



The Six Pillars of CharacterSM

Because many schools use the *Six Pillars of Character*, *WiseSkills* features special **CHARACTER COUNTS!** editions for middle and high schools. However, elementary schools can easily use *WiseSkills* materials to teach the *Six Pillars*.

Elementary Schools & The Six Pillars of Character

The *WiseSkills* K-5 materials (*WiseWords*, *WiseQuotes*, and *Family Wisdom*) includes lessons, projects, and activities for 32 weekly character skills. The chart below shows how these 32 *WiseSkills* can be used to teach the *Six Pillars of Character*. The chart includes skill objectives and the relevant biographies included in the K-5 curricula.

Trustworthiness

Wise-Skill #	WiseSkill	Objective	Character Portraits
# 1	Keeping a Positive Attitude	Students will see the importance of maintaining a positive attitude even in difficult situations.	• M. Curie • D. Tutu • M. Washington • A. Frank
# 9	Dependability	Students will see the importance of being responsible and dependable at home and in school.	• Jesus • Mohammed • A. Frank • H. Keller
# 11	Initiative & Effort	Students will see the importance of initiative and putting their best effort into what they do.	• J. Addams • Confucius • J. Jackson • F. Nightingale
# 13	Learning from Discipline	Students will see the importance of learning from being disciplined at home and in school.	• R. W. Emerson • St. Paul • Solomon • Sa'di
# 15	Patience	Students will see the importance of having patience.	• R.W. Emerson • Mohammed • W. Shakespeare • Solomon • G. Washington
# 18	Honesty	Students will see the importance of being honest.	• L. M. Alcott • Aristotle • G. Buddha • Solomon

Respect

Wise-Skill #	WiseSkill	Objective	Character Portraits
# 2	Positive Speech	Students will understand the power of words and will see the importance of speaking positive words to others.	• Jesus • St. Paul • Mother Teresa
# 3	Positive Thoughts	Students will learn how their thoughts affect their attitudes and actions and see the importance of having positive thoughts.	• R. W. Emerson • J. Jackson • E.C. Stanton • Solomon
# 5	Self-Respect	Students will see the importance of treating themselves with respect.	• Jesus • A. Lincoln • B. Gracián • E. Roosevelt
# 7	Respect for Others	Students will understand the importance of having respect for others.	• Jesus • Confucius • J. Addams • St. Paul
# 32	Resolving Conflicts Wisely	Students will see the importance of solving disagreements peacefully and will gain skills for effective conflict resolution.	• Jesus • M. Gandhi • A. Einstein • Solomon • M.L.King, Jr. • E. Roosevelt

Responsibility

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# 10	Perseverance	Students will understand the importance of perseverance and working hard even when they feel like giving up.	• Mohammed • H. B. Stowe • W. Shakespeare
# 14	Self-Control	Students will see the importance of self-control to keep them from hurting themselves or others.	• L. M. Alcott • Lao-tzu • M. Montessori • Aristotle
# 21	Developing Talents	Students will appreciate their own talents and see the importance of developing their abilities.	• A. Pavlova • B. Washington
# 22	Facing Challenges	Students will see the importance of learning and growing through challenges and mistakes.	• L. M. Alcott • H. Keller • A. Einstein • E. Roosevelt • B. T. Washington
# 23	Having Hopes & Dreams	Students will see the importance of having hopes and dreams for their future.	• J. Jackson • M. Gandhi • M. Montessori • Aristotle • W. Shakespeare
# 24	Goal Setting	Students will see the importance of setting and reaching personal goals.	• Queen Christina • A. Frank • Confucius • E. Roosevelt

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Fairness

<i>Wise-Skill #</i>	<i>WiseSkill</i>	Objective	Character Portraits
# 8	Tolerance	Students will see the importance of respecting and accepting people who are different from them.	• L. M. Alcott • J. Jackson • A. Einstein • Chief Joseph • H. Keller • M. L. King, Jr.
# 16	Keeping A Good Conscience	Students will understand the importance of making good choices and having a good conscience.	• A. Frank • E. C. Stanton • W. Shakespeare
# 26	Humility	Students will see the importance of showing humility and considering the needs of others.	• Jesus • D. Day • R. W. Emerson • St. Paul • King Solomon
# 29	Communication	Students will see the importance of effectively communicating their needs and feelings with others.	• P. S. Buck • Confucius • E. Roosevelt
# 30	Managing Feelings	Students will see the importance of managing feelings, especially anger.	• L. M. Alcott • Aristotle • G. Buddha • Solomon

Caring

<i>Wise-Skill #</i>	<i>WiseSkill</i>	Objective	Character Portraits
# 4	Thankfulness	Students will see the importance of being thankful for what they have and receive.	• L. M. Alcott • Epicurus • B. Gracián
# 17	Cooperation	Students will see the importance of cooperation and working well together with others.	• J. Jackson • E. Roosevelt • Solomon • B. Washington
# 19	Friendship	Students will see the importance of positive friendships and will learn how to be a good friend.	• Aristotle • A. Bradstreet • R. Emerson • Solomon • G. Washington
# 25	Compassion	Students will see the importance of having compassion and showing kindness towards others.	• Jesus • St. Paul • Mother Teresa
# 31	Forgiveness	Students will understand the benefits of giving and receiving forgiveness.	• Jesus • St. Paul • A. Pope • Solomon

Citizenship

<i>Wise-Skill #</i>	<i>WiseSkill</i>	Objective	Character Portraits
# 6	Respect for Authority	Students will see the benefits of obeying their parents, teachers and others in authority.	• Aristotle • A. Frank • St. Paul • Solomon
# 12	Being a Good Example	Students will see the importance of being good examples to others.	• C. Chavez • Jesus • Solomon
# 20	Courage	Students will see the importance of showing courage in their relationships.	• M. L. King • Mohammed • E. Roosevelt
# 27	Service	Students will see the importance of serving and helping others.	• C. Chavez • Mother Teresa • E. Roosevelt • Solomon • M. Curie • B. Washington
# 28	Good Citizenship	Students will see the value of good citizenship and contributing to their community.	• H. Clinton • H. Keller • Mohammed

Middle Schools & The Six Pillars of Character (Grades 6-8)

WiseLives/CHARACTER COUNTS! (Grades 6-8) organizes all of the 32 character skills around the *Six Pillars*. Also available for middle schools is *Family Wisdom/CHARACTER COUNTS!* which includes over 180 reproducible newsletters and stimulating activity pages for families to teach the *Six Pillars* at home.

High Schools & The Six Pillars of Character (Grades 9-12)

Wisdom for Life/CHARACTER COUNTS! (Grades 9-12) features a variety of activities and lessons organized around 10 *Character Pillars* which include the *Six Pillars of Character*. The four additional traits are: *honesty, courage, diligence* and *integrity*. The program also includes the *CHARACTER COUNTS!* video series *In Search of Character*.

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