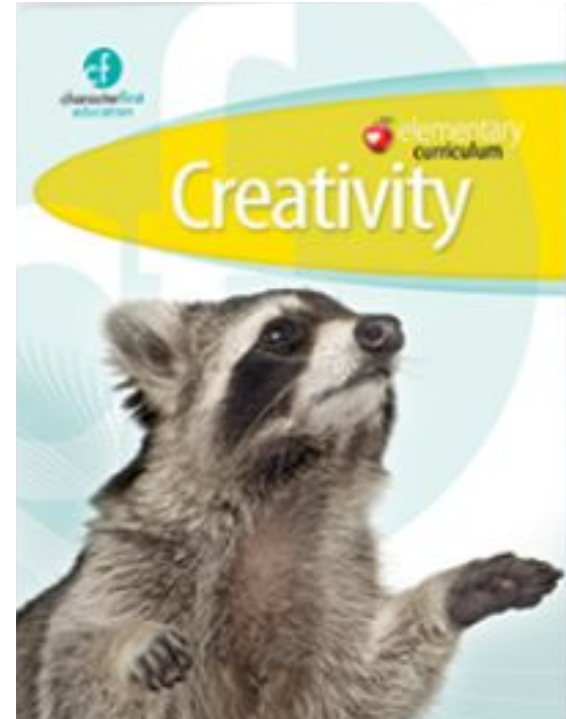
Creativity is “thinking about a situation, a task, or an idea in a new way”.

I will..

1. Use my talents for good
2. See things from more than one perspective
3. Look for new ways to do things.

Discussion Starters

- What does it mean to make a decision based on your principles?
- How are you going to practice creativity today?



Dependability

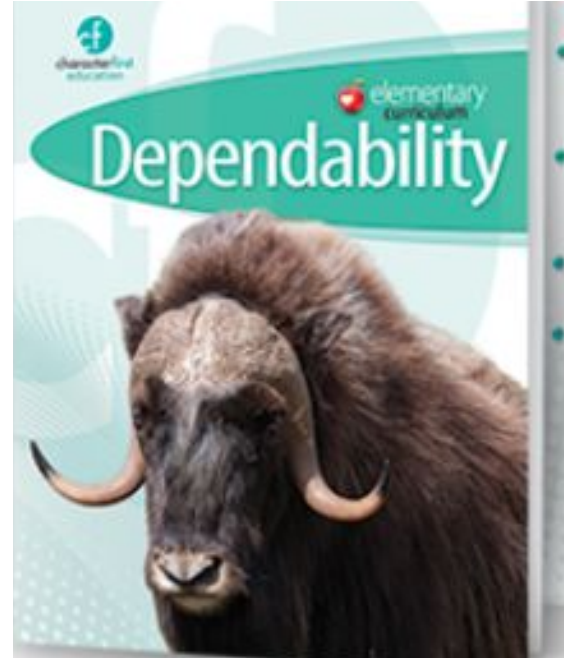
Dependability is “doing what I said I would do, even when it is difficult”.

I will..

1. Keep my word
2. Be careful what I promise
3. Correct my mistakes

Discussion Starters

- How would being dependable change your day-to-day habits?
- In which relationships do you need to be dependable?



Determination

Determination is “overcoming obstacles in order to reach my goal.” Determination makes you a winner, not a quitter!

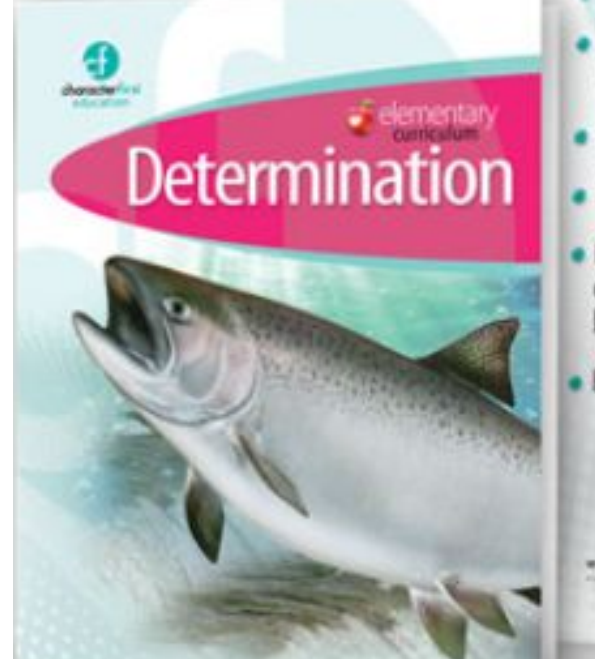
You can “win” at school by concentrating in class, finishing your assignments, and not giving up. You can “win” at home by helping your family, doing your chores, and making good choices. It takes determination to win- but you can do it!

I will..

1. Set the right goals
2. Get moving
3. Keep trying

Discussion Starters

- How do you feel after you accomplish something difficult or win a close game?
- Why is it important to finish what you start?



Diligence

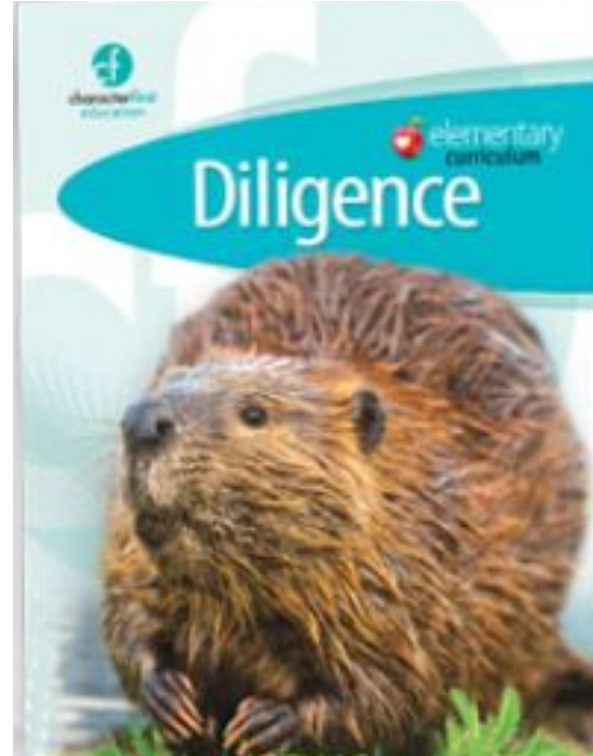
Diligence is “focusing my effort on the work at hand.” The opposite of diligence is laziness. Be diligent, not lazy. Your future depends on it!!!

