

“Devonte’s Big Day” Story and Illustrations

Devonte’s grandpa took him to the park to play with his friends. Devonte is excited that he’ll get to spend so much time outside playing! Once they get to the park and Devonte finds his friends, there are some bigger kids on the playground too. One of the bigger kids makes fun of Devonte’s shoes.

Decision 1: Should Devonte say a hurtful comment back to the older kid or disagree with him and go to be with his friends?

If students choose hurtful comment: Devonte chose to say a hurtful comment back, and it led to a big argument on the playground. Devonte felt so sad, he didn’t want to play anymore. He asked his grandpa to take him home. [END]

If students choose go back to friends: Devonte felt sad when the older kid made fun of his shoes, but he decided that he liked them and it was okay to disagree. Devonte’s friends encourage him to come play with them and so they all play together in another area of the playground. Devonte was happy to have his friends with him and quickly forgot about the mean comment. [CONTINUE]

Quinn’s mom brought cake for everyone to share at the park. Devonte already ate some of the cake earlier and Quinn’s mom said there’s only enough for everyone to have one piece. Devonte still feels hungry though, and he wants to eat more! Quinn’s mom doesn’t know that Devonte already had cake and she asks him if he would like a piece.

Decision 2: Should Devonte say he hasn’t had any cake and get another piece or tell the truth that he has already had a piece of cake?

If students choose to take another piece: Quinn hears Devonte tell her mom that he would like a slice of cake. She knew Devonte already had a piece and is sad because now she won’t get to eat any. She’s mad at Devonte and doesn’t want to play with him anymore because she doesn’t trust him. [END]

If students choose to tell the truth: Devonte tells Quinn’s mom that he already had a piece and thanks her for the cake. Quinn gets to eat the last slice and shares a little of it with Devonte. They are both happy to eat the delicious cake and are ready to play some more! [CONTINUE]

Devonte and Miguel start a fun game of hide and seek. While they are looking for a place to hide in the park, some strangers approach them and ask if they want to go away with them. Devonte and Miguel don't know who they are, but they seem nice.

Decision 3: Should Devonte run to a trusted adult or go with the strangers?

If students choose trusted adult: Devonte and Miguel know that it isn't safe to go anywhere with strangers and decide to tell the nearest trusted adult. They both run and tell Miguel's mom, who tells them they made the right choice.

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If students choose strangers: Devonte and Miguel think that the strangers might know a good hiding place and decide to go with them. Devonte's grandpa immediately shouts at them to come back as he's walking towards them.

Devonte has to go home because his grandpa said he knows he's not supposed to go anywhere with strangers because it isn't safe. [END]

Zoe's dad rented a bounce house for everyone to jump and play in. Devonte is excited to go in and bounce around, but there are too many kids inside and he is asked to wait his turn.

Should Devonte wait his turn or go inside anyway?

If students choose wait: Devonte decides to wait his turn and watches his friends having a good time. Zoe comes out of the bounce house and tells Devonte he's going to have a blast. Devonte gets in and has a great time. Devonte had a great day at the park and is ready to go home with his grandpa after he finishes bouncing! [CONCLUSION]

If students choose go inside: Devonte decides he can't wait and goes into the bounce house anyway. There are so many kids bouncing inside, that someone gets hurt and everyone has to get out. Everyone is mad at Devonte for being impatient and causing an accident [END]









