

**Supplementary  
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I have taught Primary Ethics since May 2011. The feedback from students and parents has been amazing. Children enjoy being given the opportunity to think at a deeper level, to discuss, to express their opinions, and to change their minds. It is a wonderful process and the students are grateful for it. Parents say that their children feel more valued in the ethics classes than their regular school classes. I don't see the harm in empowering children to think in divergent ways, encouraging them to open their minds and to view issues from different vantage points. I believe that the ethics classes prepare children to be more informed and better equipped to live in an egalitarian society.