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Pinocchio

12 Chapters

Day 1-12

Q3 W21-W24

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 1: A Puppet and a Lie

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, lie, nose, fairy

Pinocchio was a wooden puppet who had been given the gift of life by a kind fairy. Geppetto his maker loved him completely and wanted him to go to school and learn. But Pinocchio found it very easy and very tempting to tell lies when he was in trouble. When he skipped school he lied about where he had been and felt quite proud of himself. But the fairy's magic made his nose grow longer with every single lie he told to her. And each lie required another lie to cover it and then another to cover that one too. The lies grew into a tangle that became far worse than the original small mistake had been. ★ **Lies made things worse.**

THINK Who wanted Pinocchio to learn?

Chapter 2: The Easy Way Out

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, lie, theater, shark

Every time Pinocchio got into trouble his first instinct was to invent an explanation. He told the fairy he had gone to school when he had spent the day at the puppet theater. He told Geppetto he had studied hard when he had actually lost his school books gambling. Each lie felt like an escape — a door he could slip through to avoid being punished. But the door always led to a room that was smaller and more difficult than the one before. The lie about the theater led to being swallowed by a shark in the middle of the wide sea. Pinocchio kept choosing the quick and easy path and kept arriving at harder and harder places. ★ **Pinocchio told lies to avoid consequences.**

THINK What did each lie feel like?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 3: The Pattern

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, lie, problem, shark

Pinocchio's story follows a very clear and very painful pattern from beginning to end. He makes a small mistake and then tells a lie to cover it and avoid being found out. The lie creates a new problem that is larger and more serious than the original mistake. He tells another lie to escape the new problem and creates an even larger problem still. By the time he reaches the belly of the shark he is far from home and completely lost. None of his troubles came from a single act of genuine wickedness or cruelty toward others. They all came from the small and repeated choice to avoid discomfort with a convenient untruth. ★ **Pinocchio told lies to**

avoid consequences but every lie made his situation progressively worse.

THINK Did his troubles come from wickedness?

Chapter 4: The Lighter Heart

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, truth, weight, honesty

After many adventures and many mistakes Pinocchio began to understand something important. Every time he had told the truth he had felt a small weight lift from his chest. Every time he had lied he had felt that weight return doubled and heavier than before. The Blue Fairy had always known when he was lying — the nose made that quite impossible to hide. But even without the nose Pinocchio was learning that honesty felt better in the long run. It was uncomfortable in the moment but it left nothing heavy or secret to carry around afterward. A person of integrity does not choose honesty because it is easy — they choose it because it is right. ★ **Integrity means honesty.**

THINK What happened to the weight after a lie?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 5: The Hardest Truth

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, Geppetto, truth, books

The hardest moment for Pinocchio was when he had to admit to Geppetto what he had done. He had sold his school books to buy a ticket to the puppet show and lied about it after. Geppetto had worked very hard and gone without food to buy those books for his beloved son. Standing in front of him and telling the truth meant seeing the hurt appear on the old man's face. It would have been so much easier to invent another story and delay that moment of pain. But Pinocchio took a breath and told the whole truth from the beginning to the very end. Geppetto cried and held him close and Pinocchio felt something new — the relief of being truly known. ★ **Integrity means honesty even when it is painful.**

THINK What had Geppetto gone without?

Chapter 6: The Price of Lies

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, honesty, price, shark

Pinocchio's education in honesty was not delivered in a classroom or through wise words alone. It came through direct and often very painful experience accumulated over a long period of time. He was imprisoned, nearly drowned, swallowed by a shark, and lost his father inside that shark. Every one of these disasters could be traced back directly to a moment when he had chosen to lie. The price of dishonesty turned out to be extraordinarily high when you added it all together. And the price of honesty — a moment of embarrassment, a short punishment, a difficult conversation — turned out to be far smaller and far more manageable than he had always imagined it would be.

