Leader of the Pack

Class Worship Time 13.1.21



Story Time





Tony was leader of the pack. Michael, Rachel, Paul and Alice followed him wherever he went. On any day they could always be sure that Tony would lead them on some exciting adventure. He was brave, courageous and daring. He showed them how you could let down people's tyres and run; how you could ring the doorbell at the nursing home and run. He never ran out of ideas for causing trouble. Alice didn't really like being in the pack but she was afraid to lose her friends, so she stayed with them.



One day, Tony said he had a great idea. He said they would go and steal apples from Ben Watson's orchard. They couldn't get caught or found out because Ben Watson was short sighted and couldn't see from a distance. Alice thought that it wasn't right but she went with them just the same. The others didn't mind. They were bored and had no pocket money left. It was something to do.



They soon got fed up stealing apples. After all, you couldn't eat them all, could you? So Tony came up with another idea.

'Watson has a pig farm next to the orchard,' he said, 'Let's go and throw the apples at the pigs. The one who hits the most is the winner!"

Not only Alice, but even the others thought this was wrong and cruel but they went along, just the same. They still wanted Tony to be their leader.



Tony threw apples at the pigs but he was a hopeless shot. The more he missed, the more he got angry. The others just pretended to be part of the game. They just threw the apples gently so that the pigs didn't get hurt. They did this every day during the school holidays, untill there were no apples left.

Then Mr Watson appeared. "Got you!" he said. "I know all your names. I've been watching you every day.'

"Don't tell my dad," said Tony. He didn't look so brave now. "Don't tell my mum," Alice cried.



There was a silence and the children thought about the trouble they were in. Mr Watson laughed. "Of course I won't," he said.

"You see, I feed my pigs from the apples in my orchard. I was going to ask you to pick the apples and give them to the pigs. I was going to pay you good money for a good day's work but seeing you were doing it for nothing, I let you carry on."

"Well, can't you pay us now?" Tony asked. "After all, we've done you a favour."

"Not now," he said. "Maybe next year when you've learnt how to behave."

Thinking and Reflection Time



What was the point of the story?



What do you think?





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Should we admire someone who does something wrong?







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Why did Tony's friends copy him?









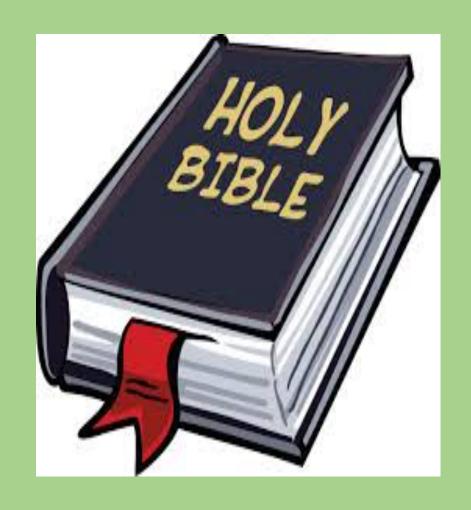
Point:

Don't admire someone who does wrong and daring things.

Don't be afraid to say no.







Bible scripture:

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

3 John 1:11

What does **imitate** mean? Look it up in a dictionary!



Prayer:

Dear Lord, Please help us to be brave and stay away from doing things that we know are wrong. Amen