

## Skit 7: Honesty

*(Students sitting around after school)*

*Narrator: The kids have been working hard on their semester exams and start to talk about how complicated school has become.*

Krishnakanth: Gosh guys, I can't remember the last time I got to play cricket with my friends.

Srikanth: Yeah man, I know what you mean. We're always studying for these exams...

Abhiram: ...And they only seem to be getting harder. Honestly, I don't even think studying helps.

Neil: You're totally right. I don't think I'm going to study at all for our next exam. Who's with me?

Krishnakanth, Srikanth, and Abhiram: I am!!

Krishnakanth: Come on guys, let's go play cricket.

*(Guys leave to go play cricket.)*

*(Amita and Vidhi walk out of the classroom.)*

Vidhi: Amita, I don't know what I'm going to do anymore. Last night I studied for six hours, and I feel like I didn't know a single thing on that test.

Amita: Maybe we should study together. We might be able to get a lot more done and understand it a lot better.

Vidhi: Okay Amita, that's a great idea.

*(Amita and Vidhi head over to Amita's house to study for their biology exam.)*

*(Scene changes to the biology classroom)*

*(the boys are frantic as they try to look at their notes)*

Krishnakanth: Why did we play cricket instead of studying for our exam?

Abhiram: I'm not sure. I wish we had studied. I can't even remember all the body systems.

Srikanth: Now what will we do? We will definitely fail now.

Neil: Oh my gosh, this is all my fault. I never should have convinced you guys to not study.

Krishnakanth: *(leans in to the other boys and speaks in a furtive voice)* I have an idea. You all must promise not to tell anyone.

Neil: We won't tell anyone. Tell us your idea.

Abhiram: Please tell us. We don't want to fail.

Krishnakanth: We can keep our notes with us and hide them. Then when we don't know an answer, we can look at our notes and figure it out.

Abhiram: That's a good idea. Let's do it.

*Narrator: The kids sit down to take their exam. The four boys keep their notes with them and use them all through the exam. All of a sudden, the teacher comes to Neil's desk and notices some papers underneath his chair. The teacher bends down to pick up the papers and sees that they are the biology notes.*

Teacher: NEIL, what is this??

Neil: *(stammers and hesitates)* uhh ma'am, see these are uhh

Teacher: Yes Neil, keep going. Are you cheating on the exam?

Neil: No.

Teacher: What are these notes doing here?

Neil: I didn't put them there. I don't know how they got there.

Teacher: *(sees the other kids' notes as well)* Krishnakanth! Abhiram! Srikanth! Why do you have notes out as well.

*(all four look scared and worried)*

Srikanth: I'm sorry madam. I'm really sorry. We didn't study for our exam so we decided to cheat by using our notes. Please don't punish us. Please.

Teacher: Boys do you realize that this is a form of lying. You should have taken the time to learn the material like Amita and Vidhi did. If you hadn't studied, you should have been honest with yourselves and me, and accepted that you would do poorly on the exam. If you had been honest with me, and told me that you hadn't studied, I might have been able to postpone the exam. But, since you boys chose to lie, I must punish you. You will all receive a bad grade on your exam. I hope this teaches you all a lesson.

Abhiram: We're very sorry madam. We understand what we did was wrong and we promise to never cheat again.

*Narrator: The boys learned their lesson that day. They all learned that cheating is also a form of lying, and one should never lie or cheat to get ahead. They realized that the consequences of lying are greater than those of telling the truth. From that day on, the boys tried their best to be as honest as they could.*