



CHARACTER BUILDING LESSONS

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YOU MOVE YOU LOSE

About the Book

The bear cubs Stubby and Prissy can't seem to agree on anything—not even on who should close the door. Even their forest friends walk out because of their bickering. The cubs finally decide to settle the issue with a game of, "You move, you lose." However, two raccoon burglars show up for an unforgettable game of their own.

But when a wolf comes by chasing a little kitten, their stubbornness is tested to the limit. Stubby declares victory, but he soon realizes that the true winner is his sister Prissy.

In this stimulating book, Carl Sommer shows the folly of stubbornness, and the importance of tolerance, cooperation, and friendship.



Main Virtues

**Tolerance/Friendship/
Cooperation**

Other Virtues

Caring, Cheerfulness, Civic Virtue, Compassion, Forgiveness, Kindness, Loyalty, Obedience to Parents, Positive Mental Attitude, Respect for Others, and Responsible Citizenship



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Tolerance

Papa and Mama taught their cubs about sharing and being kind to one another, but Stubby and Prissy wouldn't listen. Stubby always wanted to have his way, and Prissy always wanted to have her way—or else there was trouble. They could not tolerate each other.

When their forest friends came to play, Stubby and Prissy always ended up fussing and yelling at each other. People do not like to be around those who are intolerant and have a stubborn spirit.

Kindness

One day Mama said, “Papa and I are going outside to pick berries and nuts.”

“If you need us,” added Papa, “just call us. We'll be nearby.”

“Now be kind to each other while we're gone,” said Mama.

Mama encouraged them to be kind, but they refused to listen.

Quarreling and Complaining

Notice when someone likes to argue and complain, that a very small thing can become a major issue. Stubby and Prissy began to quarrel over closing a door, and they end up with a major battle.

Showing Compassion to Others

Even though Prissy vowed she would never talk or move, she was willing to lose because she had compassion to help the little kitten. We likewise should show compassion to others.

Accepting Blame

As Papa and Mama walked up, Stubby tried to explain, “It's all my fault. I've been very foolish.”

“I'm as much to blame as Stubby,” said Prissy with a shaky voice. “I was just as foolish and stubborn.”

Instead of blaming each other for what had happened, both Stubby and Prissy acknowledged that they were foolish. Many times when people do wrong, they often blame others instead of themselves. We should learn to accept the blame when we do wrong.

Friendship and Correction

When Stubby asked, “Was all this a joke?” Ricky Rabbit said, “We saw you and Prissy sitting on the couch and acting stubborn. So we asked the raccoons to do something to show you how silly it is to act that way.”

Prissy said, “I'm not mad.”

Stubby agreed, “Neither am I. We learned an important lesson.”

True friends will tell you when you do something wrong even if they

know you will not like to hear it. Stubby and Prissy finally took correction.

Cooperation

Papa noticed that the front door was opened. “Would someone please close the door for me?” he asked.

With a bounce, two young cubs raced to the door. Yes, Stubby and Prissy had learned their lesson. They finally learned to be good and cooperate with each another.

Questions

1. Who did Bucky Beaver think was the most stubborn bear in the forest?

Bucky Beaver thought Stubby was the most stubborn bear in the forest.

2. Who did Ricky Rabbit think was the most stubborn bear in the forest?

Ricky Rabbit thought Prissy was the most stubborn bear in the forest.

3. What would Stubby and Prissy do when Papa and Mama would teach them about sharing and being kind to one another?

Stubby and Prissy would not listen.

Stubby always wanted to have his way, and Prissy always wanted to have her way—or else there was trouble

4. When their forest friends came over to play, what would Stubby and Prissy always end up doing?

Stubby and Prissy would always end up fussing and yelling at each other.

5. What would Stubby and Prissy do when Daisy Deer asked, “Why are you cubs so stubborn? We can’t have fun when you act that way.”

Stubby and Prissy would never listen.

6. What was the last thing Mama said to Stubby and Prissy as she left the house to pick berries and nuts?

Mama said, “Now be kind to each other while we’re gone.”

7. As Papa was going out the door with a big box, what did he ask Stubby or Prissy to do?

Papa asked, “Would someone please close the door after us?”

8. What is the first thing Stubby told Prissy to do?

Stubby told Prissy, “Go and shut the door.”

