



Let's Talk About It

Read-aloud questions for The Grumble-Gator's Bravest Choice



Read the story together, then use these questions to talk. There are no wrong answers. The goal is to listen, and to help kids put their feelings into words.

BEFORE YOU READ

- Look at the cover. How do you think Barnaby and Toby feel about each other?
- Do you remember what Toby did when Barnaby was mean to him in the first book?

WHILE YOU READ

- Barnaby says he forgot how to help. What do you think he means?
- The bullfrogs called Barnaby "Stubby-Tail" and "Mud-Snout." How would those names make you feel?
- When Barnaby grew big, he still felt angry inside. Why do you think the angry feeling didn't go away?
- Barnaby roared at the ducklings even though they didn't do anything wrong. Was that fair?

AFTER YOU READ

- Toby says, "We always have a choice about what we do next." What does that mean to you?
- What does Barnaby mean when he says, "It can stop with me"?
- When Barnaby saw the bullfrogs again, he had a big choice to make. What did he choose? Why was that brave?
- Have you ever chosen to be kind when it was hard? What happened?

*"We can't change the things that happened to us.
But we always have a choice about what we do next." — Toby*

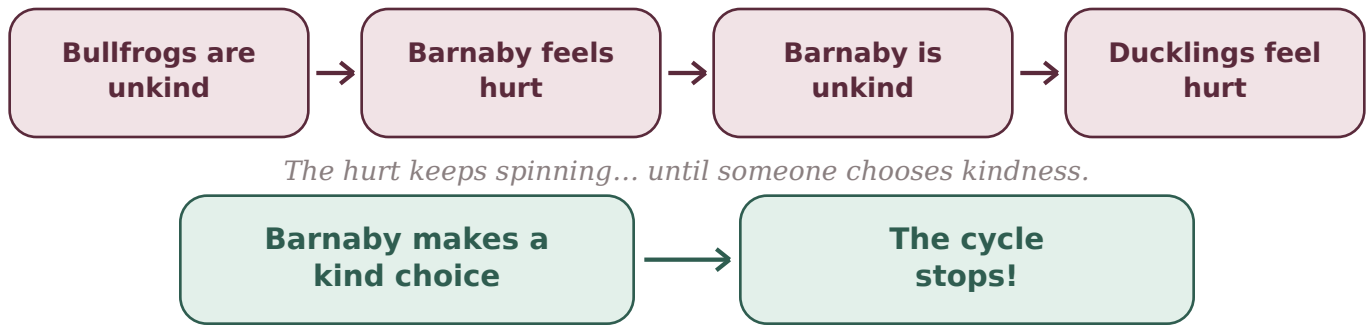


The Cycle Can Stop With Me

A family or classroom activity



In the story, hurt got passed from the bullfrogs to Barnaby, and from Barnaby to the ducklings. Talk about how one unkind act can lead to another. Then talk about how one kind choice can stop it.



MAKE A KINDNESS CHAIN

- 1 Cut strips of paper. On each strip, write or draw one kind thing someone did.
- 2 Tape the first strip into a loop. Link the next strip through it, and keep going.
- 3 Hang the chain where everyone can see it. Add a link every time you catch someone being kind.
- 4 Talk about it: Kindness gets passed along too, just like hurt does. Which one do you want to pass on?

GROWN-UP TIP

If your child shares a time someone was unkind to them, thank them for telling you. Listen first. You don't have to fix it right away. Then talk about what they can choose to do next.

KIND THINGS I CAN PASS ON
