

Edgar and the Tattle-Tale Heart – Reading Guide

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Themes: tattling, taking responsibility, apologizing, unconditional love

Lesson/Notes: Parents (or guardian) may get upset or give a consequence when a child does the wrong thing, but parents still love their children. Parents must discipline their children to teach them right from wrong, because they love them. *Everyone messes up sometimes. If you make a wrong or hurtful choice, it is your responsibility to tell the truth and apologize.*

Discussion Questions

- *Whose responsibility was it to tell Mom what happened? (Edgar's)*
- *How did Edgar take responsibility? (told the truth, apologized, tried to make it better)*
- *Does Mom still love Edgar? (Yes)*
- *Do your parents (or guardian) still love you even when you mess up?*

Activity:

Supplies: Play-Doh or clay

- Invite child to build main characters out of Play-Doh and retell story with the models.
Key story elements to include:
 - Edgar broke statue
 - Edgar tried to fix it
 - Edgar told Mom the truth
 - Mom still loves Edgar