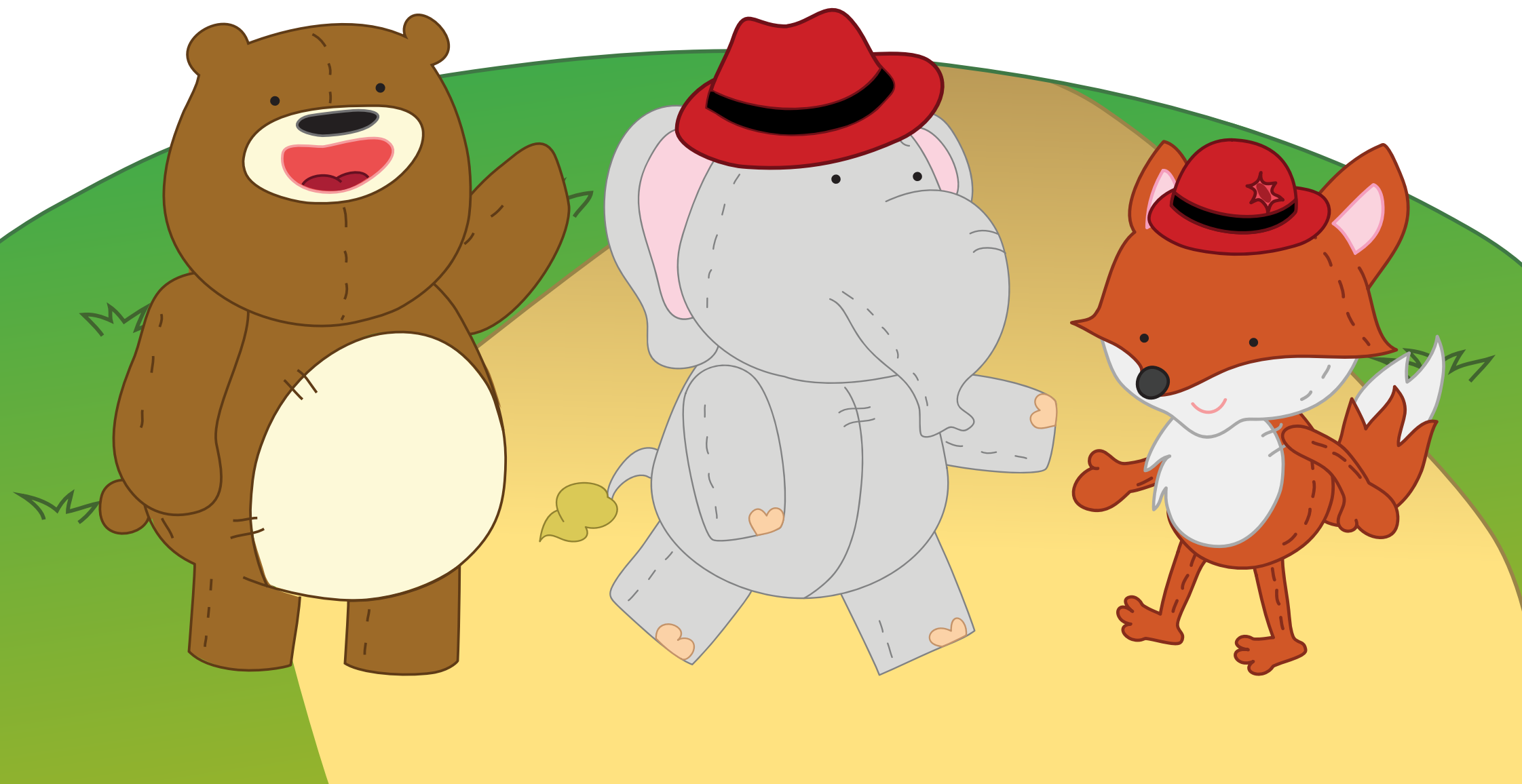


Eli and His Little Red Hat



About Choo Choo Train

Choo Choo Train is a series of stories and activities aiming to inculcate good values in five and six-year-old children. Children will learn eight values through 16 stories and activities. The stories will feature Eli the elephant and his friends as they learn about each value.

