



## Parent Page



### The Difference Between the Truth and a Lie

We are learning about the difference between telling the truth and telling a lie. We heard the story about Shinrai and Karina.

#### Here are some things you can do at home:

- Read the story on the back of this page.
- Talk with your child about the story:
  - What happened when Karina told a lie? (Answer: She knew she had done something wrong and felt bad. Then Karina told her mom she was sick. Her mom got worried. Shinrai waited for her to show up. Shinrai was sad when Karina did not come to the soccer game. He could not play soccer because he did not have a full team.)
  - Ask your child who was sad because of Karina's lie. (Answer: Shinrai, Karina's mom, Karina and the team.)
- **Remind your child that honesty is important and good.** It is important to be honest even when we have to give bad news by being honest. We can make ourselves feel bad by telling lies, too.
- **Online and at your local library, find children's books and videos about telling the truth.**

## Shinrai and Karina

As you read the story, point to the pictures of the characters.

This is Karina. She likes to play basketball. She does not know how to play soccer. She wants to be friends with Shinrai. He likes to play soccer.

Shinrai asks Karina if she likes to play soccer. She says it's her favorite sport.

- Ask: Is Karina telling the truth?

“Great!” says Shinrai, “Let’s play soccer together. My team has a game tomorrow and I really want to win it with you. Meet my team here tomorrow at 10 a.m.” And off he goes.

“Uh-oh,” says Karina.

- Ask: “Why did Karina tell a lie?”  
(Answer: Because she likes Shinrai and wants him to be her friend.)
- Ask: “What do you think happens the next morning?” Encourage a couple of answers. Then say, “Let’s see” and continue the story:

The next morning Karina feels so bad, she does not go out at all. She is so nervous about meeting Shinrai. She is afraid that he will find out she does not know how to play soccer. Karina tells her mom she feels ill and wants to stay in bed. Her mom is worried about her.

Shinrai shows up at 10 a.m. for the game and waits. He is sad when Karina does not come. His team cannot play soccer because they do not have enough players. He goes home really unhappy.

