Tessa and the Unfinished Sorry

An apology can lead to a useful action.



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Tessa swung her bag onto the craft table. It knocked a cup of water sideways. A small wave rushed across Lio's paper collage, turning one blue corner dark.



"Sorry!" Tessa said quickly. She reached for her bag again. Lio stared at the wet paper. "You said sorry, but it's still wet," he whispered.



Tessa stopped. She wanted the uncomfortable moment to disappear. The word sorry had not made that happen. She put her bag on the floor, away from the table.



"I knocked the water over," she said. "What would help now?" Lio asked for a clean cloth. Tessa fetched one while the teacher moved the other pictures to safety.



They dabbed the table around the collage without rubbing the wet paper. Some shapes stayed in place. One little blue square floated free. Lio picked it up carefully.



Tessa offered to make him a whole new collage. Lio shook his head. "I want this one." Tessa listened. Helping did not mean choosing a different picture for him.



The teacher helped lay the work flat to dry. Tessa found a tray to keep it safe. Lio placed the loose square beside it, ready to glue back later.



While they waited, Tessa felt quiet. "Are you still cross?" she asked. "A bit," Lio said. Tessa nodded. He did not have to stop being upset immediately.



Later, the collage was dry enough to mend. Lio chose where the square should go. Tessa passed the glue, then held the tray steady while he pressed it down.



A faint ripple remained in the blue corner. They could not undo everything. Lio decided it looked like water in his paper pond. That was his choice, not Tessa's excuse.



Before the next craft session, Tessa placed her bag on the floor hook. She set her drink on the separate drinks table. Remembering mattered after the apology too.



Lio brought his collage to show the group. Tessa listened from beside him. She had said sorry, helped repair what she could, and changed where her bag would land.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

What did Tessa do after saying sorry?

Why did she let Lio decide how to mend his own picture?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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