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1. Lucy and the Power of Friendship

Chapter 1: A New School Year

It was the first day of sixth grade. Lucy Thompson felt excited but nervous. She looked in the mirror, fixing her pink backpack and blue t-shirt. Her stomach felt funny. This year was going to be different, but she was a little scared.

“Lucy! Breakfast is ready!” her mom called from the kitchen. Lucy ran downstairs. The smell of pancakes filled the air. Her little brother, Max, was eating, his face sticky with syrup.

“Hey, Lucy! Are you ready to be cool at school?” Max asked with a big smile.

Lucy smiled back, but she worried. What if no one liked her? She ate her pancakes and tried to feel brave.

After breakfast, Lucy and Max walked to school. The air was cool, and leaves covered the ground. Max talked about summer, making Lucy laugh. She felt better.

At Maplewood Middle School, Lucy’s heart beat fast. The school was big. Kids were talking and laughing. She took a deep breath and walked inside.

“See you at lunch!” Max said, running to his friends. Lucy waved, but she felt alone.

Classes were okay, but Lucy couldn’t focus. She saw some girls whispering and looking at her. She felt like an outsider.

At recess, Lucy sat on a bench. She watched kids play and felt lonely. Then she saw a girl, Mia, sitting alone on the swings. She looked sad.

Lucy walked over. “Hi, I’m Lucy. Want to swing with me?”

Mia looked surprised. “Okay,” she said softly.

They swung and talked. Mia was new and nervous too. They liked the same books and pets. Lucy felt happy. Maybe this year would be good.

Chapter 2: Trouble in the Hallway

Lucy and Mia became best friends. They laughed and shared secrets. But soon, Lucy noticed a problem. A girl named Jenna, who was popular, started being mean.

At first, Jenna just smiled or rolled her eyes when Lucy or Mia talked in class. But then it got worse.

One day at lunch, Jenna came to their table with her friends. "Nice backpack, Lucy," she said, laughing. "Is it for babies?"

Her friends laughed too. Lucy felt her face get hot. She looked at her backpack and felt bad. "Thanks," she said quietly.

Mia looked upset. "That's not nice, Jenna," she said.

Jenna laughed at Mia. "Oh, the new girl is brave now!" she said meanly.

Lucy wanted to say something, but she was too scared. She felt sad and embarrassed.

Jenna kept being mean for weeks. Lucy didn't like school anymore. She was scared to see Jenna. She felt trapped and sad.

One day after school, Lucy sat on her bed. She couldn't do her homework. She felt heavy inside. Her mom called, "Dinner's ready!" but Lucy wasn't hungry.

After dinner, Lucy went for a walk. The cool air and stars made her feel a little better. Then her phone buzzed. It was Mia: Want to meet at the park? I need to talk!

Lucy replied, yes! I'm coming.

She walked to the park, hoping Mia felt the same way. Maybe they could help each other.

Chapter 3: Being Brave Together

At the park, Mia was sitting on a bench. She looked sad. "Mia, what's wrong?" Lucy asked.

Mia had tears in her eyes. "Jenna is so mean to me. I feel alone," she said.

Lucy was surprised. "Me too! I thought it was just me."

They sat quietly. Then Lucy said, "We can't let Jenna bully us. We need to do something."

Mia nodded. "But what? What if it's worse?"

Lucy thought. "We should tell someone. A teacher or our parents can help."

Mia agreed. They decided to talk to their teacher, Mrs. Jenkins, the next day. They felt stronger together.

The next day, after school, Lucy and Mia went to Mrs. Jenkins' classroom. They were nervous. Mrs. Jenkins smiled. "Hello, girls! What's wrong?"

Lucy spoke first. "Mrs. Jenkins, we need help. Jenna is being mean to us."

They told her everything. Mrs. Jenkins listened carefully. "I'm proud of you for telling me," she said. "No one should feel scared. We will fix this."

She said they would meet the school counselor. Lucy and Mia felt better. They had taken the first step.

Chapter 4: Growing Stronger

Lucy and Mia met with the school counselor, Mr. Thompson. He taught them how to feel strong and handle bullying. They learned to speak up and ask for help.

Lucy felt braver every day. She didn't feel like a victim anymore. Mia helped too. They started a group for other kids who felt bullied. They wanted everyone to feel safe.

