

MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

Q2 · Wk2

Grade 4

The Brave Choice

COURAGE

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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 his best friend Emma. They did everything together—played soccer, rode bikes, and shared lunches at school. One afternoon, the two friends were at Emma's house. Marcus was sitting at the kitchen table while Emma's mom brought out fresh cookies for them to eat.
- 2 "Be careful with these," Emma's mom said with a smile. "The vase on the shelf is very special. It was a gift from my grandmother."
- 3 The boys nodded and promised to be careful. They ate cookies and laughed while playing a game on the counter. Soon they got louder and more excited. Emma jumped up to show Marcus a cool trick, and her elbow knocked the vase right off the shelf. It crashed to the floor and shattered into many pieces.
- 4 Both friends froze. Emma's face turned white. "Oh no," she whispered. "Mom loved that vase. She will be so upset."
- 5 Marcus felt his stomach drop. He looked at Emma. He could see she was scared and sad. His mind started racing with ideas. "You could tell your mom that I knocked it over," Marcus suggested. "Then I could apologize and take the blame."
- 6 Emma looked at her friend with grateful but confused eyes. "That would keep me out of trouble," she said slowly. "But it wouldn't be true. And you would get in trouble instead."
- 7 Marcus knew she was right. He felt uncomfortable thinking about what would happen, but something inside him knew what was right. He took a deep breath. "Let's tell your

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mom the truth together," Marcus said. "It was an accident. We weren't being careful enough."

- 8 Emma nodded, though she looked scared. Together, they walked to find Emma's mom. Their hands felt shaky as they explained what happened. They told her everything—how excited they got, how the accident happened, and that they were very sorry.
- 9 Emma's mom listened carefully. When they finished, she didn't yell. Instead, she sighed and sat down. "I'm disappointed," she said. "That vase meant a lot to me. But I'm proud of you both for telling me the truth. That took courage. If you had lied, that would have hurt me more than the broken vase."
- 10 She continued, "When we tell the truth, even when it's hard, people can trust us. And trust is worth more than any object."
- 11 Emma and Marcus both felt relieved. It wasn't easy, but they knew they had done the right thing. Over the next week, they helped Emma's mom clean up the pieces and even helped her paint a special box to remember her grandmother in a new way.
- 12 That day, Marcus learned something important: telling the truth, even when it's scary and hard, is always the bravest choice.

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DETAIL 2

DETAIL 3

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Telling the truth, even when it is hard and scary, is the bravest and most important choice because it builds trust with others.

DETAIL 1

Emma's elbow accidentally knocked a special vase off the shelf while the friends were playing and got excited.

DETAIL 2

Marcus offered to take the blame for the accident so Emma wouldn't get in trouble, but Emma recognized this would not be truthful.

DETAIL 3

Emma's mom said that when people tell the truth, others can trust them, and trust is worth more than any object.

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