I will..

1. Concentrate on my work.
2. Follow instructions.
3. Do a job right.

Discussion Starters

- What are some benefits of working hard?
- Why should you do your best, even if no one else is watching?



Discretion

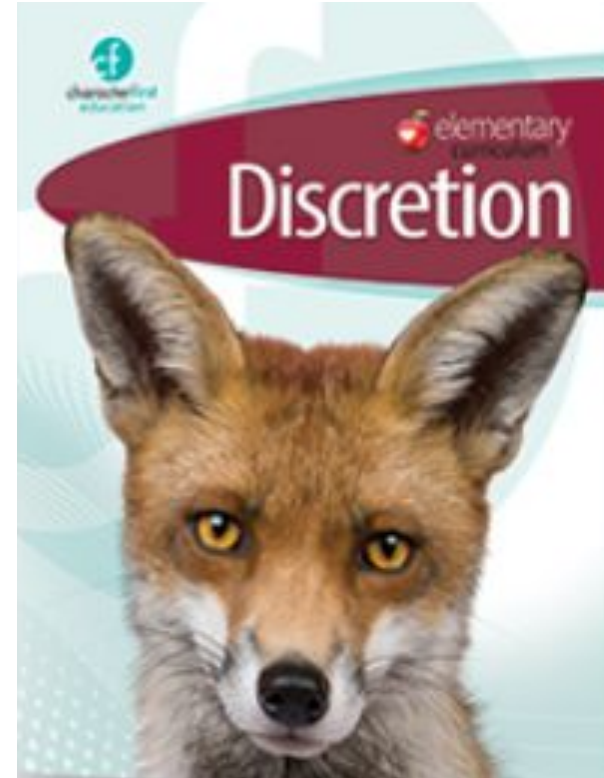
Discretion is “recognizing and avoiding words, actions, and attitudes that could have undesirable consequences.

I will..

1. Think about what I am going to say and do.
2. Consider the consequences
3. Check my attitude

Discussion Starters

- What are some situations you will encounter today in which you don't do is more important than what you do?
- How can you keep a good perspective so you can identify what word, actions or attitude might bring undesirable consequences?



Enthusiasm

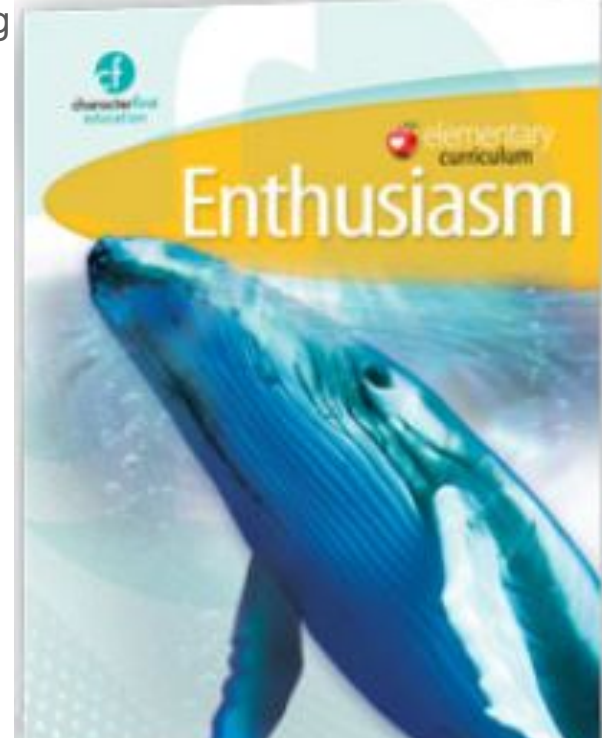
Enthusiasm is “putting my whole heart into what I do.” Another great thing about enthusiasm is --it’s contagious! Your “spark” of energy and excitement can ignite others to live their lives with enthusiasm.

I will..

1. Be an “energy-giver”
2. Smile
3. Encourage others

Discussion Starters

- What does it mean to “have a good attitude” at school? What does a “good attitude” look like at home?
- How can you have a positive attitude when doing something you don’t like to do? Can you give an example?



Flexibility

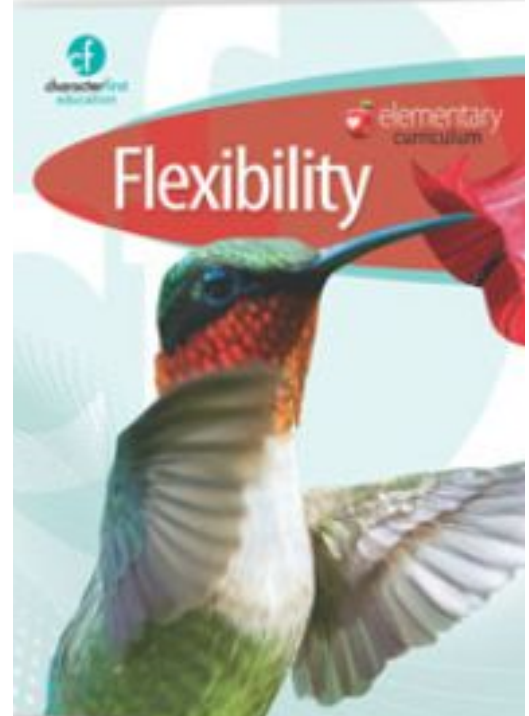
Flexibility is “adjusting to change with a good attitude.” Even when you can’t control your circumstances, you can control how you respond. For example, what do you do when you plan to hang out with friends, but your mom needs you to go with her to the store instead? Instead of complaining and feeling sorry for yourself, flexibility means looking on the bright side and rearranging your plans.

