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FREDDIE

the

FLY

TRUTH OR

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a story about
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“I, **FREDDIE**,
promise to help other insects
in need and to always be truthful.”
That’s the Bug Scout motto.



I’m selling cookies to earn a new badge.

At our hive meeting today, the Bug Master asked me, "How's it going?"



"Not well," I told him. "And I don't know why."

Like yesterday. I went to Slinky's house.
He's too busy to be in Scouts this year so
I knew they'd want some cookies.

As we were waiting for his dad to get his wallet,
Slinky asked me, "What do you think of
my new haircut?"

I answered,

**"It makes you
look like road kill."**



He made a funny face and they didn't buy any cookies.

And at dinner last night, Mom made her famous nectar soup.

I took one small bite. And then I said, **"This tastes like dirt!"**

Mom did not look happy – and no cookies for me for dessert.





"Sounds to me like you were **TOO** honest, Freddie," said the Bug Master.

"Huh?" How can you be too honest? It's part of the Bug Scout pledge."

"Yes, that's true. But there's a difference between being honest and saying something unhelpful or hurtful that happens to be your opinion."

“When you see something you might want to comment about, you’re often giving an opinion. It’s okay to be honest about your opinion, but to be a good friend, you should think about the feelings of others before making your comments.”

“What do you mean?”

I asked.



“Everyone has two buckets of thoughts:

Thoughts that you **SAY**, and thoughts that you **FLUSH**.

When it comes to things you don't like, the first thought that comes into your head often needs to be flushed because you haven't thought about anyone else's feelings.

Unless someone could be hurt or get into trouble if you don't share what you're thinking, these are thoughts you **keep to yourself**.”

“I'm still not sure I get it.”



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WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT FREDDIE the FLY?

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Our friend Freddie the Fly is having a hard time. He can't figure out why his honesty is hurting the feelings of his friends and family. After all, isn't he supposed to tell the truth?

Fortunately, Freddie's Bug Scout Master has a new badge for him to earn – the Truth or Care badge. The Bug Scout Master teaches Freddie that it's okay to have an opinion and share it with others. But he also tells Freddie that to be a good friend, Freddie should consider the feelings of others before he shares his opinions.

Join Freddie as he navigates some tough situations and figures out which thoughts to share, which ones to flush, and how he can use his social filter.

Speech-Language Pathologist and expert Kimberly Delude shows once again how children (and bugs!) can navigate difficult social situations, and provides simple steps for balancing the concepts of Truth and Care. Great for K-5 students and the adults in their lives.

“Kim Delude shares a highly engaging story with simple but effective words and fun visuals to help young children understand the subtleties of social use of language. This well-done book is strongly recommended!”

– *Susan F. Fine, MA CCC-SLP, Assistant Clinical Professor
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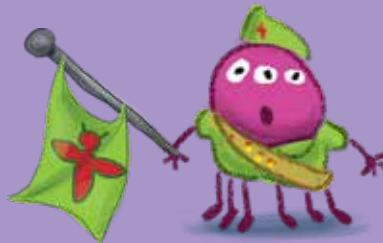
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