

THEME & PURPOSE

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Grade 4

Emma and the Broken Promise

FORGIVENESS

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Emma loved her art supplies more than anything. She kept her colored pencils, markers, and sketchbook in a special box under her bed. One Saturday morning, Emma was working on a beautiful butterfly drawing for the school art contest. Her little brother Marcus walked into her room without asking.
- 2 "Can I draw with you?" Marcus asked. Emma shook her head. "No, these are my special supplies. You always lose things, and I need them for the contest," she said. Marcus looked sad but left the room. Emma felt a little mean, but she kept drawing anyway.
- 3 That afternoon, Emma left her art box on the kitchen table while she got a snack. When she came back, she gasped. Marcus had used her best markers to draw on her homework paper. Her beautiful markers had dried out, and some were broken. Emma felt tears fill her eyes.
- 4 "Marcus!" she yelled. Her brother came running in and saw what he had done. His face turned red. "I'm sorry, Emma," he said quietly. "I just wanted to make you something nice. I made you a picture." He showed her a drawing of Emma at her desk, surrounded by hearts.
- 5 Emma was still angry, but something inside her changed when she saw how sad Marcus looked. She remembered how lonely he felt when she told him no that morning. She took a deep breath. "I'm not happy about my markers," Emma said carefully. "But I can see you were trying to do something kind. I forgive you."
- 6 Marcus hugged her tight. "Thank you," he whispered. Emma hugged him back. The next

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day, their mom took them to the art store. Emma picked out a brand-new set of markers and crayons for Marcus. When the art contest came, Marcus cheered the loudest for Emma's butterfly painting. Emma smiled, knowing that forgiving her brother was better than staying angry.

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ANSWER KEY

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