

Six Pillar Puzzle

Overview:

Children learn new vocabulary words as they complete a puzzle.

Materials:

- Copies of the puzzle (one for each student)

Handouts:

- [Six Pillar Puzzle](#)

Procedure:

Introduce the Six Pillars of Character. Discuss the values and their aspects (listed below). Tell them to look for these words in the puzzle you will hand out. You may also want to hand out a sheet with the answers or go over the answers together as a class.

These are the words hidden in the letters:

- Honesty • Citizenship • Kindness
- Integrity • Truth • Sharing
- Loyalty • Courage • Compassion
- Respect • Courtesy • Vote
- Responsibility • Tolerance • Charity
- Accountability • Stakeholders • Volunteer
- Excellence • Reliability • Recycle
- Fairness • Diligence • Conserve
- Caring • Disciplined

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This lesson is from the *Good Ideas* book, available for purchase from the CHARACTER COUNTS! online store: <http://www.charactercounts.org/materials>

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McREL standards

Language Arts

Standard 5. Uses the general skills and strategies of the reading process.

Level I, Benchmark 3. Uses basic elements of phonetic analysis (e.g., common letter/sound relationships, beginning and ending consonants, vowel sounds, blends, word patterns) to decode unknown words.

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