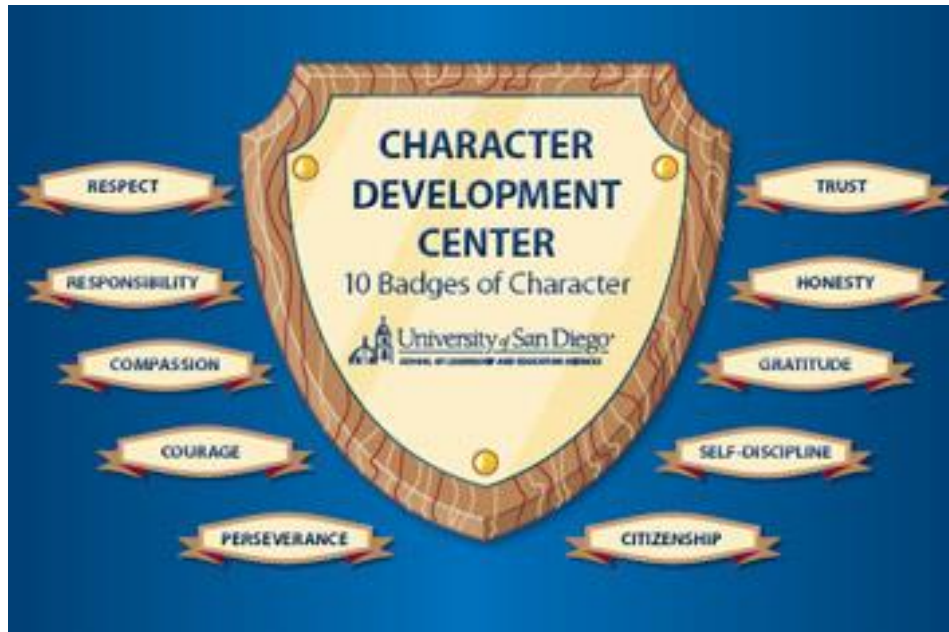


10 Badges of Character



1. Respect
2. Responsibility
3. Compassion
4. Courage
5. Perseverance
6. Trust
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8. Gratitude
9. Self-Discipline
10. Citizenship

The following titles are suggested by publishers for children ages 6-12 based on reading level, interest, and thematic elements.

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1. Respect: Listening to others; Being considerate of other's feelings; Being open-minded; Showing appreciation for authority; Treating others the way you want to be treated.

Books that emulate this value:

The Brand New Kid by Katie Couric

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynn Cherry

What Do You Do, Dear? By Sesyle Joslin

Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina

At the Same Moment Around the World by Clotilde Perrin

My Blue is Happy by Jessica Young

2. Responsibility: Being accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes; Using self-control; Striving for self-improvement and planning ahead; Setting a good example for others.

Books that emulate this value:

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

Carlos and the Squash Plant by Jan Romero Stevens

Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon by Pat Cummings

Paperboy by Day Pilkey

The Mitten by Jan Brett

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

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3. Compassion: Showing kindness, consideration, and a willingness to help others in need; Forgiving others and showing empathy.

Books that emulate this value:

The Girl, the Fish and the Crown by Marilee Heyer

Good Luck, Anna Hibiscus! By Antinuke

Lulu and the Duck in the Park by Hilary McKay

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Phillip C. Stead

How to Heal a Broken Wing by Bob Graham

4. Courage: Having the determination to do the right thing; Following your conscience; Building a positive reputation; Facing your problems directly

Books that emulate this value:

Little Red by Sarah Ferguson

Under the Bed by Paul Bright

Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco

When I Feel Scared by Cornelia Maude Spelman

Darkness and the Butterfly by Ann Grifalconi

Walter the Lazy Mouse by Marjorie Flack

Out of the Blue by Alice Jay

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

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5. Perseverance: Completing what you start; Continuing to try and do something even when it's difficult or discouraging; Being patient; Using your creative thinking skills; Making a contribution.

Books that emulate this value:

Pondlarker by Fred Gwynn

The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper

The Boy Who Held Back the Sea by Lenny Hort, Thomas Locker and Mary Dodge

I Am America by Charles Smith Jr.

6. Trust: Building credibility, honesty, promise-keeping, and loyalty to family and friends; Being reliable to others.

Books that emulate this value:

The Jolly Mon by Jimmy Buffet

Lemonade in Winter by Emily Jenkins

"The Trouble with Dogs," said Dad by Bob Graham

Hachiko" The True Story of a Loyal Dog by Pamela S. Turner

The Earth and I by Frank Asch

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae

The Loyal Cat by Lensey Namioka

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

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7. Honesty: Speaking the truth; Not taking advantage of others; Learning to apologize and accept your mistakes; Treat others fairly.

Books that emulate this value:

Goldilocks and the 3 Bears by Pam Tillis

The Empty Pot by Demi

Telling the Truth: Learning about Honesty, Integrity, and Trustworthiness by Regina G. Burch

A Day's Work by Eve Bunting

The Boy Who Cried Wolf by BG Hennessy

Sam Tells Stories by Thierry Robberecht

8. Gratitude: Being thankful; Being ready to show appreciation for people and to return kindness; Develop a language of gratitude rather than of complaint; Perform random acts of kindness.

Books that emulate this value:

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Dyamonde Daniel: Almost Zero by Nikki Grimes

All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? By Dr. Seuss

An Awesome Book of Thanks by Dallas Clayton

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9. Self-Discipline: Controlling feelings and impulses; Overcoming weaknesses; Playing by the rules; Thinking before you act; Taking pride in caring for yourself; Dealing with anger and disagreements peacefully.

Books that emulate this value:

I'm Gunna Like Me by Jamie Lee Curtis

Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton

I'm a Manatee by John Lithgow

Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie

Marsupial Sue by John Lithgow

Hungry Johnny by Cheryl Minnema

Today I Feel Silly, and Other Moods... By Jamie Lee Curtis

10. Citizenship: Doing your share to improve the well-being of fellow citizens in your community; Protecting your environment; Staying informed of current events; Volunteer and be of service to others.

Books that emulate this value:

America: A Patriotic Primer by Lynn Cheney

A Picnic in October by Eve Bunting

Stars and Stripes by Sarah L. Thompson

The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan

How Kind by Mary Murphy