I will..

1. Anticipate change
2. Adjust when needed
3. Look for the benefits

Discussion Starters

- How can change be a positive thing?
- In what ways should you NOT change?
- Imagine you are planning to spend the afternoon with friends, but your parents need you to do something else. How should you respond?



Forgiveness

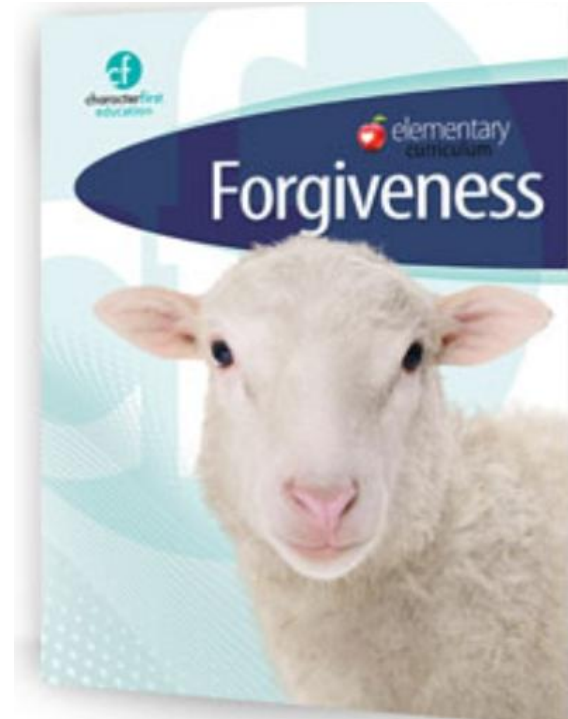
Forgiveness is not a feeling, and it does not take away or excuse what others have done. Real forgiveness is recognizing the problem and all the pain and hurt that comes with it—and then choosing to let go of any bitterness, anger, and desire for revenge so you can move on with life.

I will..

1. Acknowledge the pain.
2. Not seek revenge.
3. Ask for forgiveness when I do wrong.
4. Move on with life.

Discussion Starters

- Why is forgiveness better than bitterness and revenge?
- How does it feel when someone forgives you?
- What makes it hard to forgive?



Generosity

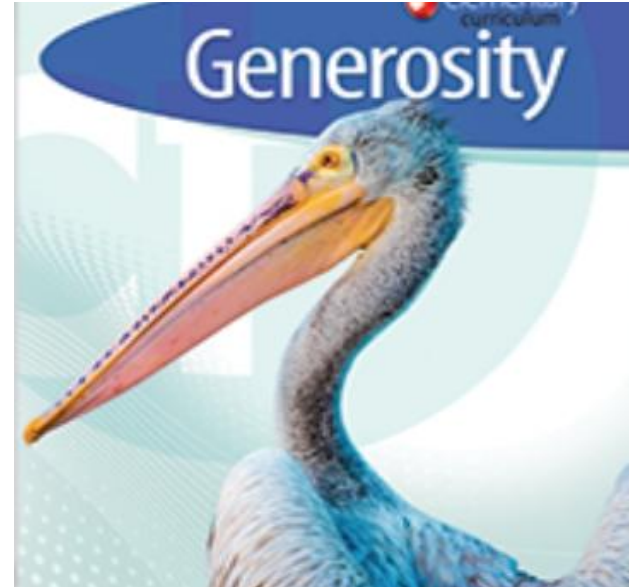
Generosity is “being careful with what I have so that I can share.” It is not always easy to treat other people kindly or respectfully; but a generous person does not let others’ actions define their own. They choose to be generous instead of stingy; and kind instead of hateful, no matter how the other person responds and acts.

I will..

1. Share what I have with others.
2. Save in order to be able to give.
3. Not expect anything in return.
4. Give of my time and talents.
5. Be kind and encouraging.

Discussion Starters

- Why do you think generosity is important?
- How does a stingy person act?
- How does being generous help you be grateful for the things and people in your life?



Gratefulness

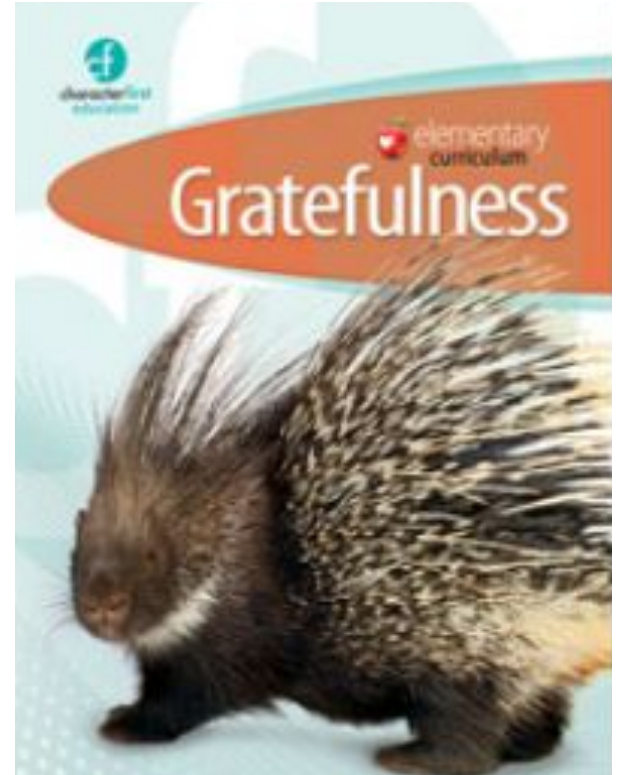
Gratefulness is “showing appreciation for what I have.” This means recognizing what others have done for you and showing your gratitude. Children can develop gratefulness by saying “thank you” for their food, clothing, shelter, and the many “extra” things they enjoy such as toys, books, a bicycle, games, music lessons, and the ability to live in a free country.

I will..

1. Say "please" and "thank you."
2. Enjoy what I have instead of complaining about what I don't have.
3. Take care of my belongings.
4. Write thank you notes.