One day, Jenna tried to be mean again. Lucy stood tall. "Jenna, stop being mean. It hurts, and I won't let you do it," she said.

Jenna was surprised. Her friends were quiet. Jenna didn't say anything and walked away. Lucy felt proud.

That day, Lucy and Mia ate ice cream to celebrate. "You were so brave!" Mia said.

"It felt good," Lucy said, smiling.

Chapter 5: A Happier School

The school started to change. Lucy and Mia's group helped other kids. The school had classes about being kind. Everyone started to feel included.

Lucy felt like she belonged. She and Mia were closer than ever. Their friendship helped others too.

One day, Lucy heard girls talking about being kinder because of the classes. It made her happy.

At the end of the year, Lucy thought about everything. She learned to be brave, ask for help, and help others. She and Mia stood in the school courtyard with friends, laughing.

"Next year will be great," Mia said.

Lucy nodded. "We'll do it together."

They hugged, ready for summer. Lucy knew that with friends, she could do anything.

Chapter 6: A New Start

Summer was fun. Lucy and Mia played, read, and planned for seventh grade. They were stronger now.

But Lucy felt a little nervous about the new school year. She remembered Jenna's mean words. This time, she was ready.

On the first day of seventh grade, Lucy walked into school with confidence. She and Mia had a plan to keep being kind and helping others.

Lucy saw Jenna in the hallway. She felt scared but didn't run. She walked to her. "Hi, Jenna. Let's start fresh this year," she said.

Jenna looked surprised. "Okay," she said quietly.

Lucy smiled. She felt good. Kindness was working.

All year, Lucy and Mia helped make school a happy place. They learned that challenges come, but together, they were strong.

Lucy grew into a brave person. She knew how to speak up and be kind. With her friends and family, she was ready for anything.

2. Comprehension Questions and Answers

1. Question: Why was Lucy nervous on the first day of sixth grade?
2. Question: What did Max ask Lucy during breakfast?
3. Question: How did Lucy feel when she saw girls whispering and looking at her in class?
4. Question: What did Lucy do when she saw Mia sitting alone on the swings?
5. Question: How did Jenna first show her mean behaviour toward Lucy and Mia?
6. Question: What did Lucy and Mia decide to do about Jenna's bullying at the park?
7. Question: What did the school counsellor, Mr. Thompson, teach Lucy and Mia?
8. Question: How did Lucy respond when Jenna tried to be mean again?
9. Question: What impact did Lucy and Mia's anti-bullying group have on the school?
10. Question: How did Lucy approach Jenna on the first day of seventh grade?

Answers

1. Answer: Lucy was nervous because it was a new school year at a big school, and she worried about fitting in and being liked.
2. Answer: Max asked Lucy if she was ready to be cool at school.
3. Answer: Lucy felt like an outsider when she saw girls whispering and looking at her.
4. Answer: Lucy walked over, introduced herself, and asked Mia to swing with her.
5. Answer: Jenna initially showed her mean behaviour by smiling or rolling her eyes when Lucy or Mia spoke in class.
6. Answer: Lucy and Mia decided to tell their teacher, Mrs. Jenkins, about Jenna's bullying.
7. Answer: Mr. Thompson taught Lucy and Mia how to feel strong and handle bullying by speaking up and asking for help.
8. Answer: Lucy stood tall and told Jenna to stop being mean, saying it hurt and she wouldn't allow it.
9. Answer: Lucy and Mia's group helped other kids feel safe and encouraged the school to hold classes about being kind, making everyone feel included.
10. Answer: Lucy approached Jenna confidently and suggested they start fresh that year, promoting kindness.

3. Picture Dictionary

OUTSIDE THE HOME

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Front Yard

- 1 lamppost
- 2 mailbox
- 3 front walk
- 4 front steps
- 5 (front) porch
- 6 storm door
- 7 front door
- 8 doorbell

- 9 (front) light
- 10 window
- 11 (window) screen
- 12 shutter
- 13 roof
- 14 garage
- 15 garage door
- 16 driveway

Backyard

- 17 lawn chair
- 18 lawnmower
- 19 tool shed
- 20 screen door
- 21 back door
- 22 door knob
- 23 deck
- 24 barbecue/(outdoor) grill

- 25 patio
- 26 gutter
- 27 drainpipe
- 28 satellite dish
- 29 TV antenna
- 30 chimney
- 31 side door
- 32 fence