

Jim Kleefeld's

YOU ARE THE STAR

A PROGRAM ABOUT CHARACTER

Educational School Assembly Program

Teachers' Guide

Program Overview:

Jim presents several routines that revolve around stories of personal interactions. Each one demonstrates a principle of good character and concludes with a morale. Students should be able to retell the story circumstances and cite the morale from each routine.

Program Objective: *Students will recall six positive character traits.*

Character Trait References:

Jim will be referring to the following six character traits with separate lessons about each. Students should be familiar with the basic concepts of character traits. Knowledge of the vocabulary and meanings are not crucial, but may provide helpful understanding either before the program or in follow-up activities.

Respect: A story about different dispositions is the framework for this routine in which objects change color to represent human emotions.

Respect Vocabulary: dignity, freedom, property, tolerance, acceptance, point of view, courtesy, resolve.

Responsibility: After a borrowed ring becomes lost, a student must practice perseverance in order to recover her property.

Responsibility Vocabulary: duty, obligation, accountability, consequences, persevere, diligent, self-control, rational, pride.

Trustworthiness: The value of honesty is the focal point of this story about a boy who tries to take something that isn't his. He learns a lesson about being honest and the value of patience.

Trustworthiness Vocabulary: integrity, honesty, reliability, loyalty, conscience, honor, principle, courage, truth, commitment, trust.

Fairness: Jim challenges a student to a cup-stacking race in which fairness becomes an issue. This fun demonstration has a surprise ending with a lesson in playing fair.

Fairness Vocabulary: justice, equality, favoritism, prejudice, share, open, impartial.

Caring: The tale of King Midas is recreated from a book filled with endless story artifacts as students see how caring for possessions more than people can be detrimental to everyone.

Caring Vocabulary: concern, compassion, empathetic, kind, considerate, gratitude, forgive, charitable, altruistic.

Citizenship: A good citizen is someone who does their share and helps out in the community, as students find out in this routine about coming together.

Citizenship Vocabulary: volunteer, help, environment, conserve, participate, vote, serve, authority, democracy.

