



Discussion Questions for *Kindness Tales*

1. What is the underlying message that the author conveys through the collection of stories in *Kindness Tales*?
2. What was your favorite story and why?
3. What does the story "Little Poison Mouth", tell us about the power of words?
4. Can you think of a time when your own words caused something to happen?
5. In "The Golden Fir Cones", why does the boy have such a difficult time thinking kind thoughts?
6. In the story, "Rich Man Seeks a Daughter-in-law", what does the girl tell the son that she would do to feed her family for the longest time?
7. Why did the father want his son to marry someone who understood this simple principle?
8. What does the girl say to transform the great smelly, slobbery, small-tooth dog and why were her words so powerful?
9. Can you think of a time when someone you thought you were **not** going to like, turned out to be someone you liked a lot and they became a good friend?
10. How are "The Singing Turtle" and "Makki and Kakki" similar?
11. In what ways are the stories "The Stinky Sprits" and "The Wishing Foxes" similar?
12. Why did the Monkey King sacrifice himself to save his subjects?
13. What is the lesson from the story "Five Threads"?
14. How do acts of kindness restore trust?

15. In the story, "Watering the Neighbour's Melons", why does Song, tell the Wei villagers to help their neighbors instead of seeking revenge?
16. Why did these actions work so well with the Chu villagers?
17. Why is it important to respect and listen to ideas from different people?
18. How can we apply the lessons from "Kindness Tales" in our daily lives?