

Lesson 20

Do You Believe It?

1. Our parents tell us they love us unconditionally. But I doubt what they say. Do you want to know why? Whenever I do what they want me to do, they praise me to the skies. But if I ask them if I can do something I want to do, they won't let me, or they scold me. So it seems to me that their love is based on my doing only what they want.

Q1. Do you believe parental love is unconditional?

Q2. What about your love for your parents?

Is it conditional or unconditional?

Q3. What about friendship?

Is it conditional or unconditional?



2. When people are in serious trouble, they often pray for a miracle to save them. What do you think needs to happen for a miracle to occur? If miracles don't exist, is believing in them just a waste of time?

Q1. Do you believe in miracles?

Q2. Have you ever experienced
a kind of miracle?
What happened?



3. Adults usually try to discipline kids, saying, "Adults are always right." Adults say they have more experience, and that they once were kids themselves, so they know how kids think.

Q1. Do you believe adults are always right?

Q2. Do your parents behave as if they are always right?

Q3. Do you think adults know what it is like to be a kid today?



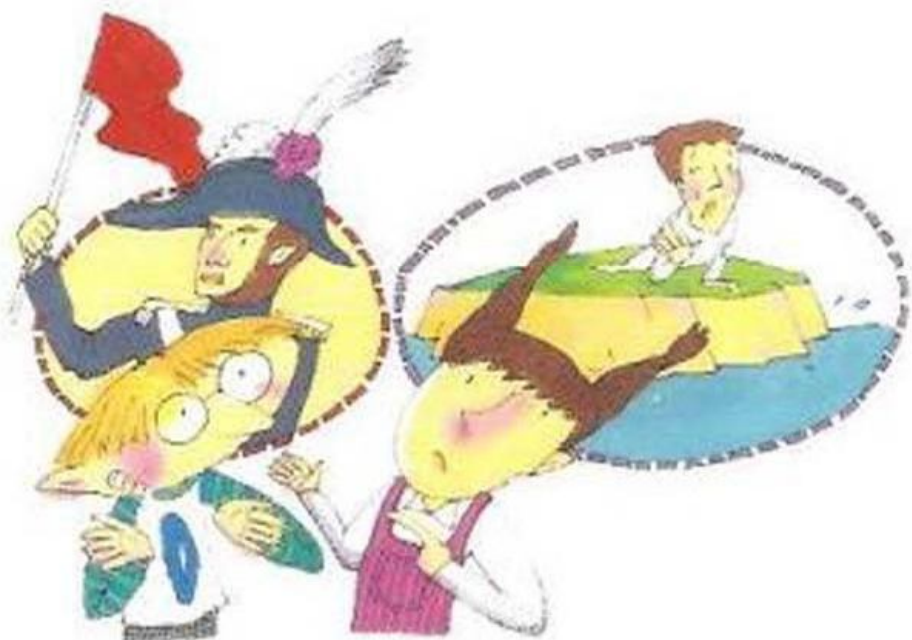
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4. People say nothing is impossible. But I think they are wrong. I have failed to do many things, even though I tried very hard. Those things seem impossible to me! Do you think the people are lying? Or do you think that I didn't try hard enough?

Q1. Do you believe anything is possible?

Q2. If people are lying about that, why would they do so?

Q3. Talk about things we can't achieve.



5. I'm always told that justice wins in the end. Books and movies certainly end that way: the bad guys are punished, the good guys are rewarded. But in real life, it's hard to tell. What about the innocent people who are robbed or killed? What about the crooks who are never punished?

Q1. Do you believe that justice always comes out on top?
Or is this just a fairy tale?

Q2. Do you believe that power is justice, so the man with power is always right?

