



The Character Show - School Assembly

K-6 Teacher's Guide

The goal of the assembly, *The Character Show*, is to help students build basic core values, especially in a school setting. Our program addresses the “six pillars of character” (Character Counts) as defined by the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

Naturally, comprehensive character education requires continued attention from parents and teachers. However, performer Obediah Thomas will introduce and demonstrate character-building topics to inspire your students. The Character Show assembly offers an impetus for teachers to discuss character issues in your classroom. The assembly reinforces good character values lessons you may already teach by demonstrating entertaining but pertinent examples. The program is designed to introduce core value concepts to students who are new to character education as well as in a novel way reinforce these concepts to students who have already have some understanding about the pillars of character.

Obediah Thomas will cover the following character traits: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship**. He will also demonstrate how students can recognize and prevent **bullying**.

[ASSEMBLY SONG LYRICS \(online link\)](#)

Activities teachers may do before or after the assembly presentation:

- Discuss each of the character traits - what they mean and how to demonstrate these on a daily basis. Talk about what steps students can take in the future to implement good character behavior. What does it mean to be fair on the playground? How can one show respect in the classroom or at home? What can we do to be good citizens at school?
- Incorporate the words into your lesson plan. Use the character traits and their associated words as spelling words.
- Have your students write stories using the words and/or ideas as themes.
- Have students illustrate posters promoting each character trait.
- Demonstrate citizenship by having students work on a classroom project that benefits the group.
- Discuss with older students or assign a writing project about ways that they can model and set an example of good character for younger students.
- Have a new character trait each week or month and focus on that. (Benjamin Franklin did this with his 13 character traits rotated each week.)
- Have a small bag of ribbons to give out “Good Character Awards” when you see positive character behavior in action (e.g. a student picking up garbage on the playground).

Other excellent K-6 assemblies offered by [Shows That Teach](#):



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The Bully Dudes



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Ben Loves Books



History of Rock & Roll



Peter and the Wolf



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Singin' Green



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