

Topic & Discussion Lesson Plan

Sculptlings

Kent the Manipulative Mouse

The Mischievous Mouse Series



Behavioral Book That Teaches Patience and Self-control

Kent the Manipulative Mouse is a story about a curious mouse who makes poor choices, avoids responsibility, and tells lies. When Santa puts him on the Naughty List, Kent learns that honesty, patience, and making good choices are important. It's a helpful story for teaching young children about behavior, consequences, and self-control.

Book Topics

- Curiosity and Self-Control
- Honesty vs. Lying
- Consequences for Behavior
- Making Excuses
- Patience and Impulse Control

Discussion Ideas for Kids Ages 3–6:

Engage little learners with simple, interactive questions and activities:

- What was the message of the story?
- Have the child retell the story in their own words.
- On each page, describe what Kent is doing wrong and what he should have done instead.
- Why do you think Kent wanted to touch everything?
- Is it okay to be curious? What should you do when you're curious?
- Can you think of something that was really interesting to you, but you weren't supposed to touch it?

Activity Idea: Show a breakable item, or food). Ask: "Should we touch this?" and discuss why or why not. Create a scenario of what could happen if they had an accident with it.

Tips on Topics and Discussions for Kids 6-7:

Manipulation and Making Excuses (Introduce gently at this age)

Discussion Questions:

- Kent made excuses or blamed others. Was that a good choice?
 - What should you do if you make a mistake instead of blaming someone else?
- At this age,** it's better to frame manipulation as "tricking" or "trying to get out of trouble" which children can understand.
- What does it mean to be patient?
 - Was Kent patient? What happened when he wasn't?
 - When is it hard to be patient?

Activity Idea:

Set a timer and do a "waiting" game, like waiting for a turn or for a snack, to practice patience.

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More Discussion Ideas for Preschool Kids Ages 3–5:

1. Listening to Instructions Discussion Questions:

- What happened when Kent didn't listen?
- Why is it important to listen to adults or rules?
- What can help you remember not to touch things you're told not to?

Activity Idea:

Play a "Simon Says" or "Red Light, Green Light" game to practice listening.

2. Telling the Truth vs. Lying Discussion Questions:

- Did Kent always tell the truth?
- What happened when he lied?
- Why is it important to tell the truth, even if you made a mistake?

Activity Idea:

Role-play scenarios with puppets or toys: one toy tells the truth and one lies. Ask kids which one made a better choice and why.

3. Taking Responsibility Discussion Questions:

- What did Kent do when he broke things?
- Did he take responsibility or blame others?
- What does it mean to take responsibility?

Simple Phrase to Teach: "I did it, and I'm sorry."

4. Feelings and Empathy Discussion Questions:

- How did Kent feel when he got caught?
- Have you ever felt sad after doing something wrong?
- How do you feel when someone tells you a lie?

Activity Idea:

Make a "Kent's Good Choice Plan" Let the kids come up with some things Kent can do differently next time during each situation that occurs.

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More Discussion Ideas for Kids in Kindergarten to 2nd Grade Ages 5–7:

Topic: “Why Do Our Choices Matter?” Discussion Prompt:

In the story, Kent the Mouse kept making choices that got him in trouble. He touched things he wasn't supposed to, broke things, lied, blamed others, and ran away.

- Talk about why our choices matter and how they can help us grow into kind, trustworthy people.

1. Discussion Prompt: Why do we have rules?

- What are some rules you have at school or at home?
- Do rules help keep us safe, fair, or kind?

2. Discussion Prompt: What happens when we make a bad choice?

- What happened to Kent when he lied and blamed others?
- Have you ever made a choice you wish you didn't? What happened?

3. Discussion Prompt: How can we fix a mistake?

- What should Kent have done when he broke something?
- What can *you* do if you make a mistake?

4. Discussion Prompt: How does it feel to be honest?

- How do you feel when you tell the truth, even if it's hard?
- Do you think Kent felt better when he started making better choices?

Closing Thought Discussion:

- Everyone makes mistakes, just like Kent. But what matters most is learning from those mistakes, telling the truth, and trying to do better. That's how we grow!



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1. Who is the story about?

- A. Kent the Cat
- B. Kent the Mouse
- C. Santa the Squirrel
- D. Benny the Bunny

2. What does Kent like to do, even when he's told not to?

- A. Sleep all day
- B. Dance in the kitchen
- C. Touch everything
- D. Steal Cheese

3. What does Kent do when he makes a mistake?

- A. Tells the truth
- B. Runs away and blames others
- C. Sings a song
- D. Takes a nap

4. Who comes to talk to Kent about his behavior?

- A. The Tooth Fairy
- B. His teacher
- C. Santa Claus
- D. His big brother

5. What does Santa put Kent on?

- A. The Nice List
- B. A game show
- C. The Naughty List
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6. What does Kent learn at the end of the story?

- A. Touching everything is okay
- B. That lying is okay
- C. To make good choices and be patient
- D. Stealing is okay

7. What does Kent do when he doesn't want to get in trouble?

- A. Cleans up the mess
- B. Says sorry right away
- C. Smiles and tries to distract you
- D. Tells the teacher

8. Why was Santa unhappy with Kent?

- A. Kent forgot to eat breakfast
- B. Kent didn't take a nap
- C. Kent told lies and didn't listen
- D. Had an accident

9. What does Kent try to do, now that he's learning?

- A. Run faster
- B. Think before he acts and make good choices
- C. Make up better stories
- D. Be quieter

10. What happens when you make good choices?

- A. You feel good and others are proud
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4. What did Kent do when he saw something interesting?

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5. What helps Kent feel better about himself in the end?

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7. What does Kent do to try to avoid getting in trouble?

- A. Laughs loudly
- B. Gives a big smile and acts nice
- C. Hides under the bed
- D. Tells a joke

8. What will Kent get if he keeps making bad choices?

- A. A new toy
- B. Lots of hugs
- C. A gift from Santa
- D. Coal from Santa

9. What can we learn from Kent's story?

- A. It's fun to blame others
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