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Answer Key: Wrangle Big Ideas: Advanced Ethics Quiz for 1st Grade

Moving beyond simple obedience into weighing fairness and empathy through complex character scenarios. Perfect for high-ability enrichment or circle time debate.

1. Imagine your friend accidentally breaks a toy. They are very sad. You have a choice: tell the teacher so they get in trouble, or help your friend fix it. Which choice shows the 'Virtue' of Kindness?

Answer: B) Helping your friend fix the toy

Virtue ethics focuses on being a good person. Helping a friend shows the character trait of kindness.

2. A girl named Maya thinks that the right thing to do is whatever makes the most people in her class smile. Maya is using the idea of 'Utilitarianism.'

Answer: A) True

Utilitarianism is the big idea that we should make choices that create the most happiness for the most people.

3. Sam finds a gold star on the floor. He knows the rule is 'Always give lost things to the teacher.' If Sam follows the rule because it is his duty, he is practicing _____.

Answer: B) Deontology (Rule-following)

Deontology is a fancy word for following rules and duties because they are the right thing to do, no matter what.

4. The class has only one cookie left. Leo wants to give it to the student who worked the hardest. Sarah wants to split it into tiny pieces for everyone. What is the 'Ethical Dilemma' here?

Answer: C) There are two different ideas of what is 'Fair'

A dilemma happens when there are two or more good ways to solve a problem and we have to choose which one is best.

5. If you are 'Virtuous,' you only do the right thing when a teacher is watching you.

Answer: B) False

Being virtuous means having good character all the time, even when nobody is looking.

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6. A gardener has a little water. She can give it all to one thirsty rose or spread it across the whole dry garden. Choosing the whole garden to help more flowers is like _____.

Answer: C) Utilitarianism

Helping the most flowers possible is an example of maximizing good outcomes for the group.

7. If a Brave Knight always tells the truth because he wants to be an 'Honest Person,' which ethical theory is he following?

Answer: A) Virtue Ethics

Virtue ethics is about the kind of person you are, like being brave, honest, or kind.

8. An ethical dilemma is a choice where there is only one easy and perfectly right answer.

Answer: B) False

Dilemmas are tricky because they usually involve choosing between two things that both seem important.

9. Imagine a rule says 'No running.' Even if you are in a big hurry to get to the swings, a Deontologist would say you must _____.

Answer: B) Walk slowly

Deontology means the rule is the most important thing, so you follow it even if it is slow.

10. You see a classmate sitting alone. You think, 'What would a good leader do?' This helps you decide to invite them to play. You are focusing on your:

Answer: B) Character

Character is the collection of virtues (like being a leader) that guide how we treat others.