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## TEACH CLASSMATES A VALUABLE LESSON



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### HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

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To my beloved sister VANESSA Dear Vanessa,

You are more than just a memory. I realize the miraculous love you held in your heart for me without asking for anything in return. Now, you are spreading your love in Heaven just like you did on Earth.

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

Matthew 19:13-15 New Living Translation (NLT)





It was a sunny, spring morning in Honesty and Integrity's small town. They met up earlier than usual.



The two best friends didn't want to be late for the most important Math test of the year. So, they rushed to school.



The girls saw that all of their friends were nervous about something.







## Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing.

Psalm 127:2-4 - Good News Translation (GNT)

The test was hard and they had all decided to cheat. They stuffed tiny cheat sheets in all of their pockets. Honesty and Integrity tried to tell them that it's wrong to cheat, but it was too late.



Mrs. Neveah, the teacher, walked in and told the students to take their seats.

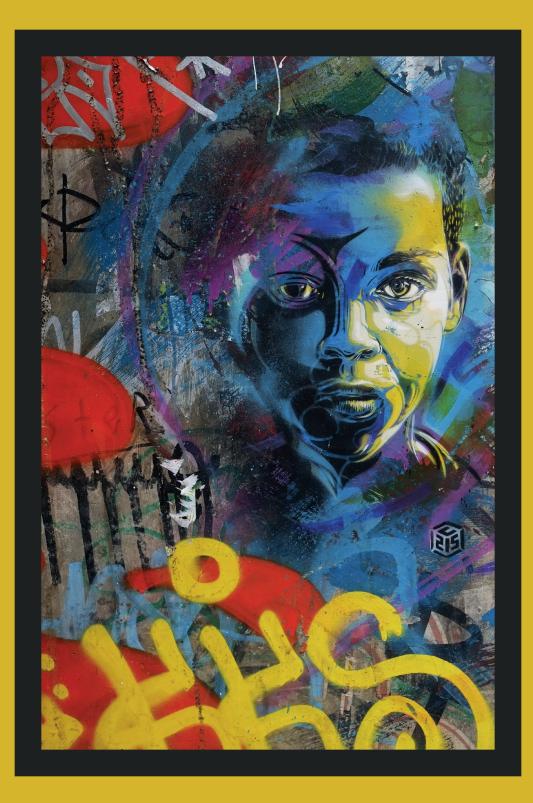


The bell rang and the test began. Honesty and Integrity almost totally forgot about their friends' cheat sheets... at least until the very end.



# Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called God's children.

Matthew 5:9 - GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)



ust as the bell rang and Mrs. Neveah started collecting the papers, one of Honesty and Integrity's classmates accidentally dropped his tiny piece of paper and it flew down in between the girls' desks.



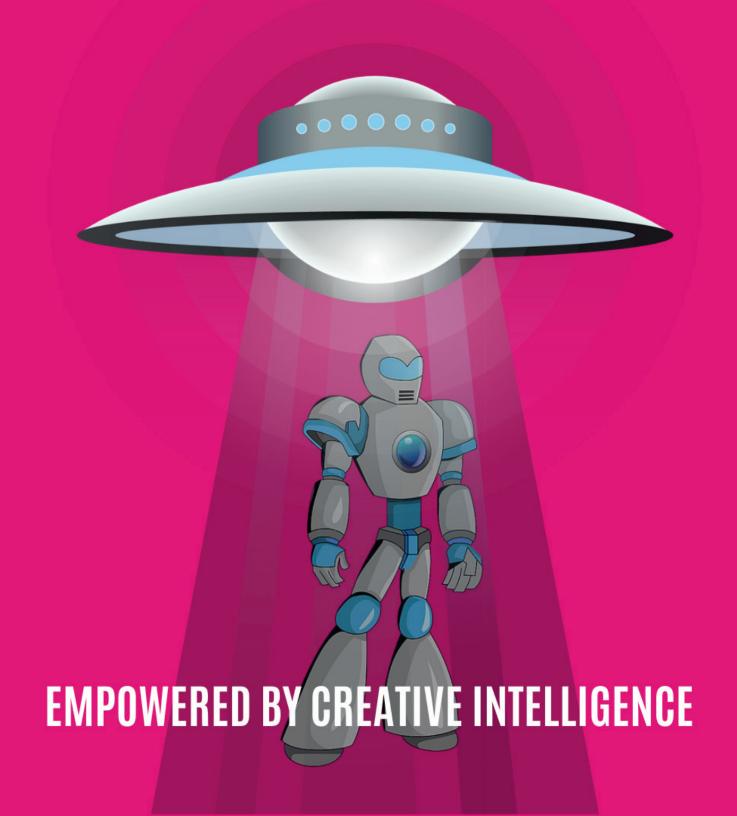
The teacher saw it on the ground and picked it up.



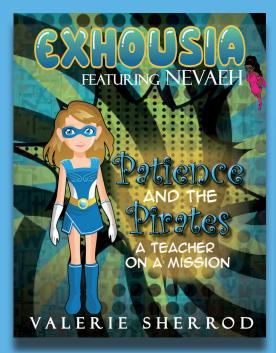
Honesty, Integrity... My office, now." Mrs. Neveah said and went out of the classroom.

