Kindness at the Park

Learning objective: To understand the importance of kindness and how small actions can help others feel happy.

Read the story about Leo the Lion and his friends. Then, answer the questions below. Use the word bank if you need help with spelling.

It was a sunny afternoon at the local park. Leo the Lion was sitting on a bench, feeling a little bit sad because he had lost his favourite bookmark. Nearby, Max the Monkey was busy trying to build a tall tower out of wooden blocks. Max saw that Leo looked upset. Max stopped playing his game. He walked over to Leo and asked, 'Are you okay, Leo?' Leo explained about his lost bookmark. Max did not just walk away. Instead, he helped Leo look under the bench and behind the trees. After a few minutes, they spotted the colourful bookmark caught in a bush. Leo was so happy to find it. 'Thank you, Max!' Leo cheered. Max smiled and said, 'That is what friends are for.' Later that day, they both shared a healthy snack while sitting on the grass. Even a small act of kindness can make someone’s day much brighter. By helping each other, Leo and Max felt like a great team. Being kind is a special way to show that you care about your friends.

Word bank: kindness · support · friendly · sharing · happy · caring

1. Why was Leo the Lion feeling sad at the beginning of the story? (2 marks)

2. What did Max the Monkey do to help Leo find his bookmark? (2 marks)

3. How do you think Leo felt when Max came over to help him? (2 marks)

4. Why did Max stop playing with his wooden blocks? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to help people when they are sad? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion and Max the Monkey sharing a snack at the park.

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a kind thing you have done for a friend this week.