

SHAKESPEARE'S WORTHY IDEAS

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As you read through the plays in *How to Teach Your Children Shakespeare* and memorize the lines with your children, use the following chart to cue you to the virtuous ideas contained within the plays. These themes will make for good discussions in Morning Time.

PLAY	WORTHY IDEA
A Midsummer Night's Dream	beauty, nature, order
Twelfth Night	carpe diem, love, festivity
Romeo and Juliet	learning true love, temperance
Macbeth	humility/avoiding pride and ambition, hospitality, the consequences of cruelty
Henry IV, Part I	duties of a ruler, what is honor
As You Like It	love, wisdom vs. folly, innocence
Henry V	duty, courage, patriotism
Hamlet	justice vs. revenge, filial piety, self-control
The Tempest	what it means to be a just ruler, duty, loyalty, forgiveness

