

Positive Values Details

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For 3-5 Year Olds

Caring—The child begins to show empathy, understanding, and awareness of others' feelings.

Equality and social justice—The child begins to show concern for people who are excluded from play and other activities or not treated fairly because they are different.

Integrity—The child begins to express her or his views appropriately and to stand up for a growing sense of what is fair and right.

Honesty—The child begins to understand the difference between truth and lies, and is truthful to the extent of her or his understanding.

Responsibility—The child begins to follow through on simple tasks to take care of her- or himself and to help others.

Self-regulation—The child increasingly can identify, regulate, and control her or his behaviors in healthy ways, using adult support constructively in particularly stressful situations.



For 5-9 Year Olds

Caring—Parent(s) help child grow in empathy, understanding, and helping others.

Equality and Social Justice—Parent(s) encourage child to be concerned about rules and being fair to everyone.

Integrity—Parent(s) help child develop her or his own sense of right and wrong behavior.

Honesty—Parent(s) encourage child's development in recognizing and telling the truth.

Responsibility—Parent(s) encourage child to accept and take responsibility for her or his actions at school and at home.

Self-Regulation—Parents encourage child's growth in regulating her or his own emotions and behaviors and in understanding the importance of healthy habits and choices.



For 8-12 Year Olds

Caring—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to help other people.

Equality and social justice—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to speak up for equal rights for all people.

Integrity—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to stand up for one’s beliefs.

Honesty—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to tell the truth.

Responsibility—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to accept personal responsibility for behavior.

Healthy Lifestyle—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to have good health habits and an understanding of healthy sexuality.



For 12-18 Year Olds

Caring—Young person places high value on helping other people.

Equality and social justice—Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.

Integrity—Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.

Honesty—Young person “tells the truth even when it is not easy.”

Responsibility—Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.

Restraint—Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.