

MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

Q3 • Wk1

Grade 5

The Mix-Up at the Science Fair

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness heals relationships and reveals true character.

preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ • read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Maya had been working on her science fair project for weeks. She created a beautiful model of the water cycle, with painted clouds, flowing water, and tiny plastic houses below. She was so proud of it, and the fair was tomorrow.
- 2 That afternoon, Maya's best friend Sophie came over to see the project. They had been best friends since kindergarten. Sophie looked at the water cycle model for a long time without saying anything. "It's really cool," Sophie said finally. "I wish my project looked this good. Mine is just a poster about plant growth. It's so boring compared to yours." Maya smiled. She had worked hard, but she was happy Sophie liked it. "Want to come to the fair tomorrow and see all the other projects?" Maya asked. "Sure," Sophie said. "I'll be there."
- 3 That night, Maya set her project carefully in the car so her mom could drive it to school early. She went to bed excited and nervous.
- 4 The next morning at the science fair, Maya rushed to find her project at her assigned table. But when she got there, something was wrong. Her beautiful water cycle model was damaged. The clouds were cracked, and water had spilled all over the display board. The paint was smudged and ruined. Maya felt tears come to her eyes.
- 5 A teacher came over. "Oh no, Maya! What happened?" "I don't know," Maya said, her voice shaking. "It was fine last night." She looked around the fair and saw Sophie standing near the refreshment table. Sophie's eyes were wide, and she looked scared. Just then, a boy Maya didn't know very well came walking over. "Maya, I'm really sorry,"

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he said. "I was carrying my project and bumped into your table by accident. I didn't see it. I tried to clean it up, but I didn't know what to do. I felt too nervous to tell you right away."

- 6 Maya's heart hurt. Her project was ruined. All her hard work was destroyed. She looked at the boy, then at Sophie. Sophie was walking toward her, and there were tears in her eyes too. "Maya, I'm sorry," Sophie said. "When I saw what happened, I wanted to tell you, but I was scared the boy would get in trouble. I didn't know how to help. I feel terrible."
- 7 Maya stood there, feeling angry and sad. But then she thought about something her grandmother had told her. "When someone makes a mistake, you can choose to be angry, or you can choose to help them feel better," her grandmother had said. "Forgiveness is powerful." Maya took a deep breath. She looked at the boy. "It was an accident. You didn't mean to. Thank you for being honest about it." The boy looked relieved. "I'm really sorry," he said again.
- 8 Then Maya looked at Sophie. "I understand why you were scared. We all make mistakes sometimes. I'm not angry at you." Sophie hugged her. "Thank you for forgiving me. That means so much. And I'm going to help you fix your project right now if I can."
- 9 Together, Maya, Sophie, and the boy worked to clean up the water cycle model. They couldn't fix everything, but they made it better. When the judge came by, Maya explained what happened. The judge was impressed by how Maya had handled the mistake. "You showed real courage and kindness," the judge told Maya. "That's worth more than any perfect project."
- 10 Maya didn't win a prize that day, but she learned something more important. She learned that forgiving people and helping them fix their mistakes was better than staying angry.

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DETAIL 2

DETAIL 3

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Maya's Broken Water Cycle Model

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ANSWER KEY

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When someone hurts you by mistake, choosing to forgive and help them is more valuable than staying angry and letting the damage define your friendship.

DETAIL 1

Maya's water cycle project was damaged when a boy accidentally bumped into her table at the science fair.

DETAIL 2

Sophie knew about the accident but was scared to tell Maya because she worried the boy would get in trouble.

DETAIL 3

Maya remembered her grandmother's wisdom that forgiveness is powerful and chose to forgive both Sophie and the boy.

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