

MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

Q1 · Wk3

Grade 5

The Garden Gift

WISDOM

Caring for others honors their value and teaches us about compassion.

preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Mrs. Chen sat on her porch, watching the morning sun paint the sky gold and pink. Her hands were wrapped in thick bandages—her arthritis had grown worse over the winter. She could no longer dig in the garden she loved so much. For forty years, she had grown tomatoes, zucchini, and beautiful flowers in that garden. Now it lay bare and empty, full of dead leaves and overgrown weeds. Mrs. Chen sighed deeply. Without her garden, she felt like an important part of her life had disappeared.
- 2 Nearby, ten-year-old Marcus lived with his grandmother. He often cut lawns in the neighborhood to earn money for his own bicycle. One Saturday morning, Marcus noticed Mrs. Chen sitting alone on her porch, looking sad. He asked her what was wrong. She explained that her hands could not work anymore, and her beloved garden had become too much to manage. Marcus could see the pain in her eyes. He thought about how his grandmother had taught him that caring for elderly neighbors was a way to show respect and kindness.
- 3 The next Saturday, Marcus arrived at Mrs. Chen's house with his father and a wagon full of tools. They spent the morning pulling weeds, turning the soil, and preparing beds for new plants. Marcus's father brought healthy seedlings from the local nursery. By afternoon, the garden was transformed. Rows of tomato plants stood straight and strong. Pepper plants, marigolds, and herbs were planted carefully in neat lines. Mrs. Chen watched from her porch, tears streaming down her face.
- 4 Every Saturday after that, Marcus came to care for the garden. He watered the plants when the sun was hottest. He removed weeds so the vegetables could grow well. He

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talked to Mrs. Chen about which plants were thriving and which needed more attention. Mrs. Chen began to feel hopeful again. She shared recipes with Marcus for using the fresh vegetables. She told him stories about gardening and life while he worked. Their friendship grew stronger each week.

- 5 By summer, the garden was bursting with life. Red tomatoes hung heavy on the vines. Bell peppers turned from green to bright yellow and red. Marigolds bloomed in cheerful clusters of orange and gold. Mrs. Chen's hands could not dig anymore, but her heart and mind were alive in that garden. Marcus realized that helping Mrs. Chen had given him far more than money could ever give. He had learned that real treasure comes from making someone else happy. Mrs. Chen had taught him something just as valuable—that age does not take away a person's dreams or wisdom. As Marcus harvested vegetables alongside his elderly friend, he understood what his grandmother had meant all along.

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MAIN IDEA • what is the passage MOSTLY about?

DETAIL 1

DETAIL 2

DETAIL 3

BEST TITLE • circle the title that fits best - not too broad, not too narrow

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Helping Your Neighbors

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Marcus Plants a Garden

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ANSWER KEY

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When we show kindness and care to elderly people, we honor them and discover that their friendship and wisdom are precious gifts.

DETAIL 1

Mrs. Chen's arthritis made her unable to dig in her garden for forty years.

DETAIL 2

Marcus and his father helped restore Mrs. Chen's garden with seedlings and tools.

DETAIL 3

Through their weekly work together, Marcus and Mrs. Chen developed a strong friendship and learned valuable lessons from each other.

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Marcus Plants a Garden