



Principles of Good Character

Fairness

Grades K-12



How to be a fair person:

- Treat other people the way you want to be treated.
- Take Turns and play by the rules.
- Tell the truth.
- Think about how your actions will affect others.
- Listen to people with an open mind.
- Don't blame others for your mistakes.
- Don't take advantage of other people.

Think about what it means to be fair.

1. What does treating people fairly mean? Does fairness mean everyone gets the same amount, like an equal piece of chocolate bar? Does fairness mean enforcing the rules for everyone, even if it means losing a game?
2. How should you treat people who are not fair with you?
3. How does fairness affect your relationships with other people—your friends, for example?
4. In every situation is it possible to be fair to everyone? Should you try? Why, or why not?

Fairness Activity:

Are there times when you feel your family or friends treat you unfairly? Talk to them about these times. Remember to ask them if your words or actions are sometimes unfair. Based on their comments, try to improve.

Jimmy Stewart Challenge:

One of the reasons Jimmy Stewart was successful was because he was a fair man. Explore The Jimmy Stewart Museum for situations where he would need to be fair, such as when dealing with his community and fighting in the Air Force.