



# Reasoning with Ethics

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*Ethics in action creates character.*

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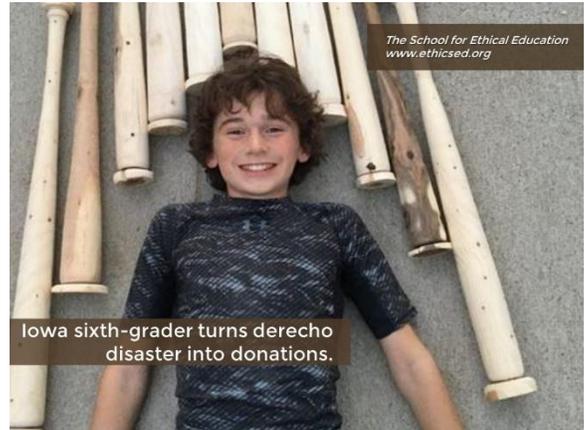
1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core ethical values.
3. Recognize skills in support of SEE's Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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## Bat Boy

Tommy Rhomberg from Mt. Vernon, IA is not your typical preteen. After a devastating August derecho swept through their town with straight-line winds of up to 140 mph wood debris was piled up all over town.



Tommy, turning lemons into lemonade recognized some of this wood could be made into baseball bats. Additionally, he thought he could sell the bats and give the profits as donations to those harmed by the storm.

With support from his parents, Tommy is working after school to use a lathe and turn storm debris into Derecho Bats. CBS News reports he has made 115 bats, has orders for many more, and donated over \$2,500 to people in his community.

Clearly not the work of an average 12-year-old and SEE asks students to consider what core values motivate someone to work so hard and long to help others? Also, what skills does Tommy demonstrate that can be energized by his core values?

### Supplemental Link

CBS News-- <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/iowa-boy-sells-baseball-bats-made-from-storm-debris-to-raise-funds-for-victims/>

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