Discussion Starters

- What is the opposite of gratefulness? (Being selfish, unthankful, grumpy, presuming, negative, or taking others for granted.)
- Why is it more fun to be around a grateful person than a selfish person?



Honesty

Honesty is “being truthful in what I say and do.” Honesty is more than just accurately reporting facts. It includes what you say, and it also includes what you *don't* say! For example, if your mom asks, “Did you eat the cookies?” you could accurately say “no” if you just ate *one* cookie. But that would be deceitful.

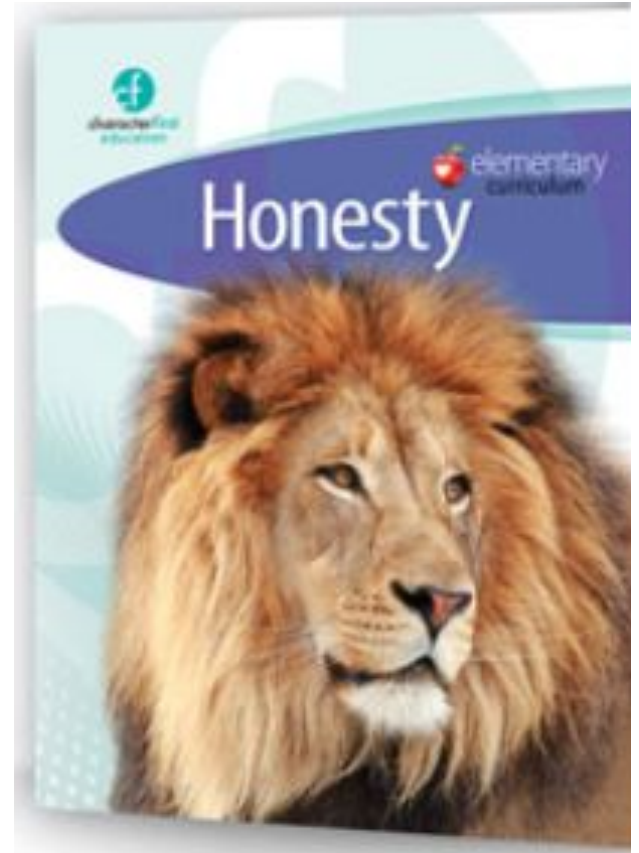
Honesty also includes your actions. For example, to cheat on a test is to pretend you know the answers when you really don't. Or to steal candy from a store is to act like you paid for it when you really didn't. Honesty means saying and doing what is true, not false.

I Will:

1. Tell the truth.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Not exaggerate the facts.

Discussion Starters:

- How do you feel when someone lies to you?
- How can telling one lie lead to more lies? How can this cause problems?



Initiative

Initiative is "recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it". Initiative has to be balanced with patience and dependability.

I Will:

1. Do what is right before being told.
2. Not put off until later what I can do now.
3. Do my part for the team.

Discussion Starters:

- Why do you think initiative is an important character quality to develop?
- When has someone shown initiative to help you? How did that make you feel?



Loyalty

Loyalty is “showing my commitment through difficult times.”

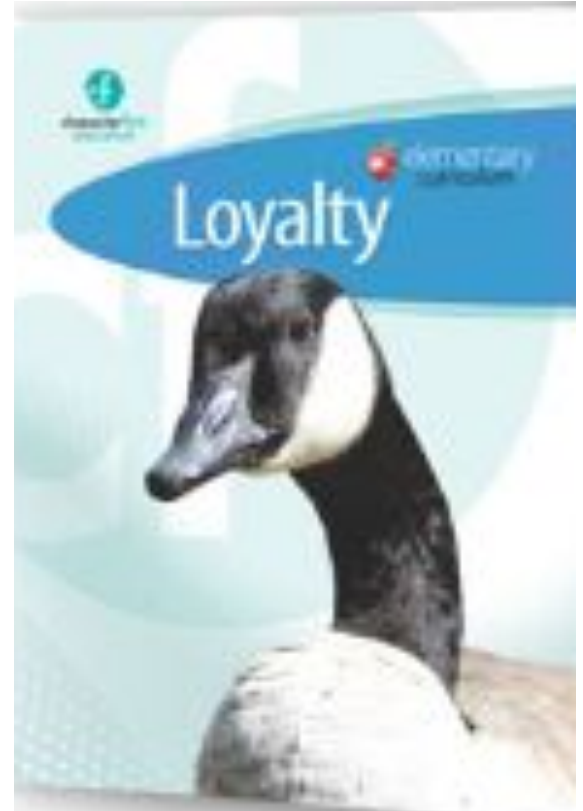
Loyalty is like tape or glue that is really strong. It doesn't come apart easily. When your friends or family go through difficult times, you can practice loyalty by encouraging them and finding ways to help.

I Will:

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3. Do my part for the team.

Discussion Starters:

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Respect

Respect is “treating others with honor and dignity.” You show respect in many ways. For example, when someone is talking, you show respect by being attentive. When you receive a gift, you show respect by saying “thank you.” At work or at home, you show respect to those counting on you by being responsible, diligent, and thorough.

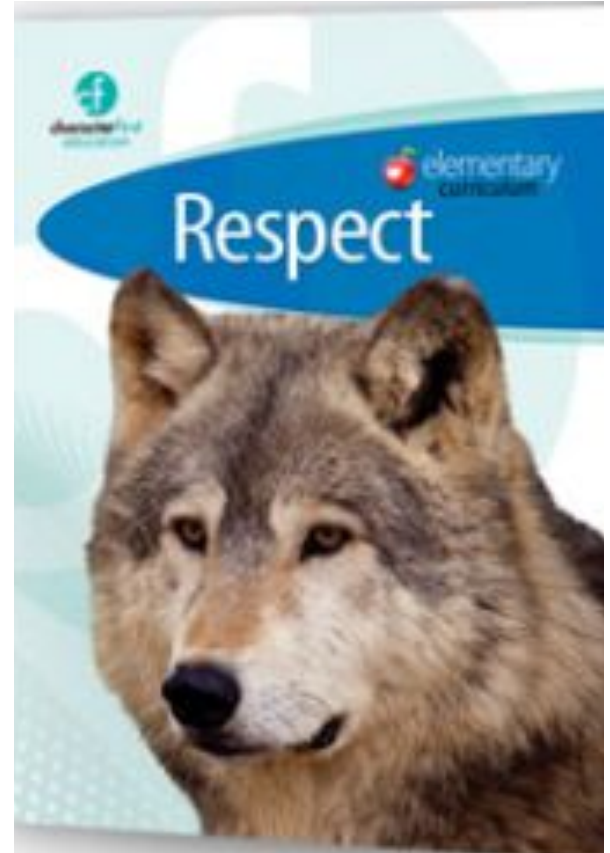
Self-respect means you recognize your own worth as a human being and avoid anything that will damage your mind, body, or integrity. This means you do your best no matter who is watching—because what you do reveals who you are.

