

Draco's I-Pad

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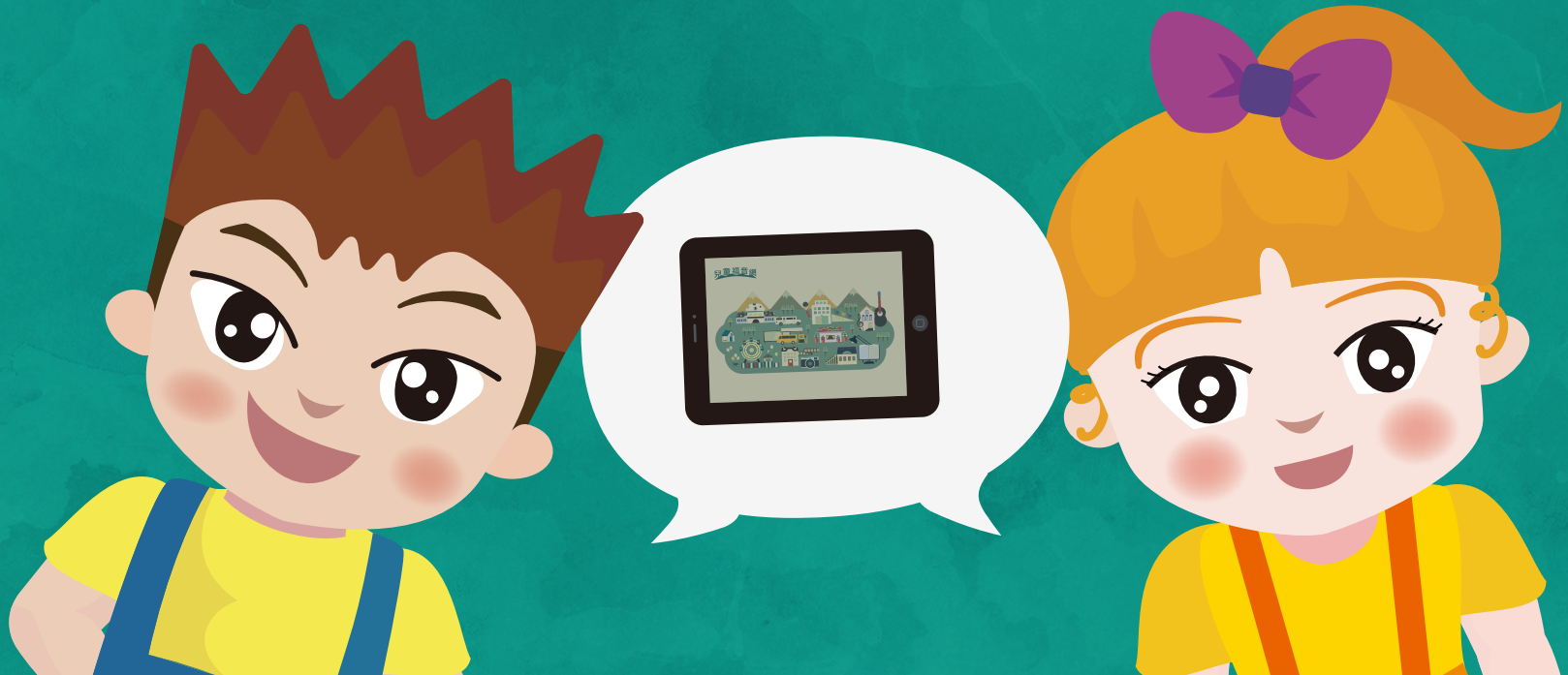
The King Who
Was Punished



Draco smiled pleasantly to himself. He was dressed in his new jeans, while feeling pleased with his new iPad and was in a great mood as he walked to school. His triumphant smile showed clearly on his face. He'd gotten an "A" on his test, so his mother had bought an iPad for him as a reward.



During recess, Jade and Ted asked Draco, “Draco, why do you have an iPad? It’s so cool! Let me play with it!” “Wow! The iPad is cool!” “I want to play!” As the other children all came around and talked excitedly, Draco responded loudly, “You all have to be careful with my iPad! Line up if you want to play!” “This iPad is very expensive! My mom just bought it for me yesterday.” he said with a cavalier attitude. All the kids lined up to wait their turn to play with Draco’s iPad.



It was now Alexander's turn to play with the iPad, but his face was dirty because of his runny nose. Draco glared at him and said coldly, "You? Go away! Don't touch my iPad." He despised him in his heart and repeated again, "Go away! Don't play with my iPad. Don't even look at it!" No matter what Draco said, Alexander stood there with absolutely no intention to leave.



“Humph!” Draco snorted and pushed Alexander away roughly so he fell over, and then made faces at Alexander to mock him before quickly leaving the scene. He also took his iPad and led the other children somewhere else to find a new place to play, leaving Alexander alone on the ground and crying bitterly.



