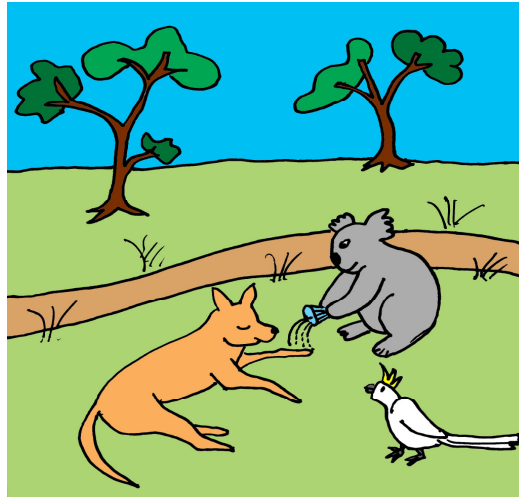


Kanga Joe

Story 5

Special help for Diana Dingo

Fruit of the Spirit: kindness and gentleness



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Kindness is...

- *treating others with special care*
- *thinking about how other people feel*
- *doing special things for others*

Gentleness is...

- *showing kindness and understanding*
- *considering the feelings of others*
- *treating others with care*

This is a story about two friends of Kanga Joe. Their names are Katie Koala and Caroline Cockatoo. They live at Bunyip Creek, with lots of other animal friends. Not far away live two children, Charity and Charlie Chuckle, who are special friends with all the animals of Bunyip Creek.

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Now normally Katie and Caroline would be afraid of dingoes, but at Bunyip Creek all the animals had respect for one another, and the dingoes had decided that they could just as well live on insects, slugs and worms rather than killing the larger animals.

"We must help Diana," said Katie. "Where is she?"

"Down by the creek, near the big rock." said Caroline.

"Come, Caroline. You fly ahead, and I'll come as fast as I can," said Katie.

The two animals made their way to the creek, where they found Diana, lying down and in much pain. She was licking her foot.

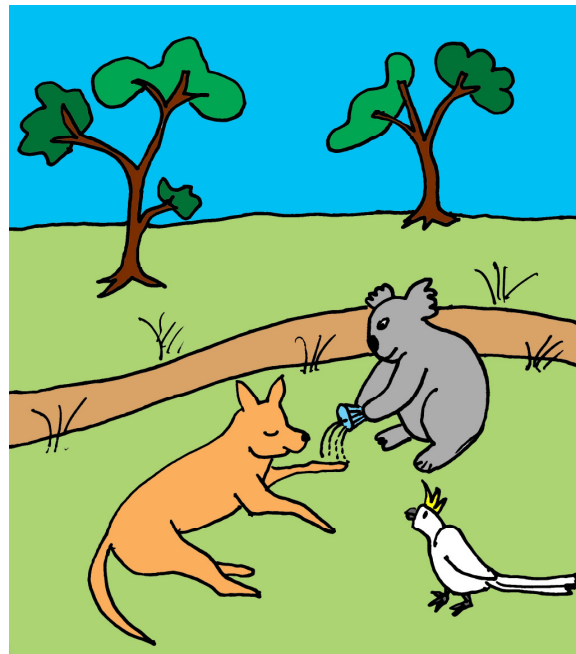
"Hello Diana," said Katie. "Would you like some help?"

"Yes I would," said Diana.

Katie found an old paper cup at the edge of the creek and filled it with water. She brought it to Diana and poured the cool water over her foot.

"That feels good," said Diana.

"Now, Caroline", said Katie. "You pull out the thorn with your strong beak."



Caroline tugged at the thorn, and in a moment she had it out.

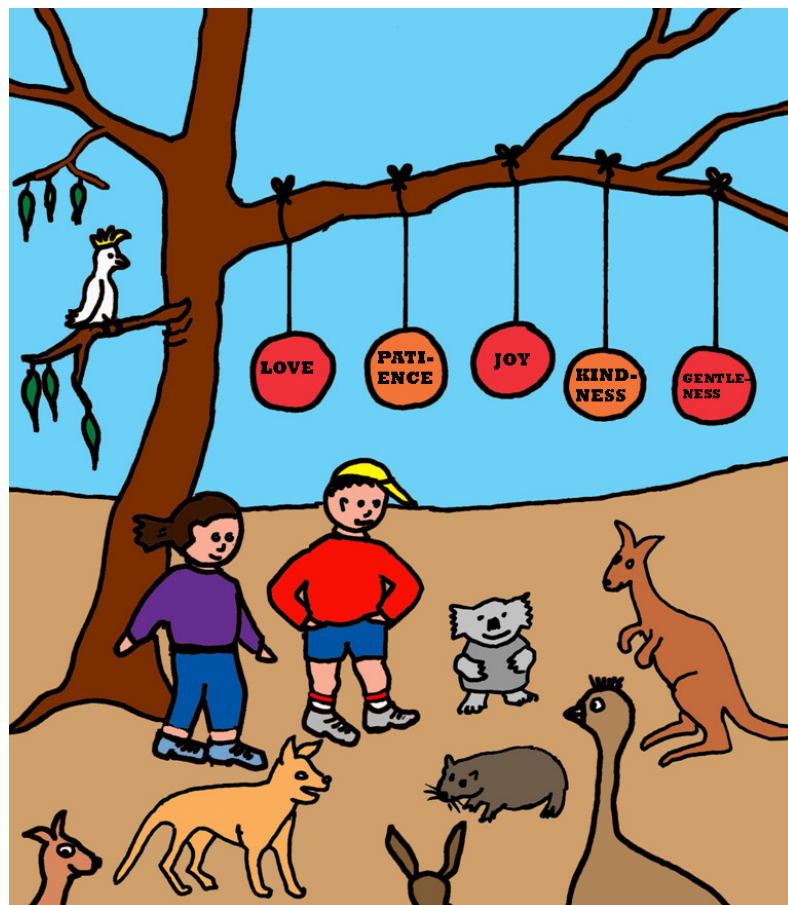
"Now it's my turn to help," said Katie. I'm going to get some eucalyptus oil from these gum leaves and gently put it on your sore paw, so that it gets better quickly."

Katie very gently rubbed on the eucalyptus oil, so as not to hurt Diana.

"I'm so glad we could help you, Diana, said Caroline." All the animals at Bunyip Creek like to help one another whenever we can. Goodbye, and have a nice day."

Now just then Charlie and Charity came along. Can you guess where they had just been? Yes, the King's Garden. They had been to the special fruit tree and today they had brought back the fruit of kindness.

They hung the kindness fruit carefully on the gum tree. Katie and Caroline told them all about Diana dingo and the thorn in her foot.



"Do you know what you have just done?" asked Charlie. "You have just taught us all about kindness and gentleness. They are fruits of the spirit, and servants of the King should all have these fruits. Where's Kanga Joe? I think we need to call a meeting of all the animals to tell them about the fruits of kindness and gentleness."

Charlie picked a fresh young gum leaf from a tree. He folded the gum leaf in half and blew into it to make a loud trumpet sound. Soon all the animals were around the gum tree and Charlie and Charity showed the new fruit they had brought back from the King's Garden. Diana told her story, and was so thankful for the kindness shown by Katie and Caroline.