

Work at Staying Honest

BEHAVIORS

gossip, spreading rumors, stretching the truth

PILLAR

Trust-
worthiness

MATERIALS

cornstarch, water, small bowl, spoon (optional:
green food coloring)

OBJECTIVE

The children will learn that people have to
continually work to be trustworthy.

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Procedure

1. To make the "slime," measure 3 spoons of water into the bowl and add 4 or 5 spoons of cornstarch (and a drop of food coloring if desired). Mix into a thick, slimy paste. Spoon some slime into your or a child's hand. Quickly roll it into a ball. It should feel solid, but will ooze again when released.
2. Ask:
 - What happens to the slime when we quit working with it? [It slips through our fingers]
 - When someone tells you something about another person, do you want to tell others?
 - What is gossiping? [passing on stories about others]
 - What can we do to remind ourselves and each other not to pass on untrue or hurtful stories? Since it's easy to want to pass on the stories, we have to remind ourselves not to — like continually working with the slime. We can't forget that we should not pass on stories, especially when they are bad or we don't know if they are true.

Hints

- Remind children that they have to be persistent no matter what character trait they are working on.
- With a small group or older youth, students can mix their own slime so each person has some. You may want to spread newspapers around the area where children will be mixing. The slime dries quickly and washes off easily.