

The story “Whom can I play with?” will help children understand what it is like to be different from others, what would happen if everyone was alike and what is good about being different from each other.

Value: Tolerance

“Who can I play with?”

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The little rabbit was alone since morning and got bored. “It is so nice to play with a friend. What shall I do alone?” thought the little rabbit and he went away to find a friend. The little rabbit walked for a while and met a little mouse.

“Come, play with me. I am alone too, like you, and I am bored,” said the little mouse.

“What did you say? Do you want to play with me?!” said the little rabbit. “You are black and you cannot jump like me. We do not look alike! I would play with you if you were a rabbit, but you are not!” and he continued on his way.

The little rabbit walked for a while and met an ant.

“Come, let’s play. I am alone and bored,” said the ant.

“What did you say? Do you want to play with me? You are so little I can hardly see you. Grass stalk is even taller than you, and you cannot jump like me. We do not look alike at all! I would play with you if you were a rabbit, but you are not!” said the little rabbit and continued on his way.

The little rabbit walked for a while and met a turtle.

“Come, play with me. I am alone and bored,” said the turtle.

“What did you say? Do you want to play with me? You walk so slowly that playing with you will be even more boring. I will get tired of waiting for you, and you cannot jump like me. We do not look alike at all! I would play with you if you were a rabbit, but you are not!” said the little rabbit and continued on his way.

The little rabbit walked for a while and met an elephant.

“Come, play with me. I am alone and bored,” said the elephant.

“What did you say? Do you want to play with me? I am looking for a friend as beautiful and elegant as I am. You have a long nose and you are fat! You cannot jump like

me. We do not look alike at all! I would play with you if you were a rabbit, but you are not!” said the little rabbit and continued his way.

The little rabbit walked and walked around the forest, but could not find a friend he was looking for. Right when he was going to have a rest in the shadow under a tree, he fell into a hole dug by a hunter. The hole was covered with grass and the little rabbit did not notice the danger.

The little rabbit tried hard to get out from the hole. He jumped and jumped, trying to get out of the hole, but it was too deep and he could not. The little rabbit got scared and started crying.

“Why are you crying?” asked the ant.

“What are you doing here?” the little rabbit asked, surprised.

“I get into this hole quite often to collect food,” answered the ant.

“I will never get out of this hole! A hunter will come soon. He will catch me, skin, roast and eat me,” said the little rabbit.

“Do not be afraid little rabbit, I will help you!” the ant tried to convince the little rabbit. Though the ant was smaller than a grass stalk and did not know how to jump, he got out from the hole quite easily. The ant went to the little mouse and told him what has happened to the little rabbit.

“If we do not hurry up, soon the hunter will come, he will catch the little rabbit, skin, and roast and eat him!”

The little mouse pitied the little rabbit and went to the turtle to ask for help. “If we do not hurry up, soon the hunter will come, catch the little rabbit, skin, roast and eat him!” the mouse told the turtle.

The turtle pitied the little rabbit and went to his neighbor elephant to ask for help, but the elephant was not at home.

“Probably he went to the river for a swim!” thought the turtle and went towards the river.

The elephant was disturbed by the heat and was cooling down in the river. The turtle told the elephant that the little rabbit was in trouble. “If we do not hurry up, soon the hunter will come, he will catch the little rabbit, skin, roast and eat him!”

The elephant was kind. He pitied the little rabbit and went to help him. All the animals went to the hole where the rabbit was stuck. The turtle, the ant and the little mouse

stood near the hole. The elephant put his long nose into the hole, picked up the little rabbit with his trunk and pulled him out of the hole.

The little rabbit was ashamed of what he had done before. "I am so sorry!" he said. "Please forgive me! If you did not help me, the hunter would have taken me home and his wife would prepare a tasty meal out of me. Being friends only with rabbits is not interesting at all," said the little rabbit.

"We are all very different from each other," the animals agreed.

"It is so good that we are together!" said the happy little rabbit and he invited his new devoted friends to his house for dinner.

That day the turtle, the ant, the elephant and the mouse had a tasty dinner at the little rabbit's house. They all had a very good time together.