If you are a parent or an educator, there are guided questions at the end of the story that you may ask the children to build their empathy and perspective-taking skills.

Recommended activities are also included for a wholesome experience in learning these values!

About this story

In this story, we will explore the value of honesty. Felix the fox finds and wears a red hat that does not belong to him. Felix's friend, Eli, has also lost a red hat. Could it be the same hat? Will Felix show honesty? Read on to find out more.





It was a hot and sunny morning.

Felix the fox was on his way to Eli the elephant's house to play.

While Felix was walking in the forest, he discovered something terrible!

There was a hole in his hat.



Felix felt sad that there is a hole in his favourite hat.

Felix continued walking to Eli's house.

Just then, Felix saw a little red hat hanging on the tree.

“What a beautiful bright red hat!” said Felix as he took the hat and placed it on his head.



“This hat fits me nicely!” Felix smiled as he tried on the hat.

Felix really liked the hat.

He looked around and thought to himself, “There is no one around. If I take the hat, no one will know.”

Felix wore the little red hat and walked happily to Eli’s house.



“Ring!!!” the doorbell rang.

Bob the bear opened the door for Felix.

“Eli! Felix is here to play with us!” Bob shouted to Eli.

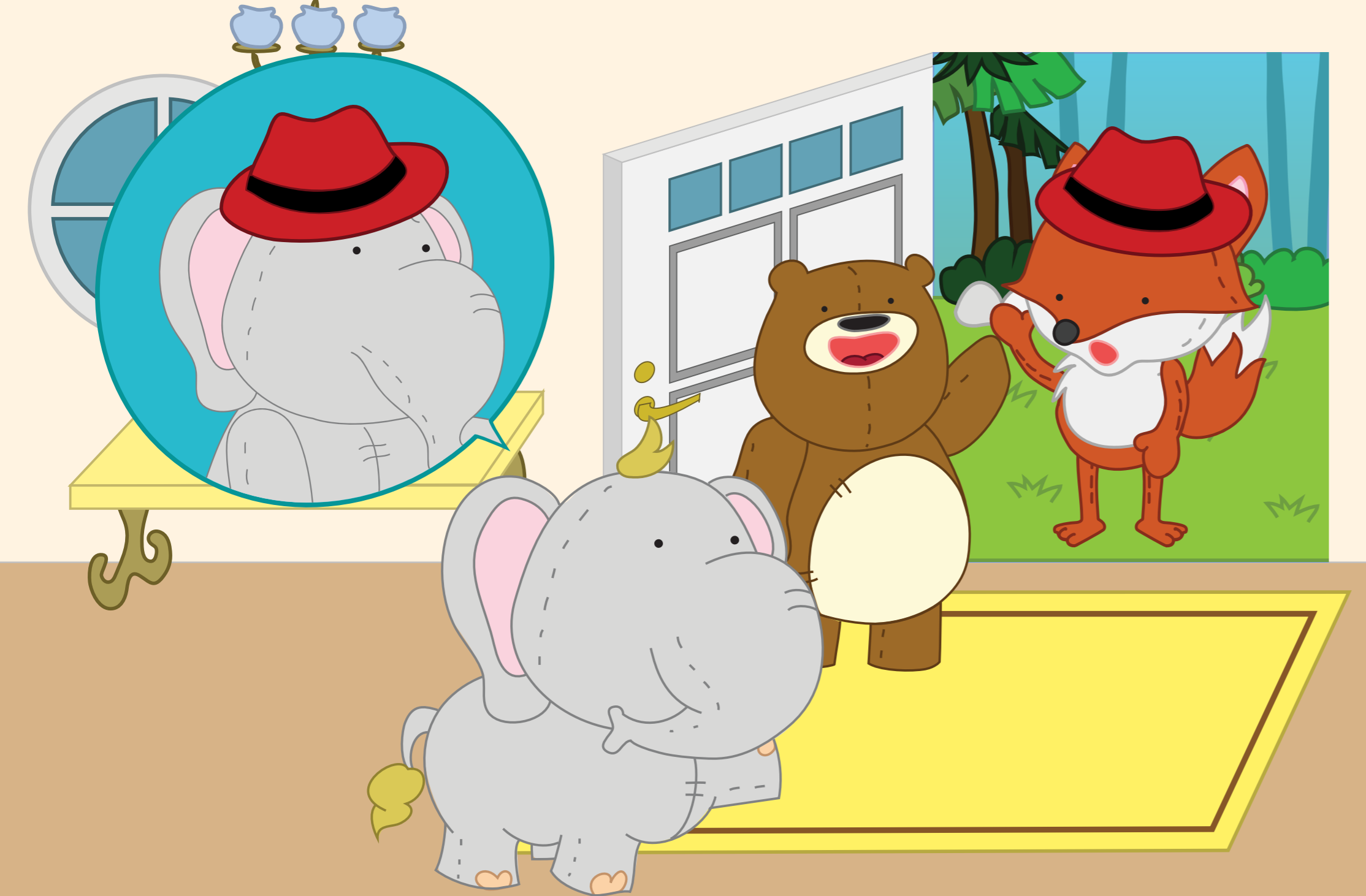
“Oh! What a nice red hat you have, Felix! Is this hat new?” Bob asked.



