

L.O. To understand the virtues **eloquent** and **truthful**

¹⁸ Dear children,
let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18



What does it mean to be eloquent and truthful?

Eloquent - We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly, choosing words carefully so they are kind, compassionate, and don't hurt others. We can express ourselves eloquently through music, drama, painting or dance, using our creative gifts to say things in a way that is interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.

Truthful - God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.

How can we walk in the footsteps of Christ by being eloquent and truthful?

Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to.



What do you think the story of Daniel and the lion's den teaches us about God?

Daniel's story sets an example for us to always try and stand up for the truth and know that God will always be with us in our decision to tell and stand up for the truth.

How did Daniel stand up for the truth in this story?

The jealous leaders wanted to get rid of Daniel, so they lied to the king and tricked him into making the new law. Daniel believed so strongly in God that he was prepared to risk his life to stand up for the truth. In the story, God honoured Daniel for his truthfulness and saved him from the lions.

In the beginning of the story, Daniel is described as trustworthy. What does it mean to you to be thought of as a trustworthy person?

Answers will vary depending on children's understanding and opinion of the idea of being trustworthy. Being trustworthy is a positive attribute to have as it shows that you can be relied upon to be honest and uphold the truth.

L.O. To understand the virtues **eloquent** and **truthful**