

Making Good Choices with Max

Learning objective: To understand and explore moral questions and the impact of our actions on others.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Max the monkey found a shiny, gold coin worth £1 on the forest path. He was very excited! He wanted to buy a tasty bunch of bananas from the market. However, as he picked it up, he saw a small squirrel crying nearby. The squirrel had dropped his lunch money. Max looked at the coin in his hand. He looked at the sad squirrel. If Max kept the coin, he would have a delicious snack, but the squirrel would go hungry. Max thought about how it would feel to be the squirrel. He remembered that being kind is more important than having a snack. Max walked over to the squirrel and handed the coin back. The squirrel smiled and gave Max a big hug. Max felt very happy inside. He learned that even a small choice can make a big difference to someone else. Doing the right thing might be hard, but it is always worth it.

Word bank: Moral: a lesson about what is right or wrong · Fair: treating everyone the same way · Dilemma: a difficult choice · Action: something you do · Consequence: what happens because of something you did

1. What did Max find on the forest path? (1 mark)

2. Who was crying near the path? (1 mark)

3. How do you think the squirrel felt when Max gave the coin back? Why? (2 marks)

4. Why did Max choose to give the coin back instead of buying bananas? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max made the right choice? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey and the squirrel sharing a happy moment after Max returns the coin.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about a time you made a kind choice to help a friend.