I Will:

1. Value others.
2. Respect differences.
3. Use good manners.

Discussion Starters:

- How does it feel when someone shows disrespect?
- How can you respect other students? How can you respect your teachers?



Obedience

Obedience is “doing my duty with a good attitude.”

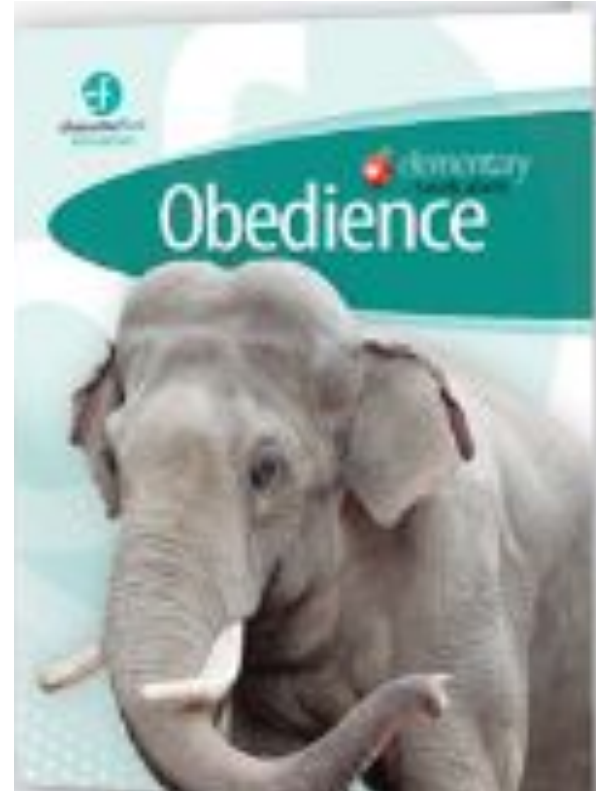
Obedience is not just about rules, regulations, and punishment. It is really about cooperating with one another in order to have a safe and orderly school, home, and community. Think of the peace and freedom you enjoy when neighbors respect one another and obey the law—and the chaos that follows when there is no law and order.

I Will:

1. Follow instructions quickly.
2. Complete what I am expected to do.
3. Have a cheerful attitude.

Discussion Starters:

- Why is it important to follow the rules?
- How does obedience keep things running smoothly at school?
- Does obedience mean you should follow someone blindly?



Orderliness

Orderliness is “keeping things clean and neat.” You can be orderly by keeping your school supplies clean and organized, hanging up your jacket instead of throwing it on the floor, picking up trash, straightening your chair, staying in line, and waiting your turn. At home, you can be orderly by folding your clothes, cleaning your room, and putting toys back where they belong.

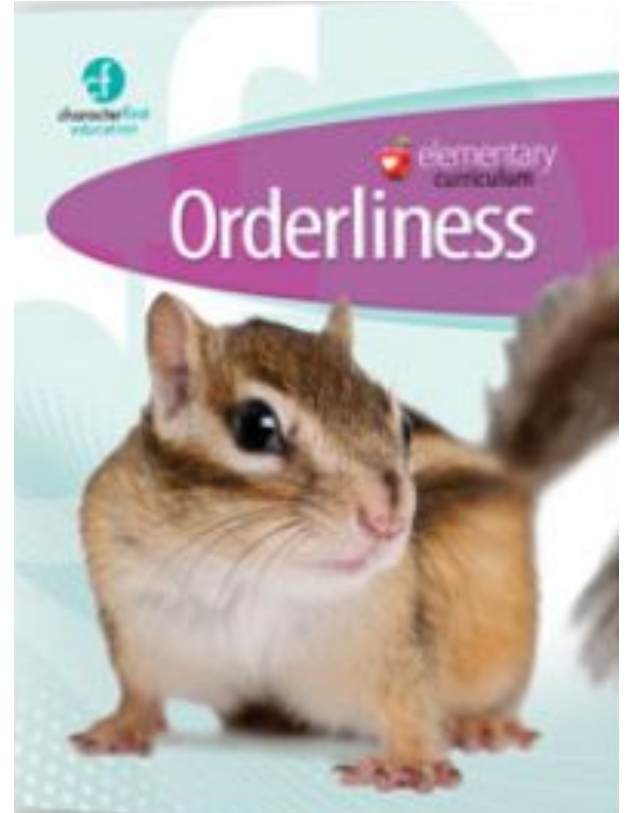
The key to an orderly lifestyle is making it a habit—putting things away and keeping things clean one day at a time.

I Will:

1. Clean up after myself.
2. Put things where they belong.
3. Avoid clutter.

Discussion Starters:

- Why is it important to keep your schoolwork, assignments, and papers in order?
- Why should you clean up after yourself instead of expecting others to do it for you?



