



The Magic Glue of Respect

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Aya, with bright pigtails and a hopeful smile, is engrossed in drawing a vibrant, quirky rainbow on the classroom floor, her imagination flowing. Ben, with a playful but thoughtless grin, leans over and points at her artwork, making a comment that isn't very kind. Aya's wide, cheerful eyes droop, her smile disappearing as she clutches her crayon tightly, feeling a tiny pang of sadness in her heart.



Later that day, Ben, with his tongue sticking out in concentration, stacks colorful, mismatched blocks into a towering, wobbly structure that leans precariously. Aya skips by, a knowing smirk on her face, and declares his tower is going to fall because it's too wobbly. Ben's brow furrows, his cheerful building spirit deflating as he glares at his shaky creation, feeling a familiar sting of unhappiness.



Ibu Maya, their kind teacher with a warm, inviting smile, gently brings Aya and Ben together on a cozy classroom rug. She sits cross-legged, holding her hands as if cradling a shimmering, invisible object, her eyes twinkling as she asks them about a special word that makes everyone feel happy, safe, and valued. Aya and Ben look at each other, puzzled but curious, eager to learn her secret.



Ibu Maya animatedly demonstrates how respect works at school. One vivid panel shows children sharing crayons with big, cheerful smiles, another shows a child patiently listening with wide eyes while a friend speaks. She explains that respect means listening with your ears, sharing with your heart, and even saying 'nice try!' to make school a happy place for everyone.



Ibu Maya then gestures towards a whimsical drawing of a cozy house, explaining how respect also works its magic at home. A cartoon child cheerfully helps a parent with chores, while another gently taps on a door before entering a room. She emphasizes that saying 'okay' with a happy heart and caring about others' space keeps families strong and full of love.



The next day, Ben spots Aya drawing a new, fantastical creature. Instead of teasing, he beams and says, 'Wow, that's amazing! Can I draw with you?' Aya's face lights up with a radiant smile, and they happily share crayons. Later that night, Ben quickly tidies his toys without a fuss, earning a big, joyful hug from his mom, feeling a wonderful warmth spread through him as he realized respect made everyone feel good.

