

Choice 1 – Story - Read the story and respond to the questions:

Ghassan was a very wealthy boy. He lived in a huge house and had a lot of servants and a nanny to look after him. Each day he would go into school wearing the most fashionable designer clothes and with some new fantastic toy that had been given to him. He loved showing them to the class and he particularly liked showing them to the children who could not afford what he had. He would even make fun of other children for not possessing what he possessed. Ghassan had everything! There was only one problem. Despite all his wealth Ghassan was quite lonely. You see Ghassan had no real friends. One day he was sitting in the school yard on his own and one of his classmates Lama asked him why he looked so sad. He confessed it was because he really didn't have any friends. She sat beside him and explained to him that he made the other children in the class feel quite bad about themselves because he boasted about his wealth and laughed at those who had less than him. Lama explained that he needed to be more empathetic. In other words try to understand how they felt when he said things to them and laughed at them. He called people offensive and hurtful names and thought that it was OK because he felt he was

- a. Does Ghassan's wealth help him to gain the respect of his classmates? Why?
- b. How do we show respect to people around us?
- c. How does Lama make a difference in Ghassan's life?
- d. How could Ghassan resolve his two problems of being unhappy with himself and having no friends?