

SEQUENCE & CAUSE

Q4 · Wk2

Grade 5

The Gift of Kindness

WISDOM

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Marcus and Elena had been best friends since third grade. They did everything together—rode their bikes, shared lunches, and played soccer at the park. But one day, Marcus noticed something sad about his friend. Elena stopped smiling during lunch. She didn't want to play soccer anymore. Marcus asked her what was wrong.
- 2 Elena finally told him the truth. Her family was struggling with money. The art camp she had dreamed about attending all summer was too expensive. It cost three hundred dollars. Elena had saved fifty dollars from doing chores, but she was far from having enough. She felt disappointed and ashamed. "I know it's just art camp," Elena said quietly, "but I really wanted to learn from the best teachers in the city."
- 3 Marcus went home and thought about Elena all evening. He loved art too, and he knew how much this camp meant to his friend. The next day, Marcus found his own special treasure—the skateboard his grandfather had given him for his birthday just three months ago. Marcus loved that skateboard. He rode it almost every day and showed it off to everyone.
- 4 Marcus took the skateboard to Mr. Chen's sports shop downtown. Mr. Chen had known Marcus for years and always gave kids a fair price when they sold items. "I'd like to sell this," Marcus said. "How much can I get?" Mr. Chen examined the skateboard carefully and offered him two hundred and fifty dollars. Marcus accepted immediately.
- 5 That afternoon, Marcus met Elena at their favorite bench near the park. He pulled out an envelope with two hundred and fifty dollars inside. "This is for your art camp," he said

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with a big smile. Elena's eyes grew wide. "Marcus, no! This is too much! Where did you get this?" Marcus explained what he had done. Elena cried—but these were tears of joy and gratitude.

- 6 Elena's parents were amazed when she told them about Marcus's gift. Together, they added another fifty dollars they had found from extra work. Elena was able to register for the art camp with money to spare. During the eight weeks of camp, Elena learned so much. She created beautiful paintings and made new friends who loved art as much as she did.
- 7 When summer ended and school started again, Elena gave Marcus something special. She had painted a portrait of the two of them riding their bikes together, laughing. It was beautiful and colorful. Marcus hung it on his bedroom wall. He didn't miss his skateboard anymore because he knew he had given it for the best reason—to help his best friend reach her dream. Sometimes the greatest gifts we can give are not things, but the joy we give to others.

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CAUSE . why it happened

Marcus loved his skateboard but realized Elena
needed money for art camp

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Marcus decided to sell his skateboard to raise
money for her

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