



♥ Kindness Wins

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Think about what the character learned and what lesson the fable is teaching.

A Helping Hand



Maya clutched a towering stack of books as she left the old village library. Each book was thick and heavy, filled with stories she longed to read, but they felt like bricks. New to the village, the path home felt long and lonely. Her shoulders ached, and a small sigh escaped her lips as she shuffled along the dusty lane.

Suddenly, her grip slipped. A big red book about dragons tumbled to the ground with a soft thud. Maya bent down, a frown creasing her forehead, trying to scoop it up without dropping the rest. It felt impossible. A tear pricked at her eye. She just wanted to get home, but even that seemed hard today.

Across the village green, Leo was busy building an impressive fort. He had been so focused, imagining knights, but a glint of red caught his eye. He saw Maya struggling, her shoulders slumped. He could have kept playing, but her quiet struggle made him pause. "Do you need some help with those?" he called out, walking towards her.



Maya looked up, surprised. A boy she hadn't met was smiling kindly. "Oh, yes, please," she mumbled. Leo carefully took half the stack. "These are heavy!" he exclaimed. As they walked, they talked about the books and places to play. The path home felt much shorter, and the sun seemed to shine brighter.



When they reached Maya's gate, she turned to Leo, a genuine smile replacing her frown. "Thank you so much, Leo. You really saved my day."

Leo just shrugged, "Anytime! Maybe tomorrow we can build that fort?" Maya's eyes lit up. A simple act of kindness had not only lightened her load but also brought her a new



friend. It showed that a small gesture can make a huge difference and open the door to connection.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character and where does she find herself at the beginning of the story?

(2) What problem or challenge did Maya face on her way home from the library?

(3) Why did Leo decide to stop playing and help Maya?

(4) Was Leo's choice to help Maya a good one? How did his act show empathy?



(5) What lesson does this fable teach about kindness? How could this lesson help you in your own life?