★ **Integrity means being honest even when costly — Pinocchio paid a very high price to learn.**

THINK What could every disaster be traced to?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 7: The Island with No Rules

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, freedom, rules, Pleasure Island

Pinocchio had always wanted to be free to do exactly as he pleased every single day. He wanted to play instead of study and eat candy instead of vegetables and stay up all night. Pleasure Island seemed to offer him everything he had ever dreamed of having all at once. There were no adults there and no rules and no one to tell him what he should or should not do. For a short time it felt like the most wonderful place he had ever had the luck to discover. But without rules and responsibilities the boys on the island gradually turned into donkeys. True freedom is not the absence of all limits — it is the ability to make choices you can live with. ★ **Freedom requires responsibility.**

THINK What did the boys turn into?

Chapter 8: Lampwick's Idea

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, Lampwick, rules, freedom

On Pleasure Island Pinocchio met a boy named Lampwick who seemed to enjoy everything freely. Lampwick laughed at rules and mocked anyone who talked about duty or responsibility. He said that real freedom meant doing whatever felt good at any moment without thinking twice. Pinocchio was tempted by this idea and spent several happy and careless days following along. But then the transformation began — boys who lived only for pleasure began to lose their humanity. Pinocchio escaped just in time but the experience stayed with him for the rest of his life. Doing whatever you want without thought is not freedom — it is simply another kind of trap. ★ **Real freedom requires taking full responsibility for actions.**

THINK What did Lampwick say freedom meant?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 9: A Freely Made Choice

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, freedom, choices, Geppetto

Pinocchio's journey from wooden puppet to real boy is really a journey toward true freedom. At the beginning he thought freedom meant having no rules and doing whatever he felt like doing. He discovered through great pain that this kind of freedom always destroys itself in the end. Real freedom came when he began to make choices he could stand behind honestly and without shame. The choice to rescue Geppetto from the shark was freely made and freely owned by Pinocchio alone. Nobody told him he had to do it — he chose it himself because he loved his father completely. That choice, made with full awareness of the cost, was the freest thing Pinocchio ever did in his life. ★ **Real freedom is not doing whatever we want — it means accepting full responsibility for choices.**

THINK What does this kind of freedom do?

Chapter 10: The Wish

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, real, Blue Fairy, wish

From the very beginning Pinocchio had wanted one thing more than anything else in the world. He wanted to be a real boy — not a puppet of wood but a living breathing human child. The Blue Fairy had told him that this wish could come true but had not told him exactly how. He had expected that the transformation would happen like magic — suddenly and without effort. But the fairy was waiting for something specific and it had nothing to do with magic at all. She was waiting for Pinocchio to show through his actions that he deserved to be called real. The moment he sacrificed himself to save his father was the moment she finally granted his wish. ★ **He became real through goodness.**

THINK How did Pinocchio think it would happen?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



Chapter 11: Inside the Shark

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, Geppetto, shark, sea

Inside the belly of the great shark Geppetto sat quietly in the dark and waited without hope. He had been searching for Pinocchio across the wide sea and had been swallowed during the storm. Now he was old and cold and very far from the workshop where he had carved his beloved puppet. Then he heard a familiar voice calling his name from somewhere deeper inside the shark's belly. Pinocchio had come — not carried by luck or by fairy magic but by his own determined swimming. He had dived into the dark sea alone because leaving his father there was simply not something he could do. They escaped together and it was that act of courage and love that made Pinocchio truly real. ★ **He became truly real through goodness and courage.**

THINK What did Pinocchio swim by?

Chapter 12: Real at Last

VOCABULARY Pinocchio, Blue Fairy, courage, real

The Blue Fairy did not transform Pinocchio into a real boy because he wished hard enough. She did not do it because he had suffered enough or because enough time had simply passed. She did it at the exact moment when Pinocchio stopped thinking about what he wanted for himself. He had jumped into the cold dark sea to find his father with no guarantee of survival. He had done the genuinely right thing at the genuine cost of his own safety and comfort. That act of self-sacrifice was the proof the fairy had been waiting for all along from the beginning. Becoming real is not something that happens to us — it is something we earn through who we choose to be. ★

Pinocchio became truly real not through magic but through goodness, courage, and self-sacrifice.

THINK When did the fairy act?