

Storybook Summaries



Little Pony & Friends

Compilation of three versions of illustrated guided story on Little Pony and his friends. Each story is made from same pictures but ordered differently to reflect diverse perspectives on friendship and bullying.

Story theme: Peer Pressure

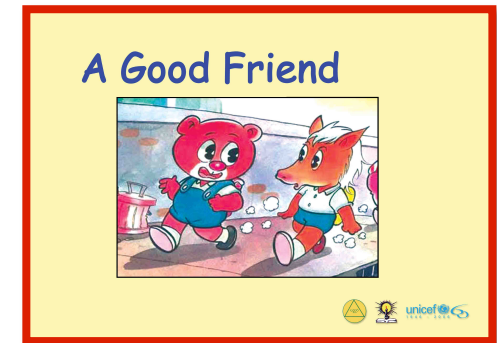
Reading level: Low

A Good Friend

An illustrated guided story on Little Pony and Teddy Bear. Their teacher asked them to do assignment that is due the next day. Little pony would like to go to movies and tries to convince Teddy Bear to go too. But, Teddy Bear persuades him to finish assignment first and to go to movies the next day. Not only did they finish the assignment but were praised by their teacher for a job well done.

Story theme: Peer Pressure

Reading level: Low



Little Mosquito & Friends

Compilation of four versions of illustrated guided story on Little Mosquito and his friends. Each story is made from same pictures but ordered differently to reflect diverse perspectives on friendship and bullying.

Story theme: Bullying

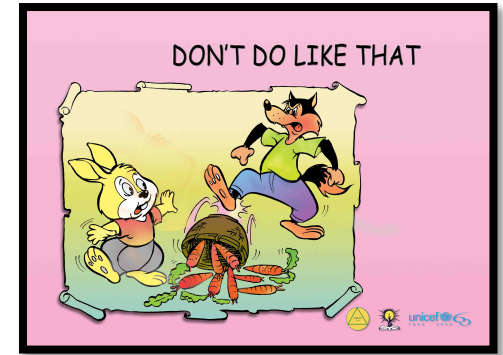
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Don't do like that

This story is about Fox and Phoe Phyu the bunny. Fox, a vegetable vender, does not want Phoe Phyu to sell his carrots and tries to bully him to get him to leave. Phoe Phyu pleads with Fox not to bully him and allow him to sell his carrots. Because they are selling different vegetables, then can help one another instead of working against each other.

Story theme: Peer Pressure

Reading level: Low



Let's sell together

Ei-Tar is a street vegetable vendor of a poor family. She has many customers and can make a little money to help her family. One day, she meets another vegetable vendor working on the same street. Ei-Tar worries that she will not be able to sell enough vegetable to make money. She tells the other girl to go elsewhere. The new vendor explains that her situation is not unlike that of Ei-Tar and needs to support her family. Ei-Tar empathises with her and girls decide to work together.

Story theme: Bullying

Reading level: Low

Know how I feel

A story about Moe Moe, a housemaid who had been treated very badly by her employer; asking to do all the house work and giving no time to rest. Though disappointed, Moe`-Moe` feels trapped in her situation because she need to help support her mother, who is sick. When she sees the daughter of her employer being bullied by other children, she is happy at first but then empathises with her. She might feel the same as Moe Moe feels when the girl's mother mistreats her. Moe Moe's situation changes when her employer learns that she helped her daughter.

Story theme: Bullying

Reading level: Low



Is it worth it



Myo-Hteik and his friends go to the pagoda festival and find something of interest - Tattooing! While others are excited about getting a tattoo, Myo-Hteik is quiet. His friends tease him that he is not brave like them. Myo-Hteik shares his knowledge on HIV transmission and possible risk from unclean needles. The friends have a change of heart and join Myo-Hteik in persuading each other not to take risk. And they all leave the tattoo place and move on.

Story theme: HIV Risk

Reading level: Low-Medium

Is it worth it?

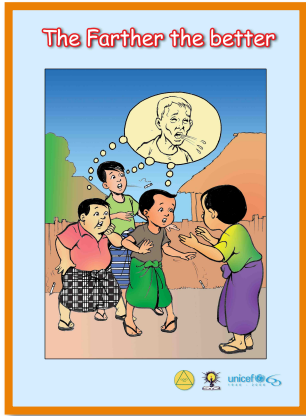
Turn Your Back

One day, after work, Ye-Paing and his friends plan to go to Karaoke lounge. On the way, one of his friends suggests they go to a beer pub instead. Though Ye-Paing does not want to go, he feels obliged to go with them. When others ask him to drink alcohol with them, he finds the courage to explain why he does not want to, including the dangers of getting drunk and then not being able to make decisions rationally. Their original plan looks a lot better and they turn their backs to beer pub.

Story theme: Alcohol and HIV

Reading level: Low





The Farther the Better

Sithu's friends are smoking while waiting Sithu in front of video parlour, their usual meeting place. When Sithu shows up, they urge him to try smoking. Sithu refuses and reminds them about his uncle who was hospitalized for coughing blood. His uncle smoked a lot. This message alarms his friends and they all decide to watch videos instead of smoking outside.

