

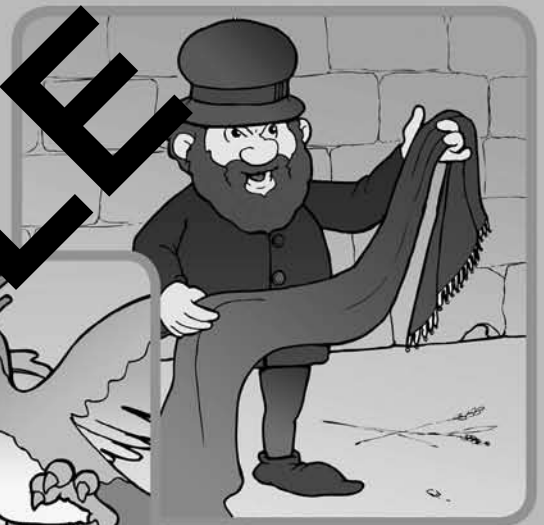


*Teaching Values
through Fairy Tales*



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Teaching Honesty *through Fairy Tales*



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Teachers' Notes

Values

This book is intended for teachers, parents and storytellers and anyone else interested in teaching values to young people. Four fairy tales have been included in this book to illustrate four different aspects of honesty. They are:

- “The Pied Piper” to teach children about the repercussions of telling lies.
- “Rumpelstiltskin” to teach children about the folly of making promises that you can't keep and about making claims that you can't fulfill.
- “Three Golden Flowers” to teach children about the rewards of telling the truth.
- “The Frog Prince” to teach children about the rewards of keeping a promise, even when the promise is kept on someone else's insistence.

Unlike fables, most fairy tales do not teach one value exclusively. For example, the fairy tale, “Puss in Boots” can be used to teach the values of loyalty and initiative. You may want to use the stories in this book therefore to teach a number of values.

Activities in this book reinforce the value of honesty. It is important that students are able to recognise values in texts and how these values are promoted throughout their school life.

The Stories

The Pied Piper

“The Pied Piper” is the first of four fairy tales chosen to illustrate the value of honesty. It is a compelling tale of both dishonesty and revenge, and shows the horrific result that dishonesty can have. The Mayor's failure to honour a promise leads to disaster for the town of Hamelin which, although once happy and vibrant, becomes a desert of sorrow and silence.

But the Mayor is not the only culprit. The Pied Piper too, in exacting such a cruel revenge, is also to blame for what happens in Hamelin.

Students are challenged in this story to consider the consequences of telling lies and the futility of taking revenge. They might also discuss better ways that the Pied Piper could have responded to the Mayor's lies.

Rumpelstiltskin

The second story, “Rumpelstiltskin” is about a miller who is dishonest because he makes claims that he cannot fulfil. As a result of his idle boasts and dishonesty, his daughter, Gisella, is faced with a cruel choice: carry out the impossible task of spinning straw into gold or be thrown into the king's dungeon. Fortunately for Gisella, a dwarf named Rumpelstiltskin comes to her rescue and at a small price in the beginning, first a scarf and then a ring, completes Gisella's task for her.

