

The Three-Character Classic

In last issue, we have come across the meaning of learning. In this issue, let's look at two examples of righteousness.

1

香九齡，能溫席
Xiang, at nine,
could warm his
parents' bed.



孝於親，所當執
Filial piety towards
parents should be
carried out.

2



融四歲，能讓梨
Rong, at four,
could yield the
pears.

3



4

弟於長，宜先知
To behave as a
younger brother
towards elders,
is one of the first
things to know.

Note:

The Three-Character Classic was probably written in 13th century. It is commonly attributed as the work of Wang Yinglin of the Song Dynasty. The work comprises of traditional Chinese values and philosophy, especially the basis of Confucian morality.

The work is written in triplet of characters for easy memorization. It is also well-known as the early learning materials on Confucianism for young children.

Reference:

Chinese Text Project:
<http://ctext.org/three-character-classic/zh?en=on>