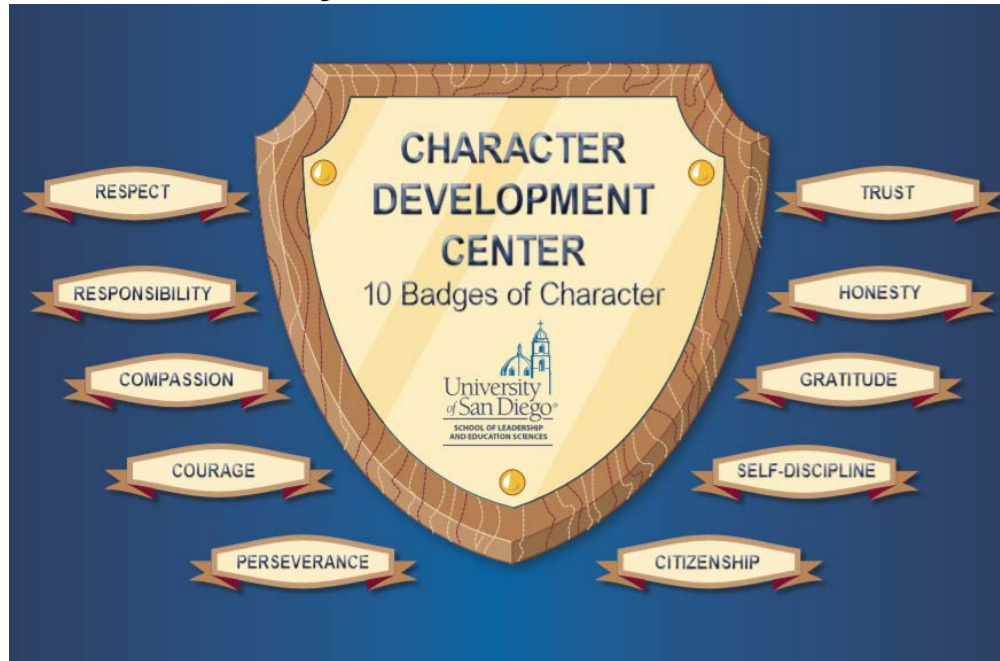


10 Badges of Character



1. Respect
2. Responsibility
3. Compassion
4. Courage
5. Perseverance
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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 Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynn Cherry

The Recess Queen by Alexia O'Neill

Do Onto Otters by Laurie Keller

Mango, Abuela, y Yo by Meg Medina

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

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

Paperboy by Day Pilkey

Stanley and the Class Pet by Barney Saltzberg

Carlos y la planta de calabaza by Jan Romero Stevens

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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:

Whoever You Are/Quienquiera que seas (Spanish and English Edition)

Good Luck, Anna Hibiscus! By Antinuke

Pete the Cat and the New Guy by James Dean

The Thank You Book by Mo Willems

No Matter What by Debi Gliori

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:

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismondy

Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco

Ish by Peter H. Reynolds

Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles

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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:

Today, I Will Fly! By Mo Willems

What Do You Do With A Problem? By Kobi Yamada

The Noisy Paint Box by Vasily Kandinsky

La pequena locomotora que si pudo by Watty Piper

The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper

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

Books that emulate this value:

Lemonade in Winter by Emily Jenkins

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

The Loyal Cat by Lensey Namioka

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Sapo y Sepo son amigos 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:

The Boy Who Cried Wolf by BG Hennessy

Sam Tells Stories by Thierry Robberecht

The Empty Pot by Demi

The Berenstain Bears and the Truth by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Goldilocks and the Three Bears / Ricitos de oro y los tres osos (Bilingual Edition) By Teresa Mlawer

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 Peña

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts

Gracias / Thanks (English and Spanish Edition) by Pat Mora

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

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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:

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

The Pigeon Finds A Hot Dog! By Mo Willems

La Paloma Encuentra un Hot Dog! By Mo Willems

Marsupial Sue by John Lithgow

Hungry Johnny by Cheryl Minnema

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:

A Picnic in October by Eve Bunting

The Red Bicycle by Jude Isabella

Stars and Stripes by Sarah L. Thompson

How Kind by Mary Murphy

Why Should I Recycle? By Jen Green