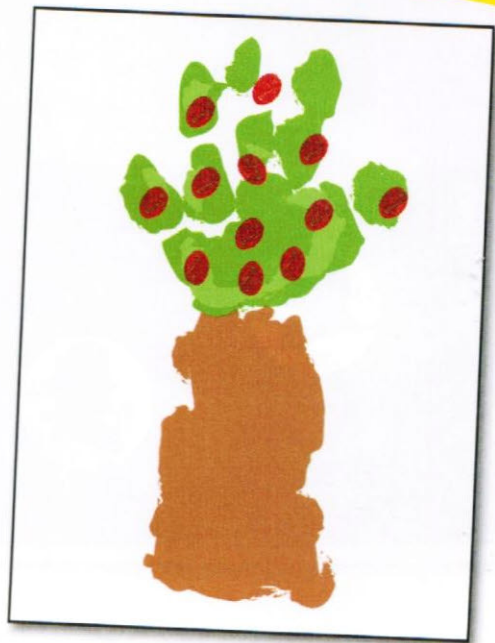


Tree Tale

According to the story, George Washington was so honest that he admitted to cutting down one of his father's cherry trees. After sharing this information, invite each youngster to make a cherry tree as a reminder of the importance of honesty. To make a cherry tree, brush washable brown paint on the underside of a child's forearm and washable green paint on his palm. Help him press his arm and hand onto an 11" x 17" sheet of paper to make a tree-shaped print. When the paint is dry, have him make red fingerprint cherries on his tree.





Truthful Tales

According to legend, young George Washington was so honest that he admitted to cutting down one of his father's beloved cherry trees. (This legend was actually fabricated by a writer to showcase Washington's honesty.) Encourage each youngster to think about a time when she was honest, even when it may have been difficult to tell the truth. Help her write about an honest experience on a round sheet of paper. Then staple the paper between two slightly larger red construction paper circles. Direct each youngster to glue on a construction paper stem and label the front cover like the one shown. Post the cherries on a large paper tree for all to see!

Cherry Comparing

This partner center is inspired by the legend of George Washington cutting down his father's cherry tree. Place two construction paper tree cutouts at a center along with a supply of red pom-poms or counters (cherries) and two dice. When a twosome visits the center, each player takes a turn rolling the dice and placing the corresponding number of cherries on her tree. Then students compare their numbers using terms such as *greater than*, *less than*, or *equal to*. Players continue in this manner as time allows. For more advanced students, program each of three cards with a different comparison symbol ($<$, $>$, or $=$) and have students use the cards to show the numbers' relationship.

