

Kermit and the New Bicycle: A Book About Honesty

Reading Guide

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Themes: honesty, personal responsibility

Lesson/Notes: This story shows how difficult it can be to tell the truth. *Accidents happen, and it's important to take responsibility for our actions just like when Kermit went to get the bicycle repaired. It's difficult to admit to someone when you've done something hurtful (on accident or on purpose), but it can strengthen friendships and show friends you are trustworthy and willing to make things right.*

Discussion Questions

- *When Kermit sees the bicycle in Fozzie's garage, why do you think he is waiting and thinking about whether he should borrow it?*
- *Did Kermit feel better when he lied? (no)*
- *When did Kermit feel better? (after he told the truth and Fozzie forgave him)*
- *More discussion questions in the back of the book!*

Activity:

Supplies: canned item (or similarly weighted object), masking tape, marker

- Write "LIE" on a piece of masking tape. Put the piece of tape on the can.
- Ask child to hold the can out in front of him/her for 30 seconds. (Time and weight can be adjusted to be a slight challenge for the child.)
- When time is up, ask child to "tell the truth" by peeling off the tape and setting down the can.
 - *This feeling is called "relief". You usually feel better after you tell the truth because it's the right thing to do.*