Felix felt his heart beat a little faster. "Err, yes. This hat is new." Felix answered softly.

"Where did you buy it from?" Bob asked again. Felix felt his heart beat faster again. He did not know what to say.

"My... my mother bought it for me," Felix answered, trying not to look at Bob.

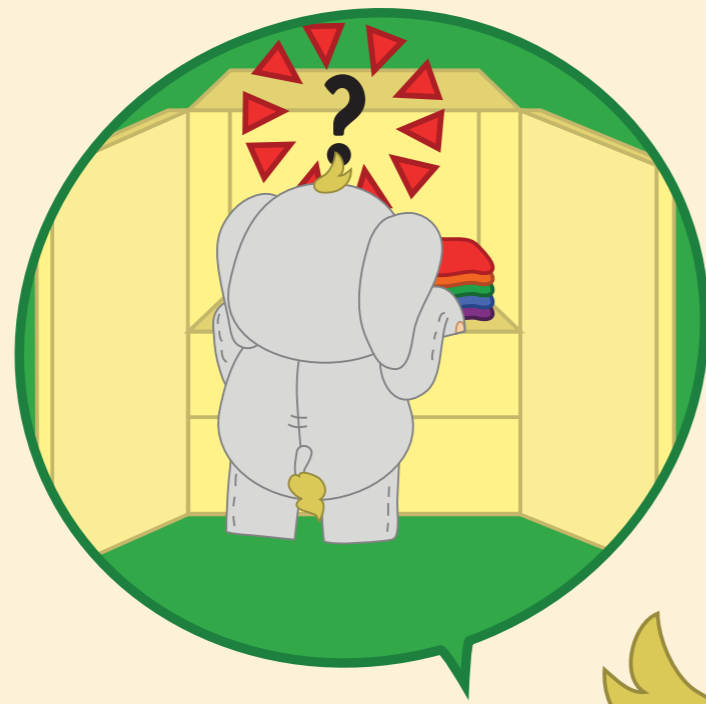


When Eli saw Felix, he shouted excitedly.

“What a nice hat that is, Felix! I have a hat that looks like that too!” Eli shouted excitedly.

“Really? Go and get it so that we can wear our hats together,” Felix said.

“Okay!” Eli said as he went to look for his hat.



A while later, Eli started crying.

“What happened, Eli?” Felix and Bob asked.

“I lost my little red hat! I can’t find it anywhere. It’s not in my bag. It’s not in my room. It’s not anywhere! I must have lost it when I went to the forest to play yesterday.” Eli replied, still crying.



Felix started to feel scared. “What if this is Eli’s hat?” Felix thought as his heart beat faster.

Felix’s face started to turn hot and red. He quickly ran out of Eli’s house, shouting, “This is my hat, NOT yours!”

Eli and Bob did not know what had happened. They ran out to look for Felix.