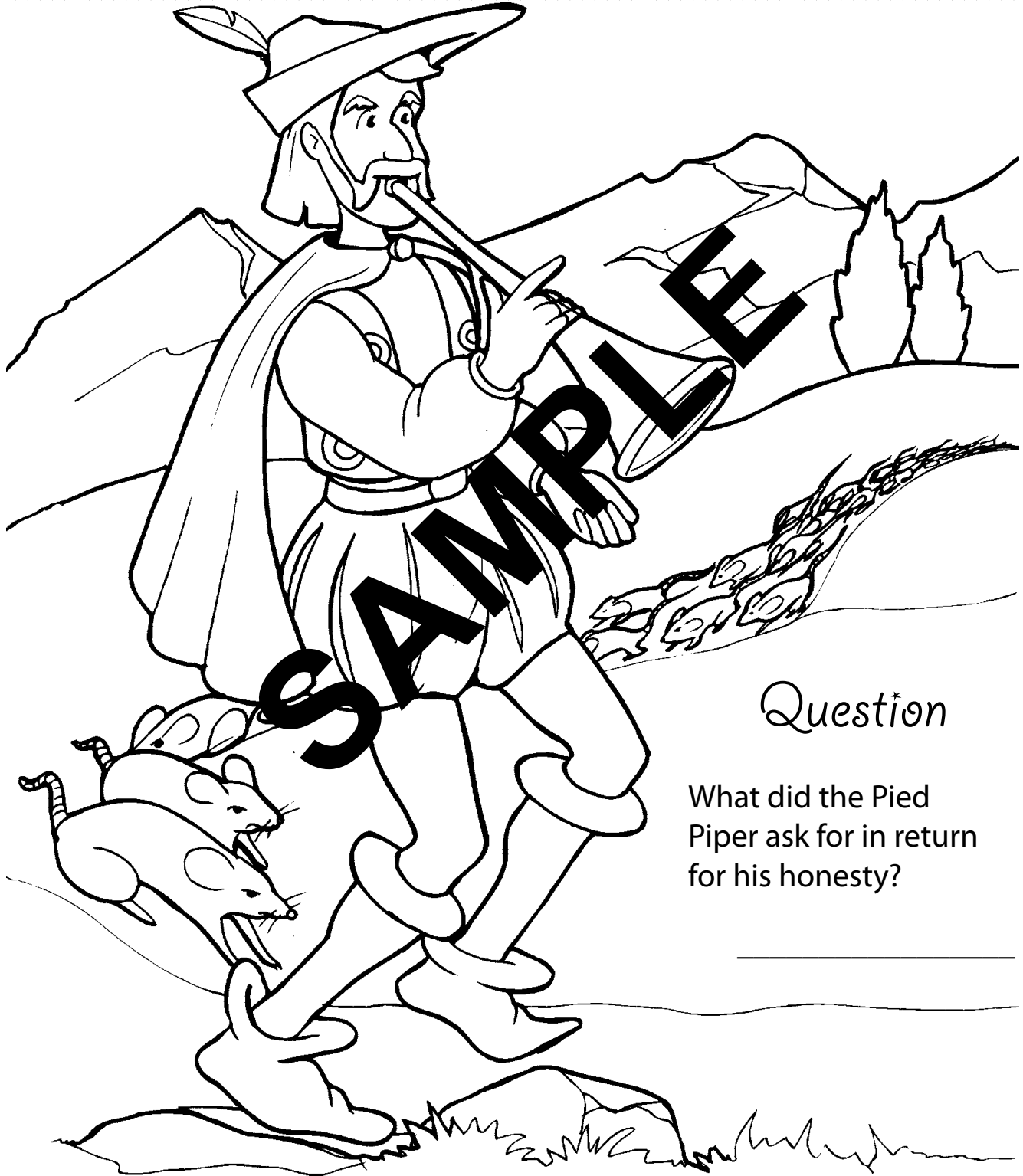
However, Rumpelstiltskin's demands soon escalate and Gisella finds herself facing yet another tormenting dilemma. Either, she must correctly guess the dwarf's name or lose her first-born child. Purely by chance she learns his name and when she correctly guesses, in a fit of rage he stamps his foot so hard that a great hole appears in the earth and he disappears forever.

Consequently, Gisella goes on to enjoy her new life in the castle, but sadly the miller never seems to learn his lesson, even though his dishonesty has placed his daughter in such perilous situations.

The Pied Piper

★ Activity 1 ★

Read the story to help you colour in the picture and complete the question. The story will tell you the colours of the Pied Piper's suit.



Question

What did the Pied Piper ask for in return for his honesty?

Rumpelstiltskin

★ Activity 6 ★

The part of the story below shows how Gisella escapes another difficult situation that her father's lies put her in. Use the words to complete this part of the story.

journeyed	take	saw	returned
vanished	danced	climbed	child
brew	bake	stamped	rage

On the third night, Gisella's messengers _____ and one, who had _____ to the farthest corner of the kingdom, came back and said, "Your Majesty, when in a forest on my travels, I _____ a tree to rest awhile and I _____ a little house with a fire burning outside. Around the fire _____ a little man, singing this song ... Today I _____, tomorrow _____, for soon a royal child I'll _____, for neither man, king, queen or dame, know Rumpelstiltskin is my name.

"Thank you," cried Gisella, "you have saved me from having to give up my _____."

When the dwarf arrived to hear her final guesses, Gisella said, "Is your name Higgledypiggledy ... or is it Hezekiah ... or Felix ... or maybe Rumpelstiltskin?" Hearing Gisella say his name, made him fly into a _____ and he _____ his foot so hard that a great hole appeared in the earth and he _____ forever.



The Frog Prince

★ Activity 4 ★

Use the words to fill the gaps in this story.
It describes the king insisting that the princess is honest and keep her promise to the frog.

explained

sternly

stare

break

disgust

allowed

fulfill

belly

revolted

heartily

share

slimy



When the princess _____ to the King what she had promised the frog, he spoke _____ to her.

"A promise is a promise," said the King.

"Haven't I taught you that you must never be dishonest and _____ promises?"

"Yes, father," replied the princess.

"Then see _____ that you are honest and _____ your promise," said the King, gently but firmly.

So the unhappy princess opened the door to the frog and _____ it to hop up to the table beside her and _____ her lunch. Under her father's strict _____ she watched the frog in _____ as it ate and drank _____.

When it was finished, the frog patted his fat _____ and asked the princess to take him to her bedroom so that he could sleep on her bed. At the thought of having the _____ old frog in her bed beside her, the princess was _____ but when the king looked sternly at her she knew she must fulfill this part of her promise.