9. What did Prissy say when Stubby said, “Go and shut the door”?

Prissy said, “Why should I? You’re the closest. Why don’t you shut the door?”

10. Before they could decide who should shut the door, who happened to come by?

The forest friends happened to come by.

11. What did Stubby tell Prissy when a blast of cold air blew through the door?

Stubby said, “Prissy, since you’re now the closest to the door, why don’t you shut it?”

12. What did Stubby yell at Prissy when she told him, “And don’t call me lazy”?

Stubby yelled, “You are lazy—and stubborn!”

Notice how when someone likes to argue, something small can become a major issue. Stubby and Prissy began to quarrel over closing a door, and they end up with a major battle and even accusing each other of being lazy and stubborn.

13. A. What did the forest friends do as Stubby and Prissy continued to argue?

Their forest friends quietly left the house.

B. Why did the forest friends leave the house?

The forest friends left the house because it is no fun to be around those who argue.

14. What was the contest that Prissy first suggested?

The first one who talks closes the door.

15. What did Stubby suggest?

The first one who talks or moves closes the door.

16. Who drove by as Stubby and Prissy sat staring at each other?

Two raccoons drove by.

17. What did one of the raccoons say when no one answered, “Is anyone home”?

A raccoon said, “It’s clear! I don’t see anyone except two stuffed teddy bears.”

18. What did the raccoons remove?

The raccoons removed every last item from the house, except the couch that Stubby and Prissy were sitting on.

19. What was the baby kitty saying as Stubby and Prissy were sitting on the couch?

The baby kitty was saying, "Help! Help! Please, somebody help me!"

20. What did the wolf say to the baby kitty?

The wolf said, "I'm hungry, and I'm going to eat you!"

21. What happened when the wolf opened his jaws wide and was just about to swallow his dinner?

A bear claw smacked him on the side of his head, hurling him against the tree.

22. A. Who saved the kitty?

Prissy saved the kitty.

B. Even though Prissy was a stubborn bear, why was she willing to lose the argument to Stubby to save the kitten?

Prissy was willing to lose the argument because she had compassion to help the baby kitten.

23. What was Stubby doing as Prissy held the baby kitty?

Stubby was jumping up and down, clapping his hands and shouting, "I won! I won!"

24. What did Stubby yell to Prissy after he shouted, "I won! I won"?

Stubby yelled, "Remember, Prissy? You move, you lose! Come now and shut the door!"

25. What did Stubby do when he saw the scared little kitten?

Stubby stopped clapping and his smile disappeared.

26. Who did Stubby and Prissy see coming that got them scared?

Stubby and Prissy saw Papa and Mama coming.

27. Whose fault did Stubby say it was that their house was robbed?

Stubby said, "It's all my fault. I've been very foolish."

28. What did Prissy say about whose fault it was why their house was robbed?

Prissy said, "I'm as much to blame as Stubby. I was just as foolish and stubborn."

Instead of blaming each other for what had happened, both Stubby and Prissy acknowledged that they were foolish. Many times those who do wrong, often blame others instead of themselves. We should learn to accept the blame when we do wrong.

29. What did Stubby shout when they saw the raccoons coming with their loaded truck?

Stubby shouted, "Get them, Papa! They're the ones who stole all our things!"

30. Who came to help them unload the truck?

The forest friends came to unload the truck.

31. What did Ricky Rabbit say when Stubby asked, "Was all this a joke"?

Ricky Rabbit said, "We saw you and Prissy sitting on the couch and acting stubborn. So we asked the raccoons to do something to show you how silly it is to act that way."

32. When the raccoons asked, "We hope you're not mad"

A. What did Prissy say?

Prissy said, "I'm not mad. "

B. What did Stubby say?

Stubby said, "We learned an important lesson."

Stubby and Prissy finally took correction.

33. Who was missing when Stubby looked around?

The wolf was missing.

34. What did all the forest friends do when Stubby said to Prissy, "Then you really did save the little baby kitten"?

All the forest friends clapped their hands and shouted, "Prissy is a hero! Hooray!!!"

35. What did Stubby and Prissy do when Papa asked, "Would someone please close the door for me"?

With a bounce, two young cubs raced to the door.

36. What lesson had Stubby and Prissy learned?

Stubby and Prissy had learned the lesson of not acting stubborn.

Instead of being stubborn, try to make others happy. If you do, you'll discover a life of joy.