

# HONESTY & INTEGRITY [FALSEFIRE/TRUEFLAME]

**The key takeaway from this quest challenge:**

*Honesty means taking responsibility and telling the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. That's how trust is built.*

## Narrative Scenario

Dragon Master will read aloud or summarize this scenario:

The class had been assigned group projects. They were due today. As the teacher went around the room grading the work, group B's assignment was incomplete. The teacher looked at Ben, Jamie, and Julio. "What happened here? Who didn't finish their part of the assignment?" No one said anything. Julio had forgotten to do his part, but when the teacher asked, he froze. He didn't want to disappoint anyone or get in trouble. The teacher said, "If I know who did which parts, I can grade those individually. Otherwise you all get an incomplete." Ben was Julio's best friend and didn't want Julio to get in trouble. So, Ben said, "We all just ran out of time." Julio remained quiet, but he knew that if he told the teacher the truth, Ben and Jamie could get a good grade on their part. Dragon Master asks: "If Julio stays quiet, is he being dishonest? And is it okay if Julio lets Ben lie for him? What should Julio do?"

\*Have the Dragon Slayers take 30-60 seconds to discuss with a partner and share ideas.

## Open the Floor

Now, let the Dragon Slayers share freely. Don't rush to correct wrong or imprecise answers. Encourage deeper reflection. When they share answers, encourage reasoning behind their answers: *Why do you think that's the right choice? What could be hard about doing that? How do you think Julio is feeling? What might happen if he doesn't make the right choice?*

While you don't want to give answers, affirm responses such as:

- Julio should tell the truth to the teacher.
- He should admit what happened even if it's hard.
- He should apologize to everyone and try to fix it.

If they give any of the following responses, explore these more deeply to offer guidance and reassessments:

- "It wasn't a big deal. The group covered for him." →
  - Ask: "What if this happens again? Would the group still trust him?"
- "Ben lied. Julio didn't. Julio should just stay quiet." →
  - Ask: "Ben lied to help Julio. Should Julio be okay with this? Is it good to let your friend do something wrong to cover for you?"
  - And: "If Julio stays quiet, none of them pass. If he's honest, his teammates get the points they earned. So, if Julio stays quiet, is he being an honest teammate?"
- "He should lie to the teacher so he doesn't get in trouble." →
  - Ask: "It's true that if Julio lies, he may not get in trouble. But is his lie hurting anyone?"

## Deeper Reflection

After discussing the fictional story, help them apply what they learned to real-life.

Dragon Master: "Now that we've thought about Julio, what does it mean to be an honest person?"

Follow-Up Prompts:

- "What does it mean to be honest?"
- "Why is it important to be honest?"
- "Have you ever told a lie to protect someone's feelings?"
- "Is it honest to stay silent when you know the truth?"
- "What does it feel like when someone lies to you?"
- "Why do people sometimes lie, even when they know it's wrong?"