Felix ran as fast as he could and came to the pond.



Felix held on to the red hat and asked himself, “What if this belongs to Eli?”

“Felix! Where are you?” Eli and Bob shouted.

“There you are!” Bob said as they found Felix by the pond.

Eli and Bob sat beside Felix. “What happened, Felix?” asked Eli.

“I think... I think this red hat is yours, Eli.” Felix whispered as he handed the red hat to Eli.



“This hat is not mine. My mother did not buy it. I found out that my hat had a hole when I was walking in the forest, I saw this red hat hanging on the tree...” Felix said.

Upon hearing this, Eli said, “I must have forgotten to take my hat which I hung on the tree while playing.”

“What did you do then?” asked Bob.

“And there was no one around. So I took the hat and wore it.” Felix said softly.

“Taking other people’s things is not honest, Felix. Even if no one is around, we need to be honest and do what is truthful,” said Bob.



“That’s right, Felix! Do you know how sad I was when I couldn’t find my hat?” Eli asked.

“I know, Eli. I ran away quickly because I was scared you would be angry and not be my friend anymore if you find out that I took your hat. I am sorry, Eli,” Felix said.

“I was angry. But now I am glad that you knew your actions were wrong and you had said sorry, Felix,” Eli said as he let out a smile.

“Here, you can ask to borrow my hat next time if you want to, Felix. The hat looks nice on you!” Eli said as he handed his hat to Felix.

Eli was glad that he had learnt about honesty that day.

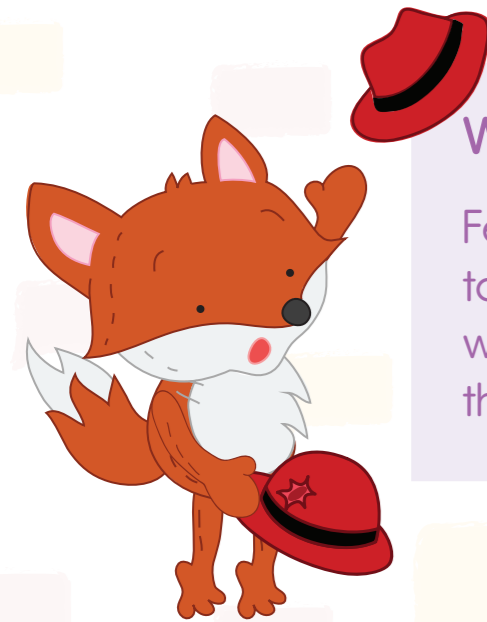


Ask and Discuss

Here are some questions to further the discussion with your child. The suggested responses serve as a guide.

What value does this story teach?

This story teaches about Honesty. Honesty is saying and doing what is truthful.



What happened in the story?

Felix found and took a hat that did not belong to him. After going to Eli's house, he told his friends that his mom bought it for him. Eli went to look for his hat but could not find his. Felix then realised that the hat belonged to Eli.

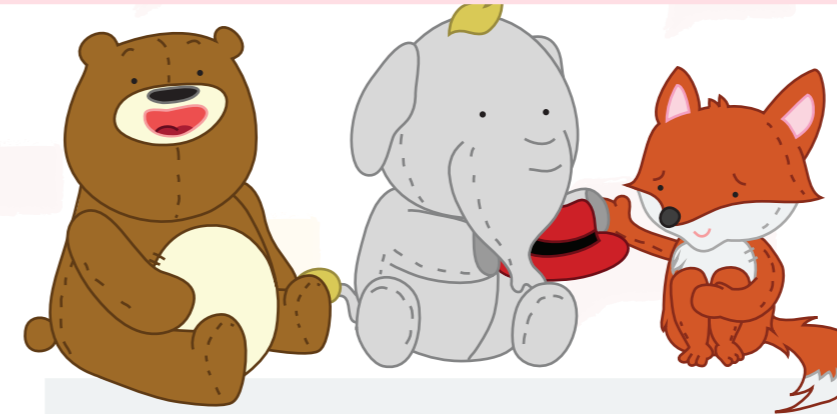
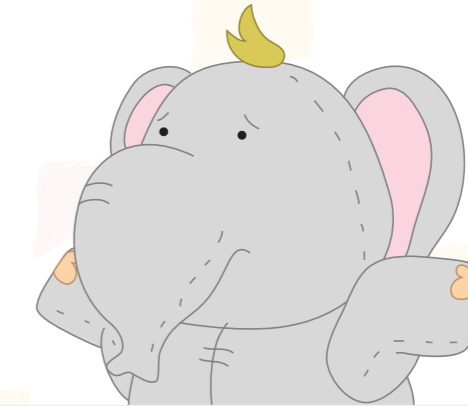


