

SEQUENCE & CAUSE

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Grade 3

Marcus Learns to Forgive

FORGIVENESS

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Marcus loved soccer. He was on a team called the Green Dragons. His best friend was a boy named Kai. They did everything together.
- 2 One day during practice, something bad happened. The coach set up a game to teach the players. Marcus was trying to score a goal. Kai was on the other team. Marcus passed the ball to his friend, but Kai did not pass it back. Instead, Kai kicked the ball away so Marcus could not reach it. Marcus felt sad and angry. His feelings hurt more than his leg did when he fell.
- 3 For three days, Marcus would not talk to Kai. He sat on the other side of the bench during practice. At lunch, he sat with different friends. Kai tried to say sorry, but Marcus turned away and would not listen.
- 4 Then something changed Marcus's thinking. His grandmother came to visit. She told Marcus a story about when she was young. She had a best friend who hurt her feelings too. 'I did not talk to her for a month,' his grandmother said. 'But you know what? I missed her so much. Being angry made me sad all the time.' His grandmother explained that forgiving someone does not mean what they did was okay. It means you choose to stop being angry and sad.
- 5 That afternoon at practice, Marcus walked over to Kai. 'I forgive you,' Marcus said. Kai smiled and hugged him. Kai explained that he was just trying to be silly and make the practice harder. He never wanted to hurt Marcus.
- 6 The two friends played together again. They were happy. Marcus learned that holding

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onto anger is like carrying heavy rocks. When you forgive someone, you put the rocks down and feel lighter.

- 7 After that day, Marcus and Kai were better friends than before. They worked as a team and always passed the ball to each other. Forgiveness made their friendship stronger.

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RETELL · use the events to retell the story in your own words

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