

# Character and Life Skills: **Honesty**

## SEL Focus: **Responsible Decision Making**

### Lesson Title: **Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big**

#### Grade Level: **3-5**



#### Project and Purpose:

Students listen to and/or watch the story **Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big** by Berkeley Breathed and analyze how a humorous story can have a serious message.

#### Essential Question

How can a funny story have a serious message, especially about honesty and responsible decision making?

#### Materials

- **Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big**, by Berkeley Breathed, published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2008
- If possible, watch the story being read: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ai3CGJz5Z14](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ai3CGJz5Z14)

#### Introduction

1. Review the definition of honesty: the quality of being truthful, moral, trustworthy, and acting with honor.
2. Post the definition of responsible decision making and ask students to tell you what they think it means in their own words. If you have done the deconstruction lesson, remind them of the hard work they did to break down all the skills that are a part of responsible decision making.

**Responsible Decision Making:** The ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on consideration of ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, the realistic evaluation of consequences of various actions, and the well-being of self and others.

3. Emphasize how today's lesson will have a funny focus with a serious message about honesty.

#### Direct Instruction (I do)

1. Introduce the book/video **Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big** by Berkeley Breathed.
2. If using a copy of the book, do a picture walk through the book and model self-narration of your thoughts about what you see on several of the pages. If using the video, freeze on the cover and ask students to predict what they think this story will be about based on the illustration and the title.
3. Before presenting the story, tell children to listen for the different words the author uses that relate to honesty and its opposite: dishonesty.
4. Read the story aloud/show the video.

