

(3) The Power of Kindness

In a quiet and bright room, a friendly man sat down with a young boy named Leo. Leo was only seven years old. He had a big, happy smile and very bright eyes. The man wanted to talk about how we should treat each other every day. A young girl named Maya walked into the room. She stood right in front of Leo.

"Hello there," the man said to Leo. "What is your name?" "My name is Leo," the boy answered with a proud smile. "This is Maya," the man said. "Do you think she is a pretty girl?" Leo looked at Maya and turned a little bit red. "Yes, she is very pretty," Leo said softly. "Give her a soft touch on her cheek," the man suggested. Leo reached out and touched her face gently. "You have very nice skin," he told her. "Now, I want you to make a funny face for her," the man said. Leo stuck out his pink tongue and pulled his ears. "Look at me!" he shouted. Maya began to laugh. "That is so funny!" she said.

The room was full of joy and laughter. Then, the man's voice became very serious. He looked at Leo and pointed his finger at Maya. "Now, I want you to slap her," the man said. "Hit her hard in the face right now." Leo's smile went away. He looked at the man and then at Maya. He quickly put his hands behind his back. "No, I will not do that," Leo said. He shook his head. "Why won't you do it?" the man asked. "I am telling you to hit her." "Because she is a girl," Leo said firmly. "I am a man, and men do not hit girls. It is never right to hurt people." "Are you sure?" the man asked. "You are very strong." "I am strong because I am kind," Leo replied. "I want to be her friend, not her enemy. My hands are for helping, not for hurting."

The man smiled at Leo. He saw that the young boy knew a big secret about life. Being a man is not about being mean or using your hands to fight. It is about

showing respect to everyone you meet. "You are a very brave boy, Leo," the man said. "Thank you," Leo said. "I think everyone should be treated fairly and with love. We must be good to each other."

Maya smiled at Leo too. She felt safe because Leo chose to be kind and fair. They stood together in the sunny room like two good friends. In that moment, they showed the world that boys and girls are equal. We should always use our hearts to care for others. Kindness is the greatest power we have in this world. If we respect each other, the world will be a better place for everyone to live. This is what it truly means to be a hero in our world today.