

Ocean Commotion

Lesson #7



Behavioral Issue:

Lies, Denies, Exaggerates, Distorts the Truth

Objective:

- Students will tell the truth.
- Students will relate information in an accurate manner.

Materials:

Ocean Commotion by Julie Woik

White heavy weight paper (110 if possible)

Print and cut out all of the characters/items that correlate with this lesson (characters and items are incased in shapes for easy cutting)

Activity:

Gather the students in a circle and read Ocean Commotion, showing everyone the detailed illustrations. After the reading, discuss the happenings in the book and the lesson learned. Echo didn't "lie" about what she had done, but she DID need to explain what happened **truthfully**. With this activity, students can use the characters and items to develop their own pretend scenario in which a lie, exaggeration, or distorted truth became an issue.

Example: The child might imagine that Sharkie lies in a card game with Lewy the Lobster. Lewy confronts him. Sharkie denies it! Lewy tells Echo about it. She's very upset. She tells Reporter Rick about the situation, and he writes a story about it in the newspaper. What's going to happen? Where did lying get Sharkie? What might be the consequences of his actions? Will others be able to forgive him?

Assessment:

Students will understand the true meaning of a lie, the effects a lie can have on others, and the consequences that may result. They will choose to be truthful and feel the pride that follows.