

## *First Day School Plan on: Speaking Truth to Power*

*Spiritual Reflection:* Corinthians 13: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not charity...

*Songs:* #266 This Little Light of Mine, #255 Valiant for the Truth

*Story:* *Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco*

*Opening:* Our story is about children who are good friends, and how they speak the truth and seek to right a wrong.

*Teacher Notes:* Speaking Truth requires courage. Help your children understand that it isn't often easy to tell the truth.

### *Wondering Questions:*

1. I wonder how we know these children are brave? (check with children that they understand what "brave" means)
2. I wonder what you would do if someone accused you of something you didn't do?
3. I wonder what part of the story is the most important?
4. I wonder where you are in the story or what part of the story is about you?

*Activity:* Illustrate your favorite part of the story. OR

Teacher directed: decorate plastic eggs. Use small stickers for young kids, and Colored Sharpies for creating Pysanky eggs with older children. Include Bible sayings in the eggs. (Use the pictures in the book to show what Pysanky eggs look like.)

*Materials:* paper and various art supplies. Plastic eggs, small stickers (check teacher supply store), Colored Sharpies or other permanent markers.

## *Verses for eggs.*

*Psalm 25:5, Lead me to your Truth and teach me.*

*Psalm 86:11, Oh Lord, that I may walk in your Truth.*

*Zechariah 8:16 Speak Truth to one another.*

*John 8:32 And the Truth will make you free.*

*John 4:24 God is Spirit and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth*

*1 Corinthians 13:6 Love does not rejoice in evil, but rejoices with the truth.*

*Notes to Parents:* Today we read a story about children who were blamed for something they didn't do and how they worked together to bring about a peaceful solution. This is an important conversation to continue at home. Is anyone in your family tree who acted with courage and conscience. We are illustrating the story by making decorated eggs. Look inside.