Honesty- The Empty Pot

**Grade:** 3

**Lesson:** 7

**Objectives:**

Students will understand the importance of telling the truth and potential consequences of lying.

**WCSCM Standards:**

A.4.1.4 Identify and model personal attitudes and behaviors that lead to successful learning

D.4.2.1 Discuss and explain the differences between appropriate and inappropriate behavior

E.4.1.1 Identify and compare potential consequences of a decision

G.4.1.1 Give examples of positive personal characteristics (i.e. honesty, dependability, responsibility, integrity, and loyalty)

.4.2.1 Practice positive social skills while interacting with others in a way that is responsible, honest, helpful, and appreciative

**Materials:**

*The Empty Pot* by Demi

Yarn

Character Education: Honesty

**Activities:**

1. Ask students what does Honesty mean?
2. Ask students if it is important to tell the truth? Why? What happens if we don’t?
3. Read The Empty Pot and discuss.
4. Choose a volunteer before class to come up with a lie about what they did this weekend-the bigger the lie, the better. Have the volunteer come up front and share their weekend, giving prompts to further the story when needed. As the student tells their story wrap them in yarn to symbolize getting “caught in a lie.” Once the story is over have the rest of the class try to remember all of the lies and untie the student as they remember. In the end there will still be some yarn around the student and we will discuss how it is difficult to keep track of lies and we cannot remember all of the different lies they say.
5. In small groups complete the Honesty activity and discuss as a class.

**Vocabulary:** Honesty

**Assessment** : Observation & Discussion