When did Felix not show honesty? Why do you think Felix did not show honesty?

When he took the hat that did not belong to him. He then lied about how he got the hat. Felix did not show honesty because he was scared that his friends might find out that the hat was not his and could belong to Eli.

How would you feel if you were Eli and you found out your friend took your hat?

I would feel angry and sad. *(Parents/educators can ask children why they would feel this way and what they would do when they feel this way to encourage children to think about their responses to such feelings.)*



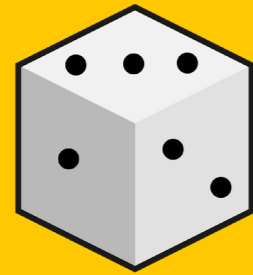
Why should Felix show honesty?

He should show honesty so that his friends can trust him.

What will happen if Felix continued not to show honesty?

Eli will be sad and Felix will continue to feel scared.

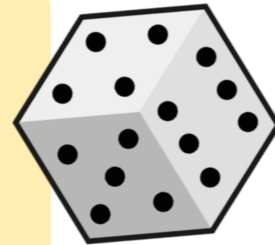
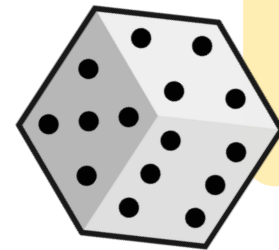




Activity: Roll the Honesty Die

In this activity, children will identify and explain whether a scenario shows honesty.

1. Print and cut out the die outline on page 31. Paste the white spaces together to form a die.
2. Take turns rolling the die with your child and discuss whether each picture that is being rolled shows honesty and why. (explanation of each scenario can be found on the next page)
3. For 2 or more children taking part in this activity, a circle can be formed and children can pass the die as they sing 'If you're honest and you know it' (to the tune of 'If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands'). Once the song ends, the one who holds the die will get to roll it.
4. Should a printer be unavailable, activity can be improvised by showing the child the images on the next page or writing out the scenarios.



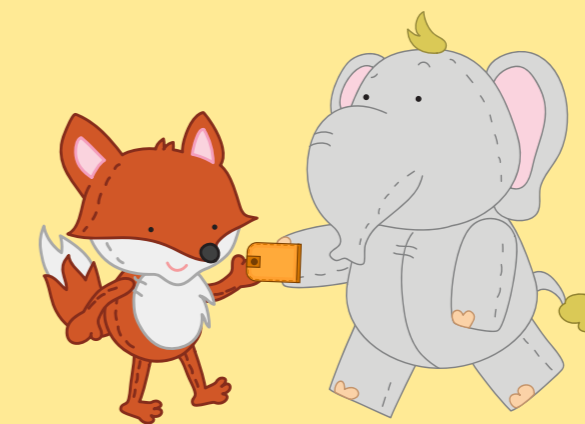
Felix took something that did not belong to him and he did not ask for permission. Was Felix honest? (No. Felix took something that did not belong to him and he did not ask for permission.)

Bob took something that is not his. Was Bob honest? (No. Bob was taking something that is not his.)



Bob accidentally broke his mother's cup and he told his mother about it. Was Bob honest? (Yes. Bob was telling what is truthful to his mother.)

Eli noticed that Felix dropped his wallet and returned the wallet to Felix. Was Eli honest? (Yes. He did not take what is not his.)

