

# Violet's Lesson



In a lush green forest, there lived a young rabbit named Violet. Violet loved to hop around and play with her friends, but she had one problem – she always wanted to have the best of everything and often felt jealous of others.

One sunny day, Violet saw her friend Norma the squirrel with a beautiful golden acorn. Violet's eyes sparkled with desire. "I want that golden acorn," she thought. She decided to trick Norma by offering her a pile of ordinary acorns in exchange for the golden one. Norma, trusting Violet, agreed.

Violet felt triumphant with the golden acorn in her possession, but soon, she noticed that her friends were upset with her. They knew she had tricked Norma and didn't want to play with her anymore. Violet felt lonely and realized that her jealousy had cost her something far more valuable than any acorn – her friends' trust.

Determined to make things right, Violet went back to Norma, apologized sincerely, and returned the golden acorn. "I learned that being greedy and dishonest hurts others and myself," Violet admitted. Thank goodness Norma forgave Violet, and soon, all her friends gathered around, happy to see that Violet had learned her lesson.

From that day on, Violet never let jealousy cloud her judgment. She understood that friendship and honesty were the true treasures of the forest.



1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Who is the main character in the story:**
  - a. Violet
  - b. Norma
  - c. a bunny
  
- 2. What did Violet want from her friend Norma?**
  - a. all the acorns
  - b. a golden acorn
  - c. the acorn tree
  
- 3. Why did Violet's friends stop playing with her?**
  - a. they didn't like her
  - b. they were upset at her
  - c. they were mad at her
  
- 4. How did Violet feel after tricking Norma?**
  - a. upset
  - b. proud
  - c. triumphant
  
- 5. How did Violet make things right?**
  - a. returned the golden acorn
  - b. apologized
  - c. both of the above

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think Violet was jealous of Norma's acorn?
2. How did Violet's actions impact her friendships?
3. What might be the moral of this reading passage and why?
4. Describe the way that Violet's friends might feel after she tricked Norma.

- Provide ideas for a sequel to this reading passage.
- Provide a situation that this is similar to with friends.
- Why is it so important to forgive and why is forgiveness important in this reading passage?
- Describe a time when you were jealous. How did you handle it?
- What are 5 good values to have for friendship?