Story Message and Lesson

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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4. Which action of Tortoise shows the lesson?
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