Story theme: Peer Pressure

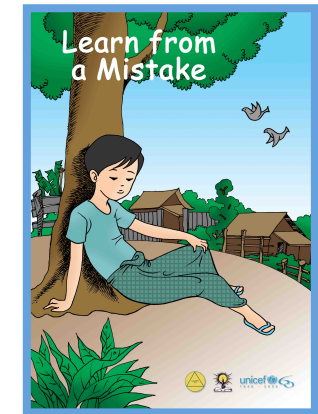
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Learn from a Mistake

A story about Maung-Ze, a hardworking boy who has been loved by his peers. One day two urban boys visited their village. Maung-Ze was inspired by the way these two boys dressed. One day on his way home from work, he became befriended with them. Gradually, friendship grew. One day they invited Maung-Ze to have a drink with them in a local pub. Feeling obliged, Maung-Ze went along with them and tried out hard drinks offered by them. He became addicted and his old friends started to avoid him. Maung-Ze consulted his friend who helped him reflect the situation. Maung-Ze finally decided to do what is most important for him.

Story theme: Peer Pressure and Alcohol

Reading level: Medium





A Second Opinion

Maung-Ze is a hardworking boy. One day, his friend Maung-Oo advises him to take an "energy" tablet because Maung-Ze looks so tired. Maung-Ze turns down offer because he does not need to work overtime that day. When he returns home, he asks his mother about energy tablets. She explains that these tablets may be addictive drugs. She recalls the story of another boy, Maung-Naing, who developed strange behaviours; aggressive and fearsome some of the time and exhausted at others. When Maung-Ze meets Maung-Oo the next day, he is offered the tablet again. Maung-Ze repeats the story of Maung-Naing and tells Maung-Oo "no thank you."

Story theme: Peer Pressure and Substance Use

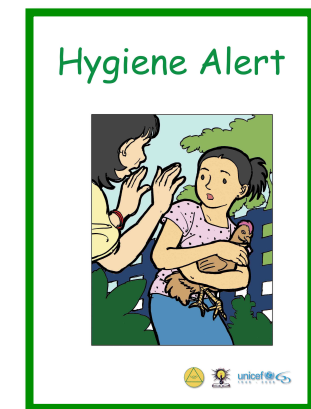
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Hygiene Alert

One day Kha-Ye's favourite chicken gets sick. Her friend warns her that it might be Avian Influenza. When Kha-Ye consults her mother about her sick chicken, her mother is not very concerned. Kha-Ye and her friend go to consult with a village elder, but he is also unconcerned. A veterinarian comes to the village and is shown the sick chicken. He explains to them about avian influenza and that the chicken will need to be tested. A community meeting is called the next day so that the veterinarian can give a talk about AI.

Story theme: Avian Influenza

Reading level: Medium

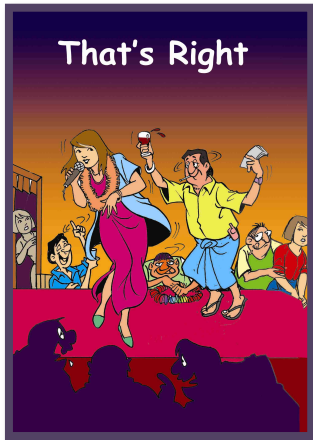


Have No Regrets

Kha-Ye and her friend Tha-Zin come from an impoverished village where they try to help their families. One day, Tha-Zin shared good news about good job opportunities in city. But, Kha-Ye is hesitant. She asks a lot of questions like, What kind of job is it? And, who will help them if there is trouble? Tha-Zin only dreams of golden opportunities. Tha-Zin will go to the city buty Kha-Ye decides to stay behind. To her surprise Kha-Ye, meets Tha-Zin two days later. Tha-Zin met others who went to the city without a plan and faced difficulties. She decides it is not worth taking the risk.

Story theme: Peer Pressure and Migration

Reading level: Medium



That's Right

A story of Wai-Wai is trying to earn for living to take care of her sick mother and her family. One day Wai-Wai meets friends who package food at night to earn extra money. They encourage her to work for their employer. The next day, she meets another friend, Hla-Hla, who sings at a pub. She wants to help Wai-Wai and brings her to the pub. Wai-Wai observes the working conditions and is concerned for her friend's safety. Back at Hla-Hla's home, Wai-Wai discusses her concerns about personal safety with her friend. From the discussion, Wai-Wai decides that packaging food at home is the safer option for her. She also asks Hla-Hla to always think of her safety first.

Story theme: HIV Risk

Reading level: Medium

Be Prepared

Wai Wai's family lives in a village on the riverbank. Last year, her father died while trying to save their cattle during a flood. This year, they decide to be safe and make an emergency preparedness plan: who will carry what (important documents, essential dry ration and water guard) and where to meet and how to get there safely, if there is a flood. One day, a flood comes unexpectedly. While other families are running for their lives and trying desperately to find their family members, Wai Wai and her family were able to escape disaster and reunite safely.

Story theme: Flooding and Disaster Preparedness

Reading level: Medium

