

## Warm Glow

### Contender characteristic: Explain the effects of kindness on others

Little Carl was grumpy. He was mumbly and grumbly; he was whingy and whiny, and Dad was losing patience.

Dad asked Carl's big sister, Ellie, to play with him for a while, just while he finished making tea.

'What's in it for me?' demanded Ellie.

'Um, I suppose you could have a biscuit,' offered Dad.

Ellie sat with Carl for a bit and helped him build a tower with his bricks. But soon she was bored. Carl seemed to be happy enough stuffing wooden blocks into his mouth, so Ellie got out her phone to check her messages.

When Jack, Ellie's younger brother, came down, he took one look at Carl, then found his teething ring on the sofa and gave it to him. After a couple of games of 'bee-bo', Carl was chewing and gurgling happily, so Jack went into the kitchen and began to lay the table, ready for tea.

Just for a moment, the lines melted away from Dad's face and he beamed at his boy. Then he reached down the biscuit tin from the shelf and headed out of the kitchen. A deal was a deal.

Ellie had just about managed to stuff her phone back into her pocket and start babbling at Carl when Dad came in.

'Thank you love, that was a great help. Here you are,' Dad added, handing Ellie the opened tin. She chose her favourite and stuffed it into her mouth. Surprisingly, it didn't taste as good as she was expecting. Tea, however, was unusually pleasant. Dad cooed at Carl while he bounced him on his knee and sang him the songs that had given them all a warm glow when they were little.

## Warm Glow: Questions (can be written or discussed)

1. How did Jack's kindness affect Dad?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How did Jack's kindness affect Jack?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How did Ellie's actions affect her?

