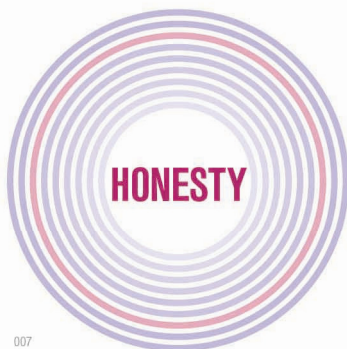
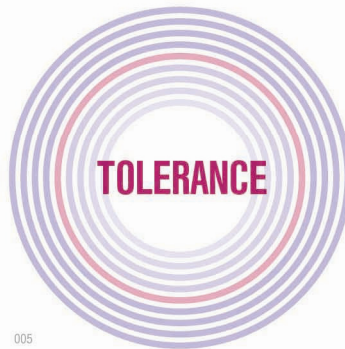
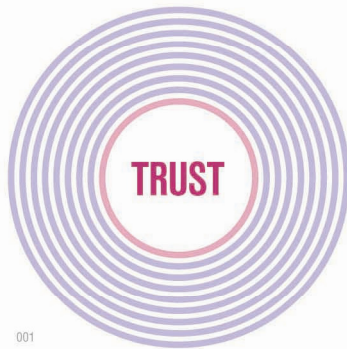


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A friend of the great novelist Ernest Hemingway bet him \$10 that he could not write a story in 6 words. He wrote the following: "For sale: baby shoes. Never worn".

Can you write your character in 6 words?

The following is a selection from Learning for Life:

- Happiness is "living" beyond my world.
- Enthusiastic, faithful, cheerful, kind, dependable-perfect.
- A Phoenix rising from the ashes.

Children can work in pairs to do this exercise. Get them to put their character sketches into a "hat". They can then draw them out and guess who they are describing. These can then also be used as a starting point for further discussion.

E.g 'Happiness is "living" beyond my world'

What does this mean? It could mean a person who is unselfish, who puts his/her neighbour first.

Why would this make a person/this person happy?

It could mean someone who believes in God and entrusts all to God. This could lead into do we need to live/think beyond this world to be happy. Do we need to have goals?

Alternatively, the person could be a day dreamer. The discussion can also help children to work out what sort of a person this is.

Some of the character sketches may offer opportunity to consider the thoughts / feelings of the author.

In addition, you could have a prize for the best character sketch.

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