Story Message and Lesson

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

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   - Heavy things should never be moved at all.

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   - A bigger bird was already drinking from it.

3. Which action of the crow shows the lesson?
   - She picked the jar up in her beak.
   - She tried to tip the very heavy jar over.
   - She dropped small stones into the jar.

4. What happened as the crow dropped in more stones?
   - The water in the jar rose higher.
   - The jar began to tip over slowly.
   - The stones sank and the water dried up.

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