Identifying Theme

Read the story below. Identify the theme and what it is about the story that helps you recognize it.

Rachel's Story

Rachel's friends wanted her to study with them. "I don't need to study," Rachel said. "I already know how to do our homework." "But I did not understand the lesson today," her friend said. "If you did, then if you study with me you can explain the lesson to me. That would be a big help to me. But Rachel did not want to waste her time studying something she already knew.

A week later, their teacher introduced a new concept in math. Rachel did not understand the concept, and struggled in class. "Study with me," she said to her friend after school. "I noticed that you understood today's lesson." "I did," her friend said. "And that is why I don't need to waste my time studying today." And her friend went off to play, leaving Rachel to study by herself.

1. What is the theme of Rachel's story?

2. What happens in the story that helps you to recognize the theme?