

Moniya Tells the Truth

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Honesty, Integrity, Personal Growth

Book Brief: The story of a boy who always did his best to be honest!

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Storytime

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about what Jane likes.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, “Why is it important to tell the truth, even when it might be difficult? Can you think of a time when being honest was the right thing to do?” Explain to students that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.


Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, pay attention to the choices Moniya makes and how being honest affects his life and the people around him.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does honesty mean to Moniya?
- Can you think of a situation where Moniya had to make a choice between being honest or not? What did he do?
- How do other people react to Moniya’s honesty?



Think Aloud: “I notice that even when telling the truth is hard, Moniya chooses to be honest. This shows me that he values doing the right thing more than taking the easy way out.”

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “What choices did Moniya make in the story? How did his honesty affect his life and relationships?”

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, “What is a value or quality that is important to you, like honesty was to Moniya?” Encourage students to create a personal “values compass” where they identify 3-4 qualities that matter most to them (like kindness, honesty, courage, or respect) and write or draw one way they can practice each value this week.

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