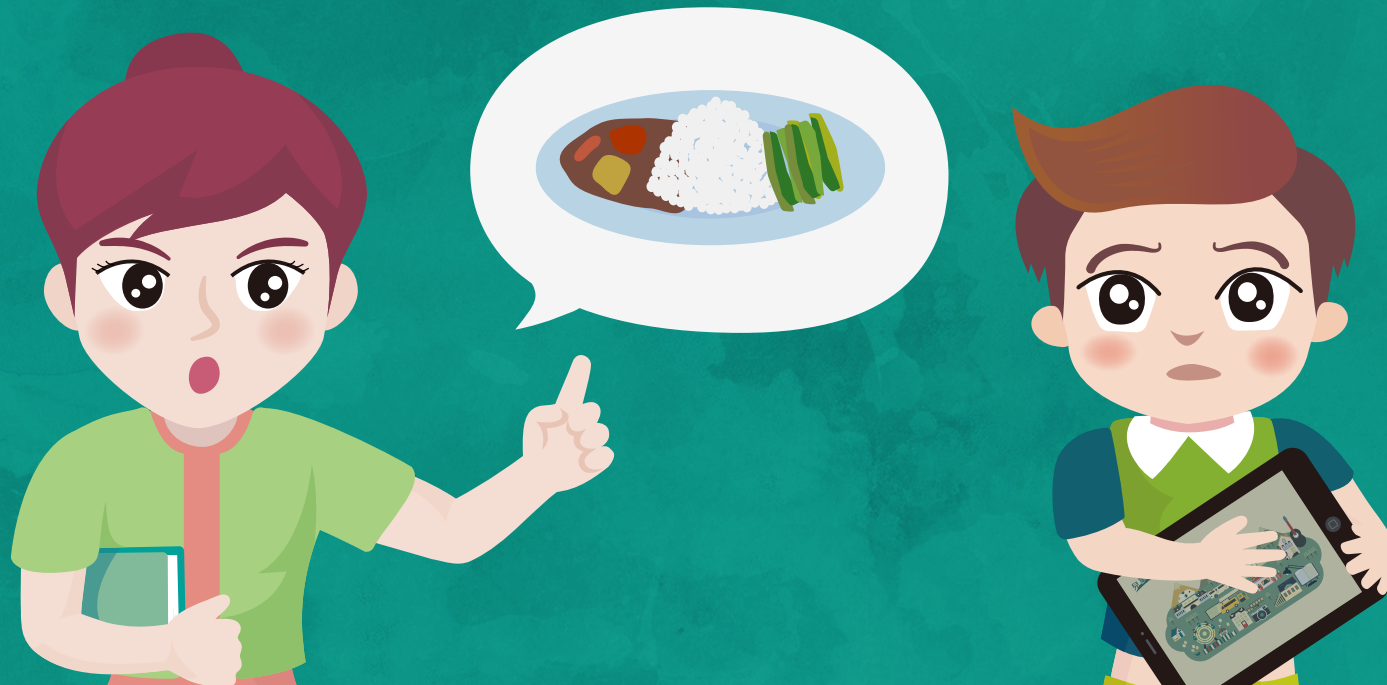
The teacher came into the classroom and discovered that Alexander was crying. “Draco did not let me to play with his iPad...he pushed me hard and made me fall over. He made faces at me too!” Alexander sobbed. “Draco, please come here.” The teacher called. “He looked dirty. I didn’t want my iPad to get dirty.” Draco said as he came over. He immediately realized that he was in trouble. The teacher told Alexander, “This iPad belongs to Draco. He has the authority to decide who can and cannot play with his iPad.”



The teacher said to Draco, “Draco, you have the right to decide who can play with your iPad, but you have to treat everyone fairly. We should not like or dislike anyone according to their appearance or despise them because of their appearance.” The teacher continued, “King Nebuchadnezzar had far too much pride, so God humbled him and made him eat grass like an ox in the wild. After he understood that all his possessions were given to him by God, learned how to humble himself and praise God, and God returned his throne and kingdom to him.” The teacher paused, and then went on, “God wanted the noble King Nebuchadnezzar to learn the lesson of humility. All you have in your hands is an iPad given to you by your mother. An iPad is a toy that you play with. It’s not good to make it something that you are proud of or be something that you love to show off to others.”



The teacher told Draco, “God gives us many opportunities to do good works for other people. Especially for those who are in need, but maybe do not have the best outer appearance. In Luke 14:1, Jesus wants us to hold a feast and invite people who are unable to repay us, those who are poor or those who are disabled. We will be repaid by the Lord when we are resurrected. If we know of any opportunities we have where God wants us to do good works, wouldn’t we want to do it then?”



“This dispute and physical conflict should be resolved between the two of you. Both of you have to find a better way to solve this problem first before you can go and play. That way, you can play together with all your friends.” the teacher said. Draco answered, “Okay, I got it!” “Hey! Alexander, please come here,” Draco said kindly. “I want to work with you and solve our problem together.” Alexander realized that he should not have insisted and forced Draco to let him play with his iPad. Draco was also sorry for his improper behavior because he had made Alexander fall over and mocked him by making faces at him. Finally, they forgave each other and apologized, embracing each other warmly. Then the bell rang signaling it was time for class!

