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KOALA LEARNS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

Warm Up

Narrate an incident from your life where you did something wrong and had to face the consequences.

Answer the following questions: Answer the following questions.

1. How did you know your action was wrong?
2. Was the consequence pleasant or unpleasant?

The right action today keeps irritation away!

Koala didn't always make the best choices.

One day, she forgot to put her bike away when it started raining and didn't check her tires as often as she should have. Over time, the bike became rusty, and the tires ripped.

“What would have been the right choice here?” Mum asked.

Koala thought for a moment, then replied, “I should have put my bike away when it started raining and checked the tires regularly to keep them in good condition.” One night, Koala didn't feel like going to bed. “I'm not tired,” she said.

Mum explained that Koala needed rest for the next day so she would have enough energy. But Koala didn't listen. Koala threw a tantrum and didn't get to bed until late. The next day, she was very



tired and said she was too exhausted to go to school.

“Koala, what do you think would have been the right choice here?” Mum asked. Koala stayed silent.

That morning, Miss Bird, Koala's teacher, read a story to the class and asked everyone to sit quietly and listen. But Koala didn't sit still, and she didn't listen. Worse still, she kept yawning loudly. The teacher wasn't happy.

At playtime, Koala didn't make the right choices either.

Koala didn't think about others at all. She knocked Little Lion over and didn't check if he was all right.

Everyone got upset with Koala. They told her she couldn't play with them unless she played kindly.

Koala went home feeling sad. That afternoon, she talked to her dad about all the bad choices she had made over the past few days.



Her dad told her that whenever he had to make a choice, he always remembered to stop and think first.

Koala promised she would try to do that too.

That night, when it was time for bed, Koala remembered to stop, think, and then make the right choice. She went to bed on time.

The next day, Koala didn't feel tired. She sat up properly and listened to Miss Bird.

At playtime, Koala found a toy car in the playground. She really wanted to play with it, but it wasn't hers. Koala remembered to stop, think, and make the right choice. She took the car to Miss Bird.

Miss Bird told her the car belonged to Tiger.

Tiger was so happy to get his car back. He asked Koala if she wanted to play with him and the car.

Koala was happy too. Miss Bird said that Koala had made the right choice.

Koala realized that making the right choices made her feel much happier.

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Think and Answer

I. Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did Koala forget to do?

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2. Why did the Koala throw a tantrum?

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3. Who did Koala talk to about her choices after school?

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4. What advice did they give?

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5. What happened when Koala had a good night's sleep?

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6. How did the teacher respond when koala made a good choice?

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7. What happened when koala started to make right choices?

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8. Why is using discretion, (making the right choice) important?

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Our speech and actions define who we are.

So, before we act, it is important to judge whether our actions and their consequences are true or false, right or wrong, good or bad, and appropriate or inappropriate. The ability to differentiate helps us evaluate and sort our thoughts and actions based on our value systems. The next step is to choose to do what is true, right, good, or appropriate.

Sometimes, it is very difficult for us to decide what is right, good, or appropriate. In such cases, what can we do? Leave the choice to an elder wiser person. It could be your parents, grand parents or your mentor or your favourite guru or god.

Making Right Choices.

When I was a little child, I was quite selfish. I always wanted the best things for myself. Because of that, my friends slowly stopped playing with me. I felt lonely, but I didn't think it was my fault.

One day, my father decided to teach me a lesson that I would never forget.

He cooked two bowls of noodles and placed them on the table.

One bowl had an egg on top, and the other bowl had no egg.

He smiled and said, "Choose one, my child."

Since eggs were very special in those days, I quickly chose the bowl with the egg. I was proud of my smart choice!

But when I started eating, I was shocked — my father's bowl had two eggs hidden under the noodles!

My father smiled and said gently, "What your eyes see may not



always be true. If you always try to take advantage of others, you may end up losing.”

The next day, he did the same thing again — two bowls, one with an egg on top, one without.

This time, I thought I was clever! I chose the bowl without the egg, thinking there might be two eggs hidden.

But when I looked inside — no eggs at all!

My father smiled and said, “Don’t always rely on your past experiences. Life can surprise you. Take every experience as a lesson — not everything can be learned from books.”

On the third day, he cooked two bowls again. One with an egg on top, one without.

This time, I said, “Dad, you choose first. You are the head of the family, and you work the hardest.”

My father smiled proudly and took the bowl with the egg on top.

When I began eating mine, I found two eggs hidden below the noodles!

My father looked at me lovingly and said, “My child, when you leave the choice to God — or to your parents — they will always choose the best for you. When you think of others first, good things will always come to you.”

Moral of the story:

Be kind, patient, and trust that when you do good for others, life will bring good back to you.

Activity A: **Making the Right Decision:**

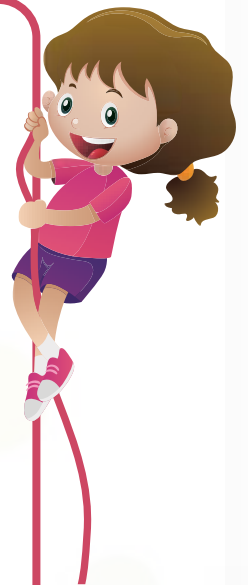
Here are a few situations. Use your discretion and write down what you would do in each case. Provide reasons for your answers.

1. Your best friend asks you to give them your homework so they can copy it.

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2. You find a hundred-dollar note on the road.

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3. A stranger approaches you and gives you a gift.

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4. You accidentally break your classroom window.

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Activity B: Guess the Truth:



Let's play a fun game! Form pairs. Each person must tell their partner three things about themselves—one of which should be true, while the other two should be lies. The partner must use their discretion to guess the truth.

Your teacher will provide an example to guide you.

After the game, discuss with your partner why you won or lost.

Let's Remember

Discretion helps us determine whether our own actions and words, as well as those of others, are true or false, right or wrong, good or bad, or appropriate or inappropriate.

My Space

What I liked most about this lesson :

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I learnt that

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Discuss with parents/family members/guardians how to use your discretion in the following situations and act accordingly. Write your answers in the space given.

- 1. An electrical fire breaks out in your house. You are alone at home.*

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- 2. You are at school. A stranger comes and tells you that parents/family members/guardians have asked him/her to take you home.*

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