

AT HOME GALILEO'S CRIME

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? – OPEN-MINDEDNESS



A "belief" is something you know to be true. If we say "I believe in God" we mean "I know that God exists." When we say "I believe in democracy" we mean "I am certain that democracy is important or good." When we look up, the sun seems to move across the sky and it feels like we are standing still. But, as Galileo proved, it is the earth that actually MOVES around the sun! His story reminds us that what we think we know for certain can sometimes change. Has life ever caused YOU to be Open-Minded and question a belief?

Watch three stories of Open-Mindedness on the AT HOME webpage.

Then, choose one of these stories and discuss the following questions with your family, teacher, classmates or friends:

- ◆ At what moment in the story did the storyteller "see" things in a new way? What happened in that moment that made their views change? What new belief did they come to accept?
- ◆ How did the storyteller benefit from changing their belief about something? By the end of the story, what had their Open-Mindedness taught them about life or themselves?
- ◆ Does their experience remind you of a time when life caused YOU to question a deeply held belief? Were you Open-Minded about a new way of thinking or feeling? If so, why? And if not, why not?

Choose one of these ways to explore Open-Mindedness, or lack of it:

- ◆ Caption a photograph of Open-Mindedness and explain why you chose it.
- ◆ Create a piece of art work to show what Open-Mindedness means to you.
- ◆ Tell your own story of Open-Mindedness in writing and/or short video.

Then when you are done, we hope that you will share your work with your classmates and, if you would like, ask your parents or teachers to share your work with us. Together We Grow!