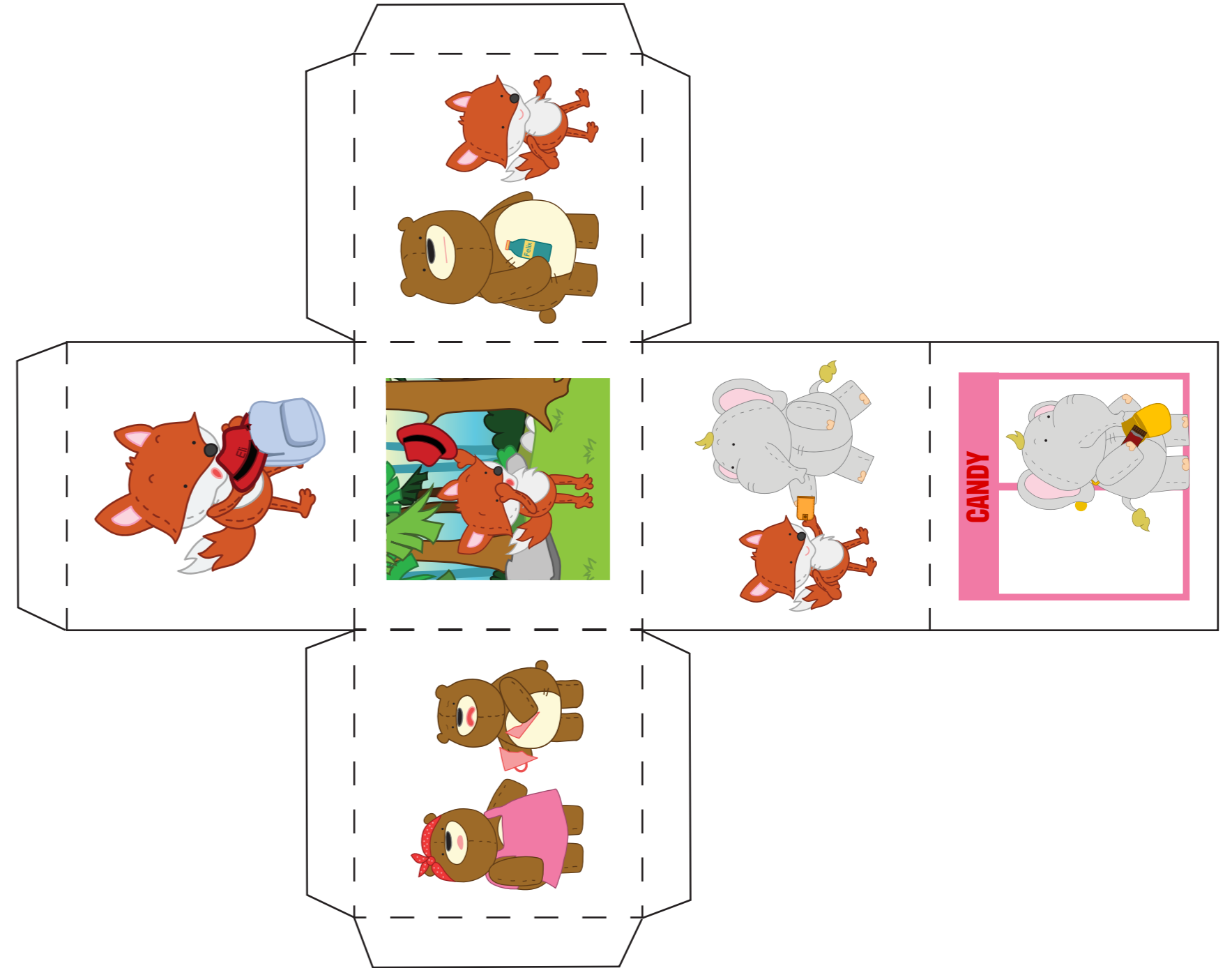


Felix told Eli that he found the hat in the forest. Was Felix honest? (Yes. Felix was telling what is truthful.)

Eli took a chocolate from the shop and put it in his bag without paying. Was Eli honest? (No. He did not pay for the chocolate.)

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