



## Theme & Message of a Story – Grade 3 (Medium) – Set 1

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read each story description. Fill in the blank to complete the theme or message.

A story's theme is the big idea or lesson the author wants to teach. It is not the plot ("what happened") but the deeper meaning ("what can we learn from what happened").

- (1) A shepherd boy kept tricking villagers by shouting "Wolf!" When a real wolf came, no one believed him. The theme of this story is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) A speedy hare made fun of a slow tortoise, then took a nap during their race. The tortoise kept going steadily and won. The theme of this story is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) A small mouse helped a mighty lion escape a hunter's net, proving that even the smallest creatures can be great friends. The theme of this story is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) The ant worked hard all summer to store food, while the grasshopper played. When winter came, the ant was prepared, but the grasshopper had nothing. The theme of this story is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) The Little Red Hen asked her friends for help baking bread, but they all said no. She did all the work herself and then ate the bread alone. The theme of this story is that \_\_\_\_\_.



(6) A young swan was teased by other birds because he looked different. He felt sad until he grew up and realized he was a beautiful swan. The theme of this story is that \_\_\_\_\_ .

