

A Kind Advent with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the importance of kindness and how small actions can help others during the Advent season.

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

It is nearly December, and the forest is feeling chilly. Max the monkey has a brilliant idea. He wants to start a Kindness Advent calendar. Instead of getting a chocolate treat every day, Max decides to do one kind thing each day. On day one, Max helps a squirrel gather nuts for the winter. On day two, he writes a thank-you note to the forest owl for keeping everyone safe at night. Max feels warm inside, even when the wind blows. He thinks that kindness is the best gift of all. He tells his friends that being kind does not cost a single penny. You do not need £1 or even 10p to be kind. A smile, a shared toy, or a helping hand is enough. Max hopes that everyone in the forest will join his challenge. He believes that if everyone does one small act of kindness each day, the whole forest will be a much happier place to live. Max is excited to see how many smiles he can create before the month ends.

Word bank: Advent: A time of preparing for a special celebration. · Kindness: Being friendly, generous, and helpful. · Challenge: A task that tests your skills. · Support: Helping someone when they need it. · Goal: Something you want to achieve.

1. 1. What does Max the monkey decide to do instead of eating a chocolate treat? (Literal) (2 marks)

2. 2. Name two examples of kind acts that Max performs in the story. (Literal) (2 marks)

3. 3. Why does Max feel 'warm inside' even when it is cold outside? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. 4. How do we know that Max thinks kindness is free for everyone to give? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. 5. Do you think it is a good idea to do a Kindness Advent? Why? (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey doing a kind act for a friend in the forest.

Extension challenge: Write a list of three kind things you could do for your classmates or family this week.