Story Message and Lesson

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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All the animals laughed. Hare zoomed off and was soon far ahead. He looked back and could not see Tortoise at all. "I have lots of time," he said. He lay down under a shady bush and fell asleep.

Tortoise kept walking, one slow step at a time. She did not stop to rest. She passed the bush where Hare was snoring.

When Hare woke up, the sun was low. He raced to the oak tree as fast as he could. But Tortoise was already there, and the animals were cheering for her.

After that day, Hare never bragged about his speed again.

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   The animals laughed at Tortoise.
   Tortoise reached the oak tree first.
   Hare won the race by a little.

2. What does Tortoise's choice to race Hare show?
   Tortoise believed in herself.
   Tortoise wanted the animals to laugh.
   Tortoise was afraid of Hare.

3. How did Hare change by the end?
   He began to race every day.
   He started to walk everywhere.
   He stopped bragging about his speed.

4. What did Hare most likely learn?
   Racing is no fun at all.
   Bragging and napping can make you lose.
   Tortoises are faster than hares.

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