The Boy Who Pretended He Wasn't Hungry



Oliver was a kind and hardworking boy. He was good at his studies and always polite. But there was something his classmates did not know. Oliver often came to school without lunch.

During lunch break, his friends would ask, "Oliver, aren't you eating?" He would always smile and say, "I'm not very hungry today." Then he would drink water and sit quietly.

One day, his teacher, Mrs. Carter, noticed that Oliver had not brought lunch again. She did not ask him in front of others. After class, she gently said, "Oliver, you can tell me. Is everything okay?"

Oliver looked down and said, "It's okay, Ma'am. My mom is working very hard. Sometimes there is not enough food at home. I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me." His honest words touched her heart.

The next day, Mrs. Carter quietly gave him a lunch bag and said, "This is for you, and it's from a friend who cares." Later, she also started a small lunch program at school for any student in need.

Oliver felt grateful, not because of the food, but because someone had understood his situation with kindness and respect.

Moral: Respect and kindness can give someone strength and dignity.

Task 1: Choose the correct answer.

1. Why did Oliver often come to school without lunch?
[ ] He forgot his lunchbox on the table at home.
[ ] His family did not always have enough food at home.
[ ] He preferred to drink water instead of eating.

2. What did Oliver say when his friends asked if he was eating?
[ ] "I left my lunch at home today."
[ ] "I am saving my food for later."
[ ] "I'm not very hungry today."

3. How did Mrs. Carter approach Oliver when she noticed he had no lunch?
[ ] She asked him about it in front of the whole class.
[ ] She spoke to him gently after class.
[ ] She called his mother during the lunch break.

4. Why didn't Oliver want to tell anyone about his situation at first?
[ ] He was afraid he would get in trouble.
[ ] He didn't want anyone to feel sorry for him.
[ ] He wanted to keep it a secret from his mother.

5. What did Mrs. Carter do the next day to help Oliver?
[ ] She quietly gave him a lunch bag.
[ ] She asked his classmates to share their food with him.
[ ] She gave him money to buy food.

6. What else did Mrs. Carter do later on?
[ ] She gave Oliver extra homework.
[ ] She visited Oliver's mother at work.
[ ] She started a small lunch program at school for students in need.

7. What is the main moral of the story?
[ ] Always share your lunch with your friends.
[ ] Never skip meals during the school day.
[ ] Respect and kindness can give someone strength and dignity.

Task 2: Complete the sentences with the correct word.

1. During lunch break, Oliver would drink water and sit [_____]

2. Oliver did not want anyone to feel [_____] for him.

3. Mrs. Carter started a small lunch program at school for any student in [_____]

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