Patience

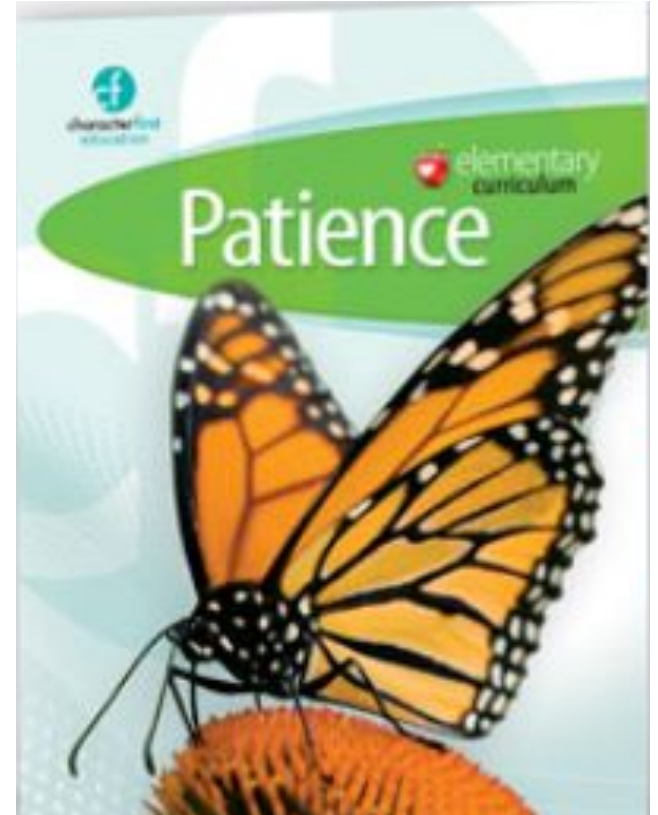
Patience is “waiting without getting upset.” Some things just take time—like growing up, traveling from one place to another, or learning something new. A patient person responds to these situations with a positive outlook and attitude.

I Will:

1. Wait my turn.
2. Not complain when I don't get my way.
3. Try and try again

Discussion Starters:

- What are some times you have to wait with patience? Can you name five specific examples from school or home?
- Think about the examples you just gave. What about these situations can you control? What is out of your control?



Punctuality

Punctuality is "showing respect for other people and their time."

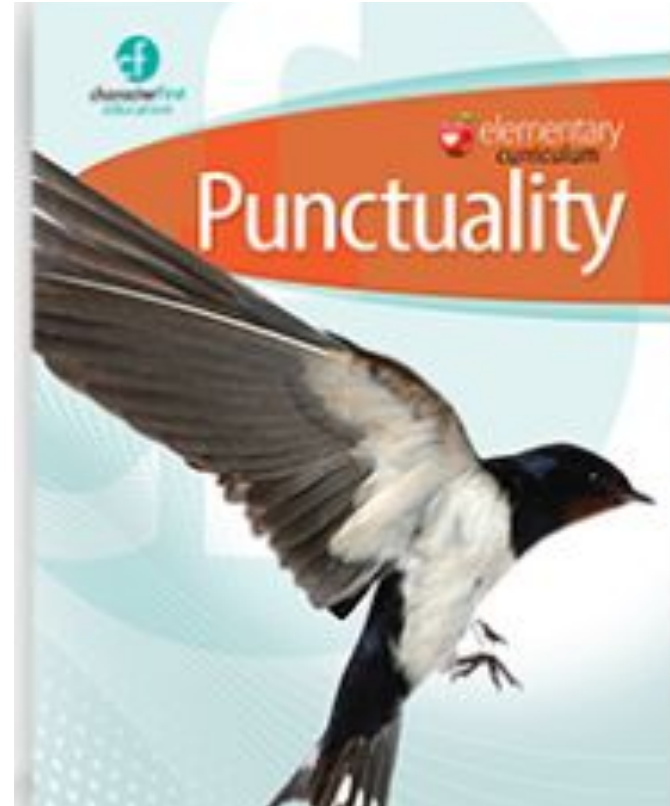
Being on time takes preparation and forethought. It requires using your time wisely. This means that you do not waste time or allow yourself to be distracted. Prioritize the most important projects or classes and give yourself enough time to prepare. This allows you to keep your promises and make a habit of being in the places you said you would be at the times you indicated.

I Will:

1. Be at the right place at the right time.
2. Plan for unexpected delays.
3. Do my work ahead of time.

Discussion Starters:

- Can you think of a time someone else was not punctual and it affected your day? What was the cost of their lack of preparation and forethought?
- Why is punctuality important?



Responsibility

Responsibility is “taking ownership of my thoughts, words, and actions.” It is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do.

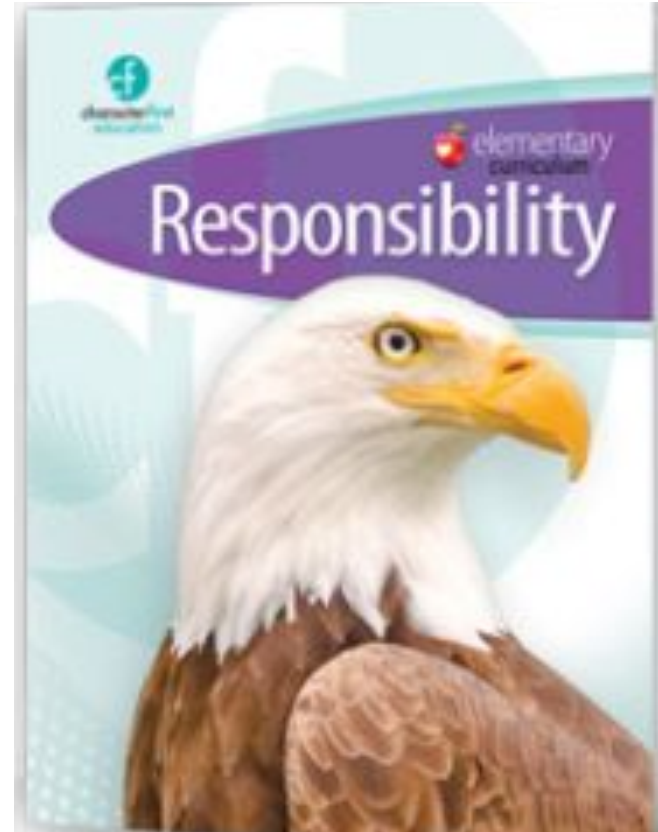
Responsibility begins with “little things” like taking care of your belongings, working with a good attitude, resolving conflicts peacefully, and owning up to mistakes.

