

Eve Bunting's picture book, *A Day's Work*, teaches readers about the importance of honesty and integrity.

Early in the story, there is evidence of honesty and integrity. After getting a job, Francisco and Abuelo are in a van being driven to where they'll be working and Francisco tells Abuelo that they'll be gardening. Abuelo told him that he didn't know anything about gardening because he is a carpenter. His honesty is met with a lie by Francisco, and this sets up the later conflict in the story. It also later establishes the outstanding character of Abuelo.

Later in the story, there is evidence honesty and integrity. Abuelo and Francisco are sitting on the side of the road in the afternoon when Ben returns to check on their work. When Ben discovers that they've picked the flowers and left the weeds, he gets upset and slams his hat against the van. Abuelo then speaks to Francisco in fast, angry tone, saying, "You lied." When Francisco attempts to explain that they needed the money, Abuelo responds, "We don't lie for work." He then offers to come back the next day to pull out the weeds and replant the flowers. When Francisco complains they'll miss the Lakers games, Abuelo says, "That's the price of lie."

At the end of the story, after Ben drops off Abuelo and Francisco, there is a final example evidence of honesty and integrity. Ben, impressed by Abuelo's offer to come back the next day, then took out his wallet and offered half of the money for the job. Abuelo put his hand up to let Ben know he couldn't accept the money, and then he turned to Francisco and told him to tell Ben, "We will take pay tomorrow when we finish."

About halfway throughout the story there is evidence of honesty and integrity. For example, on page 9 it states that Francisco told Mr. Benjamin that his grandfather, who didn't speak English, was a fine gardener. When the grandfather found out he informed his grandson that he didn't know anything about gardening, and that he had only done carpentry work in the city.

Later in the story, there is evidence of the importance of honesty and integrity. Mr. Benjamin returns to pick up Francisco and grandfather and discovers that they had done the gardening work wrong. Francisco then admits that he lied about his grandfather's gardening ability in order to make \$60, to which grandfather replies, "We don't lie for work." Grandfather then offers to come back the next day and work for free so that the job can get done properly.

At the end of the story there is a final example of honesty and integrity. After he dropped them off at the end of the work day, Mr. Benjamin offered to pay Francisco and grandfather half of the agreed upon \$60 for the day's work. However, having not done the job right, grandfather wouldn't take the money, letting Mr. Benjamin know that they could only accept payment for the job when they had in fact done the job they were being paid for.