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Lion Craft

Make a lion head poster to remind you to be truthful.

Supplies: paper plate, yellow paper, black marker, black paper, glue, yarn.

1. Cut the yellow paper into strips 1 inch by 4 inches.
2. Have an adult help you curl the strips by pulling them across a scissors blade.
3. Glue them all around the back of the plate to form a mane.
4. Cut two circles or ovals about 1 inch wide for the eyes. Cut a triangle about 2 inches tall for the nose. Glue these on in the appropriate places.
5. Draw the mouth and line to the nose with the marker.
6. Write "I will be truthful" with the marker around the chin of the lion.
7. Glue a 4 inch piece of yarn to the back of the plate at each end to make a hanger for the plate.



Truthfulness in History

Abraham Lincoln "Worth Every Penny"

Before Abraham Lincoln became a lawyer, he worked in a store as a clerk. Denton Offutt, the owner of the general store, knew he could trust Abe to run the store because he was trustworthy and honest. The customers knew that Abe would never lie to them about the quality of anything he sold.

Did you spot the "I Will"? Abe always told the truth about the merchandise he sold, even if it meant losing a sale.

One day a lady came into the store, picked out what she wanted, and paid for it. That night as Abe was closing up the shop, he discovered that he had six cents extra. The change belonged to the woman who had come into the store that afternoon.

It wasn't very much money and the lady would probably never know. He hadn't meant to give her the wrong change. Besides it was late at night and she lived 3 miles away. He would have to walk, and it was cold and very dark. But the change belonged to her.

Did you spot the "I Will"? Abe didn't exaggerate to make things seem different than they were or try to simplify and make an important thing (six cents) seem unimportant.

Knocking on the door, he waited. The lady opened the door and said in surprise, "Why Abraham Lincoln, what are you doing all the way out here?" "I found that I had not given you the right amount of change. Here's the six cents that belongs to you," said Abe, as he handed her the money.

Did you spot the "I Will"? Abe admitted that he was wrong.

Another day Abe was reading a book when a lady came in to buy some tea. He measured out the tea for her and went back to reading his book. Later on, Abe noticed the wrong weights were on the scale. He hadn't given the lady all the tea she had paid for. Quickly, Abe measured out the rest of the tea, closed the shop, and went to the lady's house to deliver the tea.

Did you spot the "I Will"? Abe had not intended to cheat the lady out of her tea. But as soon as he knew that he had, he made it up to her.

When the owner of the store died, he owed a lot of money. His partners ran away and disappeared. They didn't want to pay the debt. There was no one left to pay the people to whom the money was owed. Abe decided to work to pay off all the store's debts. He didn't have to, but decided that it was the right thing to do. He said to some friends who were laughing at him for doing so: "I have given my word. And foolish is the man who gives his word and then does not keep it."

Did you spot the "I Will"? Abe encouraged others to speak the truth.

Each time he saved money he sent it to the people to whom it was owed. Little by little the debt grew smaller, but it was a big debt. It took Lincoln 17 years, but he was faithful to pay it all back. Other people saw Abe's truthfulness. They watched him do right, even when his friends told him to do what was wrong. They admired him and gave him the nickname "Honest Abe."

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