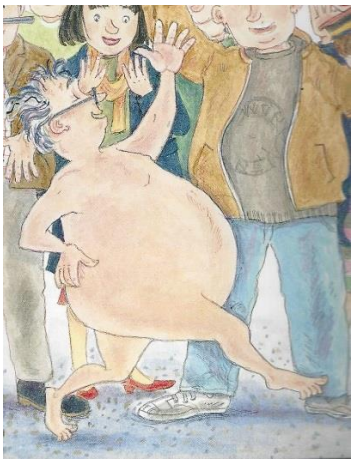
THE MAYOR'S FLASH NEW CLOTHES

Questions for discussion in learning the lessons of standing up against peer pressure and using reason with good judgment to see the truth.



The Story

1. Why did the characters in the story lie and say they could see the suit even if they could not?
2. At the end of the story the young boy tells the crowd the truth. Why did the young boy speak the truth and no one else?
3. Except the young boy, all the characters in the story lied. Does this make them all bad guys? Why or why not?
4. Do you have to believe something because everyone else believes it? Why or why not?
5. Is honesty important?
6. Can lying be good?
7. How do you decide who you trust?

Personal Experience

1. Have you ever convinced yourself that something was real or true even if you knew it wasn't?
2. Have you ever done something just because everyone else was doing it? How did you feel about it afterwards?
3. Have you ever lied for a good reason?
4. Do you always feel bad when you lie?