I Will:

1. Know what’s expected.
2. Keep my commitments.
3. Do my best.

Discussion Starters:

- It’s easy to take responsibility or ownership when things go well. Why is it hard to take responsibility when things don’t go well?
- What is the opposite of responsibility? (unreliability, blaming others, making excuses)



Self-control

Self-Control is “doing what is right, even when I don't feel like it.”

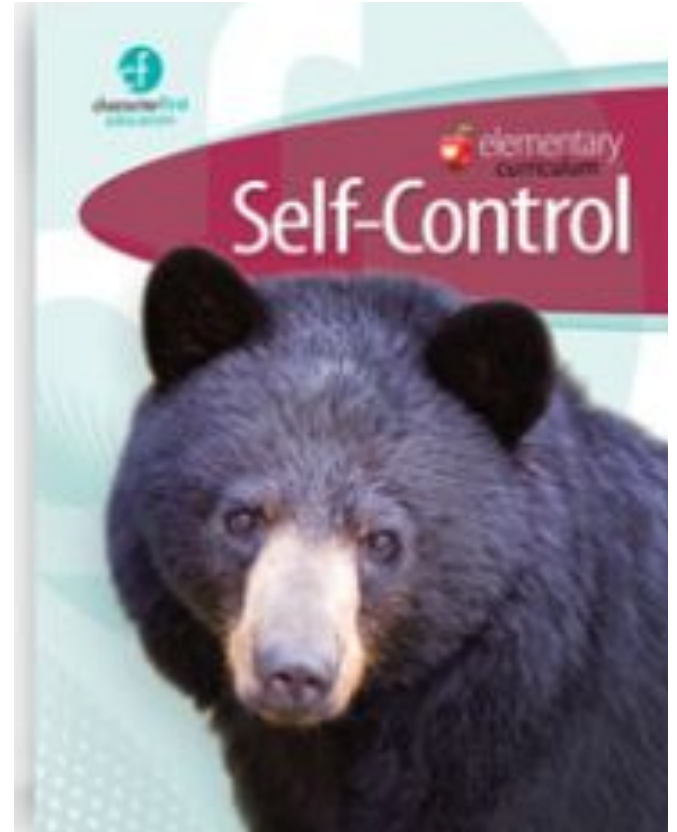
Imagine riding in a car that is out of control. It can be frightening and very dangerous! This is also true for people who are out of control. They can hurt themselves and other people.

I Will:

1. Think before I act.
2. Control my temper.
3. Respect others and their belongings.

Discussion Starters:

- Why is it important to do what is right, even when you don't feel like it?
- What are some healthy habits that can make you a stronger person?



Sensitivity

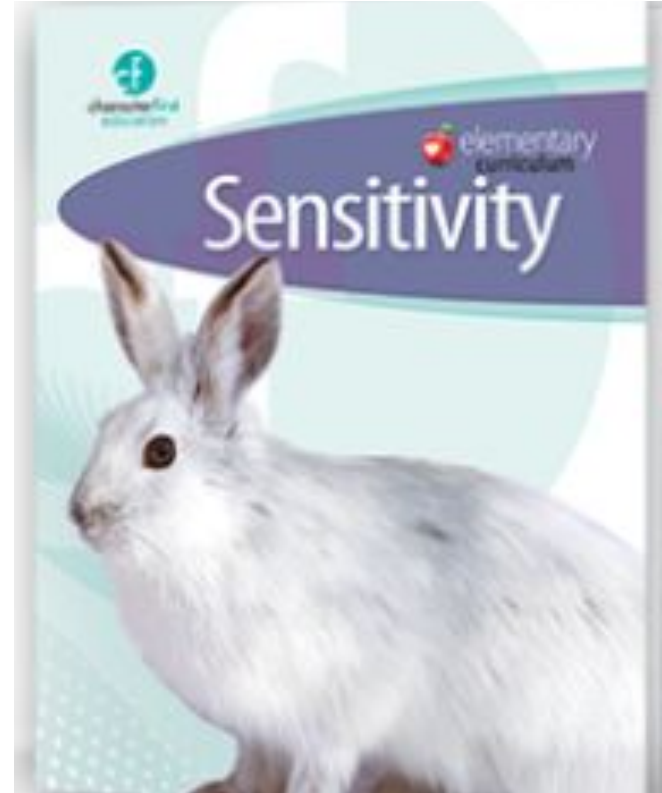
Sensitivity is “carefully using my senses so I can better respond to the people and situations in my life” In the human body, the five senses are used to help us stay aware of our surroundings; enjoy things like food, flowers, and sunsets; and alert us to danger. Our senses help us survive. When a nerve senses pain, it sends an urgent signal to the brain so that the body can respond quickly and appropriately. A sensitive person also uses the five senses to learn about the people and situations around them in order to have a helpful and kind response.

I Will:

1. Listen carefully to others.
2. Watch their body language.
3. Notice their tone of voice.

Discussion Starters:

- What does being insensitive to other people look like?
- Can you think of ways that you can be sensitive to the feelings of your friends? Family? Fellow students?
- How do you think showing sensitivity is beneficial to you as a student? A person?



Thoroughness

Thoroughness is “taking care of details and doing my best”.

