Why Kindness Needs No Reward

Story lesson



Rabbit Notices

On a sunny hill, Rabbit saw Mouse tugging a great big acorn. Mouse pulled and puffed, but the acorn kept rolling back. Rabbit’s heart gave a gentle nudge: “I can help.”





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Rabbit Helps Freely

Rabbit leaned against the acorn and pushed. Up, up, up it rolled! Mouse clapped with delight. Rabbit did not wait for a gift or a favor. She hopped away smiling, warm and happy inside.

Mouse Shares

Later, Mouse found a hungry little Bird. Mouse remembered Rabbit’s help and shared a small pile of seeds. Bird ate happily, and Mouse felt that same cozy glow.





Bird Helps Turtle

Soon Bird noticed Turtle resting in a chilly patch of shade. Bird carried over a soft fallen feather and tucked it into Turtle’s snug resting hollow. Who helped next? Bird did—and asked for nothing back.

TALK ABOUT IT

Tap the animal helping Turtle.

Goodness Is Enough

At golden sunset, Mouse, Bird, and Turtle rested peacefully across the meadow. Rabbit never knew how far her kindness had traveled. She hummed beneath the warm sky, happy simply because she had helped.



Check your wonder

1 **Why did Rabbit help Mouse?**

- **A.** Mouse needed help
- **B.** Rabbit wanted a prize
- **C.** Rabbit wanted the acorn

2 **What happened after Rabbit's kind act?**

- **A.** Kindness traveled onward
- **B.** Everyone gave Rabbit gifts
- **C.** Mouse kept everything

3 **Can helping be worthwhile without a thank-you?**

- **A.** Yes
- **B.** No

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes—Rabbit helped because Mouse needed her. 2. Right—one kind act inspired another. 3. Yes—helping can make hearts feel happy on its own.

THE END

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