

Clues to Teaching Young Children to Tell the Truth

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Parents who want their children to be more honest might be better off trying to make them feel more like George Washington than Pinocchio.

The story of Pinocchio emphasizes the shame the puppet-boy feels when he lies. Rachael Saunders

The story of the first U.S. president coming clean to his father about chopping down a cherry tree significantly reduced children's likelihood of lying in a recent study. The tykes who heard "Pinocchio," the puppet-boy whose nose grows when he lies, or "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" didn't change their behavior.

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