

Being Honest Like Abe

Week 30 • Thursday • Lincoln's Example in My Life

Reading Time

Why was Lincoln called Honest Abe? One famous story says that when young Abe worked in a store, he once charged a customer a few pennies too much by mistake. That evening, he walked miles to return the money!

Lincoln believed that telling the truth and treating people fairly mattered more than anything. His honesty made people trust him — and that trust helped him become president.

You can be honest like Abe every day: tell the truth even when it is hard, return things that are not yours, admit mistakes, and keep your promises. Honesty builds trust, and trust makes friendships, families, and even countries stronger.

Reading Questions

1. What did young Abe do when he charged a customer too much?

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2. How did honesty help Lincoln become president?

3. Name two ways YOU can be honest like Abe.

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

honesty

truth

trust

promise

mistake

fair

Honest or Not?

Write YES if it is honest, or NO if it is not.

Action	YES or NO
Telling the truth even when it is hard.	
Keeping extra change that is not yours.	
Admitting you broke something by accident.	
Blaming your sibling for your mess.	
Keeping a promise you made.	
Returning a toy you borrowed.	

My Honesty Story

Think of a time you told the truth even though it was hard — or a time honesty helped you. Fill in your story below.

Question	My answer
What happened?	
What was the honest thing to do?	
How did it feel afterward?	
How did it build trust?	

Think About It

1. Why does honesty make a leader stronger?

2. What nickname would YOU want to earn, like 'Honest Abe'? Why?

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Abe walked miles to return a few pennies.
- ☐ Honesty made people trust Lincoln.
- ☐ It is okay to lie if it helps you win.
- ☐ Admitting mistakes is part of honesty.
- ☐ Keeping promises builds trust.
- ☐ Honesty only matters for presidents.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
Why Lincoln was called Honest Abe	YES / NOT YET
How honesty builds trust	YES / NOT YET
Ways I can be honest every day	YES / NOT YET