

THEME & PURPOSE

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Grade 4

Maya Forgives Her Brother

FORGIVENESS

Forgiving others, even when they hurt us, is stronger and braver than.

preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Maya loved her art supplies more than anything. She had colored pencils, markers, and beautiful sketchbooks. Every afternoon, she drew pictures of flowers, rainbows, and animals. Her little brother Lucas sometimes asked to use her supplies, but Maya always said no. She wanted to keep everything perfect.
- 2 One Saturday morning, Maya left her newest sketchbook on the kitchen table while she helped Mom make lunch. When she came back, her heart sank. Lucas had used her best colored pencils all over the pages. Some pencils were broken. Her drawings were covered with messy marks. Maya felt tears coming. She was so angry.
- 3 "You ruined everything!" Maya shouted at Lucas. Lucas looked down at his shoes. He felt terrible. "I just wanted to draw with you," he said quietly. "I'm sorry, Maya. I didn't mean to make you upset." But Maya was too angry to listen. She ran to her room and locked the door. She wouldn't talk to Lucas for two whole days.
- 4 On Monday, something changed Maya's heart. At school, Maya's teacher, Mrs. Chen, read a story about a girl who wouldn't forgive her friend. The girl lost her best friend forever. Mrs. Chen talked about how forgiveness helps everyone feel better and stronger. Maya thought about Lucas all day. She remembered that he didn't try to be mean. He just wanted to spend time with her.
- 5 When Maya got home, Lucas was sitting on the porch alone. His eyes were red from crying. Maya sat next to him. "I'm sorry I was so mean to you," she said. "Will you forgive me?" Lucas looked up with hope in his eyes. "I forgive you," he said. "And I'm

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sorry I messed up your art." Maya smiled and took his hand. "Let's draw together tomorrow," she said. "I'll teach you how to use the pencils the right way." Lucas's face lit up like sunshine. Sometimes the bravest thing we can do is forgive someone we love.

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ANSWER KEY

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Lucas accidentally damaged Maya's sketchbook and colored pencils. Maya got very angry and wouldn't talk to him. Then Mrs. Chen's story at school taught Maya about forgiveness, and she realized Lucas didn't mean to hurt her.

What did the character learn?

Forgiving others, even when they hurt us, is stronger and braver than staying angry, and it brings people closer together.

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