



Let's Read

**21st Century Teachers' Tales:
10 Short Stories
That Build Character**



**Volume 1: Kindness and Friendship
(Pre-K to Grade 1)**



Cat and Bat

Cat had a mat. Bat had a hat. They sat on the mat and had a nap. Then they ran and had fun. "You are my pal," said Bat. "You are my pal too," said Cat.

Moral lesson: Friends play and care..

Questions:

1. What did Cat have?
2. What did Bat say to Cat?
3. What makes them pals?



Anna Helps Cen

Anna had to mop. Cen ran fast and fell. Anna ran to Cen. "Are you hurt?" she asked. "A bit," said Cen. Anna got a rag and cleaned him. "Thank you, Anna," said Cen.

Moral lesson: Help a friend in need.

Questions:

1. What was Anna doing?
2. Who fell?
3. Why did Cen say thank you?



Kim the Kind Cat

Kim the cat saw a bug in a box. The bug was wet and sad. "Can I help?" said Kim. She got a rag and dried the bug. The bug said, "You are nice!" Kim smiled. "Let's play!" said the bug.

Moral lesson: Be kind to all..

Questions:

1. What did Kim find?
2. What did she use to dry the bug?
3. Why did the bug smile?



Ned and the Bug

Ned had a net. He saw a bug in a cup. "Help!" said the bug. Ned got his net. He let the bug hop on the net. "You are free now," said Ned. The bug said, "Thank you, Ned!"

Moral lesson: Help others when you can.

Questions:

1. What did Ned use?
2. Where was the bug?
3. Why did the bug thank Ned?



Dan the Dog

Dan the dog had a big bun. He saw Pam. Pam was sad. She had no bun. Dan ran to Pam. "Let's eat," said Dan. He cut the bun and gave her a half. Pam was glad. She gave Dan a hug. "Thank you," she said.

Moral lesson: It is fun to share.

Questions:

1. What did Dan have?
2. Why was Pam sad?
3. Why did Pam hug Dan?



Max and the Big Box

Max had a big box. He had to lift it. It was too big. Pam and Sam saw him. "Let us help!" said Pam. Max said, "Yes, thank you!" They all held the box. They got it on the cart. "We did it!" said Sam.

Moral lesson: Teamwork is great.

Questions:

1. What did Max try to lift?
2. Who helped Max?
3. Why did they work together?



Val the Big Pal

Val saw a bug in a jam. The bug was on the log. "I can help," said Val. He let the bug hop on his hat. "You are my pal," said the bug. Val was glad.

Moral lesson: Kind acts make friends.

Questions:

1. Where was the bug?
2. What did Val use to help?
3. Why did the bug call Val a pal?



Tim Tells the Truth

Tim hid a red toy. Dad saw the toy under the rug. "Did you do this?" asked Dad. Tim said, "Yes. I did it." Dad was glad. "Telling the truth is good," said Dad. He gave Tim a hug and a pat on the back.

Moral lesson: Always tell the truth.

Questions:

1. What did Tim hide?
2. Who asked Tim about the toy?
3. Why did Dad hug Tim?



Jen and the Red Pen

Jen had a red pen. It was new. Ben saw it and said, "Can I use your pen?" Jen said, "Yes, you can." Ben made a card for his dad. "Thank you, Jen!" said Ben. Jen felt glad.

Moral lesson: It is nice to share.

Questions:

1. What color was the pen?
2. What did Ben do with it?
3. Why did Jen feel glad?



Gus the Good Kid

Gus had a toy bus. Meg took it. Gus said, "That is my bus." Meg said, "I am sad. I want to play too." Gus said, "Let's play with the bus!" Meg was glad. "You are kind," she said.

Moral lesson: Share and be kind..

Questions:

1. What toy did Gus have?
2. Who took the bus?
3. Why did Meg call Gus kind?