

The selfish child

A story about empathy



Positive Ending

KEY CONCEPT/ DISADVANTAGE

empathy, selfishness

OBJECTIVES

- to develop empathy and perspective-taking
- to foster kindness and reciprocity
- to encourage conflict resolution and forgiveness
- to promote fairness and sharing

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION FOR POSITIVE ENDING

- Even though Paulina didn't share her supplies, Hanna decided to help her. Why do you think she made that choice?
- How do you think Paulina felt when Hanna brought her the notes? How might this change their friendship?
- What can this story teach us about kindness and forgiveness?
- If you were Paulina, what would you say to Hanna after she helped you? How can we show appreciation when someone helps us?

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Storybooks about Kindness and Empathy – "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud teaches children about kindness and how small actions can make a big difference. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOJy8-OC0iU>
- Cooperative Board Games – Games like "The Go Game" or "Hoot Owl Hoot!" encourage teamwork and helping others, reinforcing the idea of kindness and support.
- Role-Playing Activities – Organize a classroom role-play where children act out different scenarios of helping others, encouraging them to explore emotions and consequences in a safe space.

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- to develop empathy and perspective-taking
- to foster kindness and reciprocity
- to foster conflict resolution skills and a forgiving attitude
- to support fairness and the practice of sharing

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION FOR ENDING 1

- Hania decided not to help Paulina. How do you think this made Paulina feel?
- Do you think Hanna might regret her decision later? Why or why not?
- What could have happened if Hanna had chosen to help Paulina instead?
- How can we act kindly even when someone wasn't kind to us first?

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Storybooks About Consequences of Unkindness – "Enemy Pie" by Derek Munson . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTM8Cccl1xs>
- Short Films on Exclusion and Regret – "For the Birds" (Pixar short film) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz3KYrPQaN0>