The girls had never seen their beloved teacher so mad. Nevertheless, they followed her to her office. As soon as the door closed, she wiped off her furious expression.

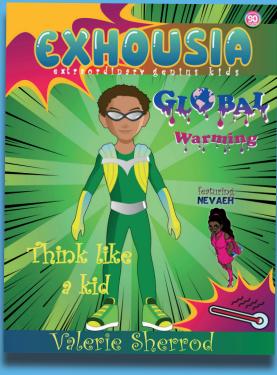




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On't worry, girls, I know you would never cheat." She said with her regular, soft voice and Honesty and Integrity were relieved.

"But I need you to tell me who it was. I have to do something and right now, you two are the only suspects."

The two best friends looked at each other and didn't know what to do.

"We should always tell the truth," Honesty said.

"I know, but we can't betray our friends like that." Integrity added.

"I know." Honesty replied.

After some thinking, Honesty and Integrity said, "We have a plan, Mrs. Neveah. Please give us until the end of today and we'll tell you who was the cheater."



hen Honesty and Integrity went back to their classroom, their friends were already feeling bad. The girls were the only ones who didn't cheat, but they got caught anyway.

"You have to come clean and tell the truth." Honesty said.

"It's the right thing to do." Integrity added. "We didn't give you up, but now you have to save us from being punished."



# Listen to your teacher and learn all you can.

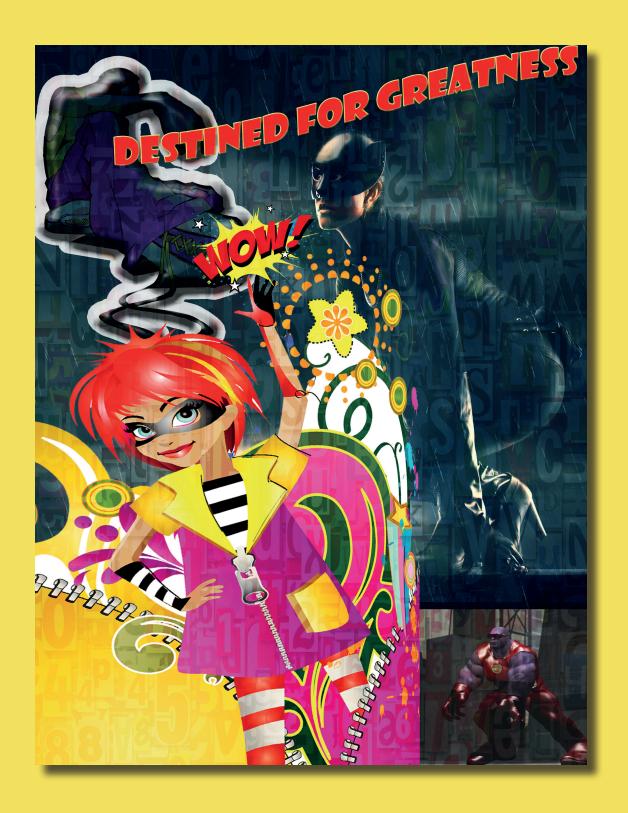
Proverbs 23:12 - Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)



heir classmates nodded and went to Mrs. Neveah's office. They told her everything and she was very proud of them.







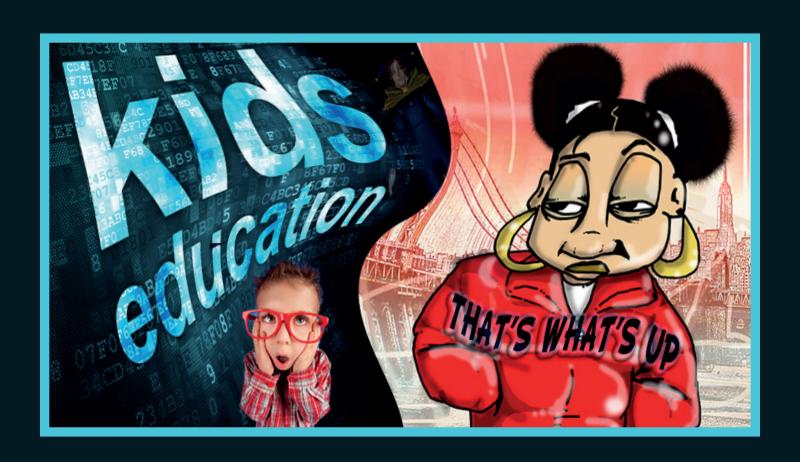
Because they did the right thing, she didn't punish them and even rescheduled the exam. She scheduled additional Math classes too.

Because of Honesty and Integrity, the class did the right thing and learned that it's wrong to cheat.



fter that, they all tried harder and aced the exam. The scores were the highest of any class before them.





For I know what I have planned for you,' says the Lord. 'I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 - New English Translation (NET Bible)



GOD has already written my life story.

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