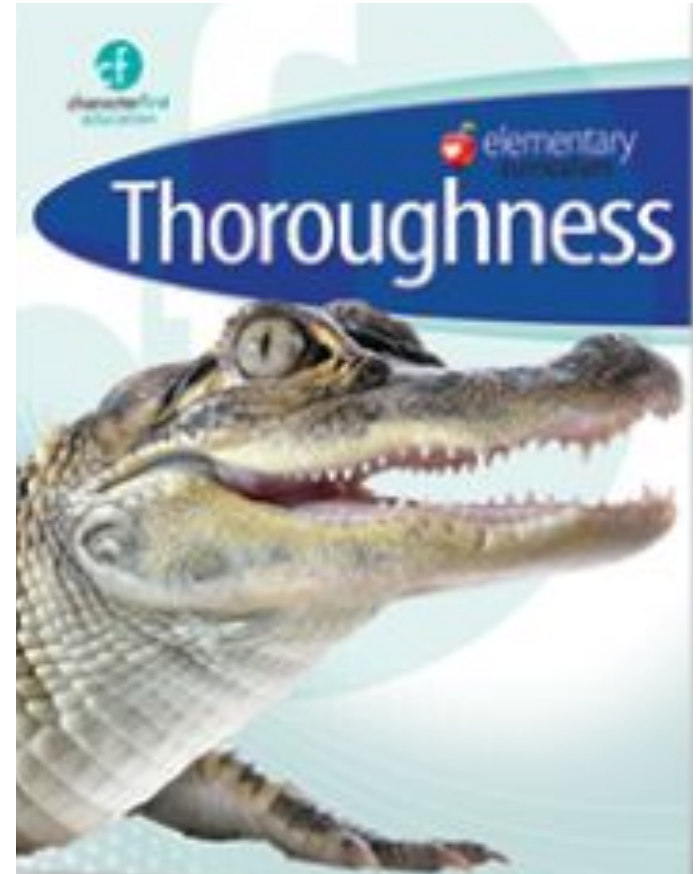
Thoroughness is a quality that deals with details as well as the big picture. A thorough person sees a project through to the end leaving no detail incomplete; while also keeping in mind the overall purpose and timing of the project.

I Will:

1. Plan my work.
2. Pay attention to details.
3. Make a list so I don't forget.

Discussion Starters:

- Why is thoroughness important?
- How can you practice thoroughness today?
- Is there a project you began a while ago that you could complete today?
- What does it mean to finish well?



Tolerance

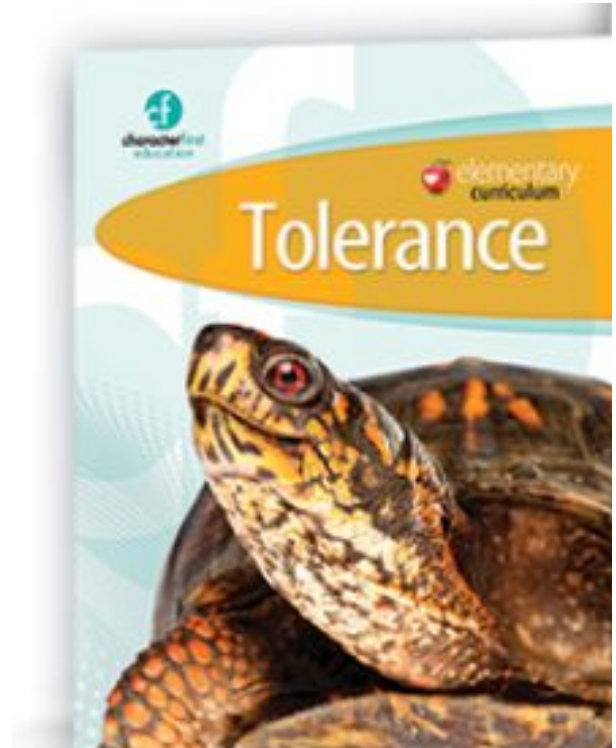
Tolerance is “showing respect for others who are different than me” There are two times in particular when tolerance is very important—one is looking past character flaws and bearing with those who irritate you, the other is being respectful and understanding of the differences between people. Tolerance towards others can be difficult. Sometimes it means being kind and respectful to the people who are really irritating. Being tolerant does not mean you must accept disrespectful or bad attitudes. But being a tolerant person does mean encouraging good character in others and yourself.

I Will:

1. Listen to others.
2. Remember that not everyone is the same.
3. Look for ways to connect with others.

Discussion Starters:

- Have you ever been in a situation where someone got angry with you because you disagreed with them? How did it feel?
- How do you think tolerance can help you in school and at home?



Wisdom

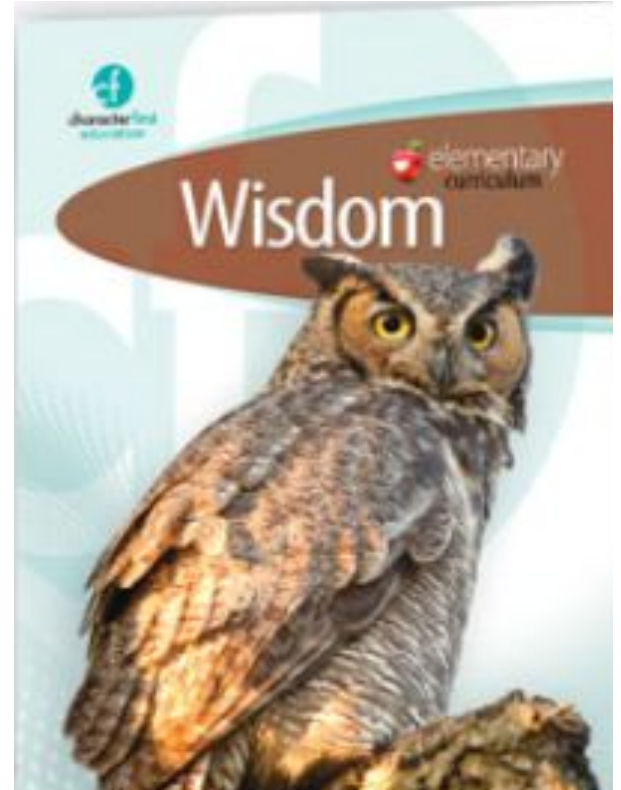
Wisdom is “applying truth to my daily decisions.” If you want to make wise decisions, you must realize that every decision is important. Just as it takes thousands of small bricks to construct a large building, your character is made up of thousands of small decisions. Finally, remember that every decision has a lesson. Whether the outcome is good or bad, a wise person learns from past decisions and makes better ones in the future.

I Will:

1. Listen to my parents and teachers.
2. Learn from mistakes.
3. Choose my friends carefully.

Discussion Starters:

- Who are some wise people you know? What can you learn from them?
- Who are some friends that encourage you in the right direction?
- What do you think the saying means, "You reap what you sow"?



Virtual Library Resource

<http://characterfirsted.com/> (summaries and videos for most animals)