



1. As pupils enter

Display your true / false statements about yourself and / or the school and play your chosen music.

2. Introduction

Read out the true / false statements and ask pupils to share what they think about them. Do they think they are all true? Which of them would you choose to share with other people? Why? Gather some ideas from the children about why it is important to tell the truth. Explain that everyone is going to watch a short video of a story about the importance of being honest.

3. Play the video

The duration is 4' 21" and the final words are: 'See you again soon! Bye bye! Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Lead a discussion about the video by asking some or all of the following questions:

- Why might the emperor have wanted someone wise and honest to rule his kingdom after him?
- What did the messenger tell the children?
- What did the emperor give the children? Why?
- What qualities might the emperor be looking for in the next emperor?
- What did Ling do with his seed to help it to grow?
- What happened to his seed?
- Do you think Ling's idea of taking another plant and pretending his seed grew is a good idea?
- Why did the emperor choose Ling?
- How do you think the other children felt when the emperor choose Ling on the basis of his honesty?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.



6. Opportunity to reflect

Think about a time when you have been tempted not to be honest. Did it seem the easy option?

Think about the story. The emperor wanted someone trustworthy and true to take over the kingdom.

Now picture yourself holding that seed. What would you have done if your seed did not grow and you wanted to impress the emperor..?

When Ling was honest and courageous the emperor rewarded him. Perhaps next time you feel tempted to be untruthful you'll remember the story of Ling - a boy who became an emperor because he was honest.

7. Opportunity for prayer

Thank you for the fable of 'The Emperor's Contest' reminding us the value of honesty. It can be tempting to give the answer we think people want. It can feel easier not to tell the whole truth.

Fill us with courage to tell the truth, even when we have done something wrong. Thank you for teaching us that being honest will bring great rewards. Amen.