

Kids' Corner

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Message from a teacher

Once a teacher took his students to a forest. He wanted to explain to his students about values. While going, he noticed some small plants, some moderately small plants, reasonably big plants and lots of big trees. He stopped for a while and all of his students surrounded him.

The teacher planned something in his mind and asked some of his students to pluck the small plants. They pulled them with very little effort. Then he turned to another set of students and asked them to pluck the moderately small plants. They also plucked the plants with little effort. Now he called another batch to pluck big plants. With a little difficulty they plucked those plants. Then he turned to the rest of the students and asked them to pluck the big tree. They tried for a while, but could not even shake the tree.



Then the teacher explained about habits. If a person possesses a bad habit, he should get rid of it immediately. Otherwise, it will become stronger and stronger; getting rid of it becomes harder at that point. He reminded the students a proverb which says "If you can't bend a plant, how can you bend it when it becomes a tree?"

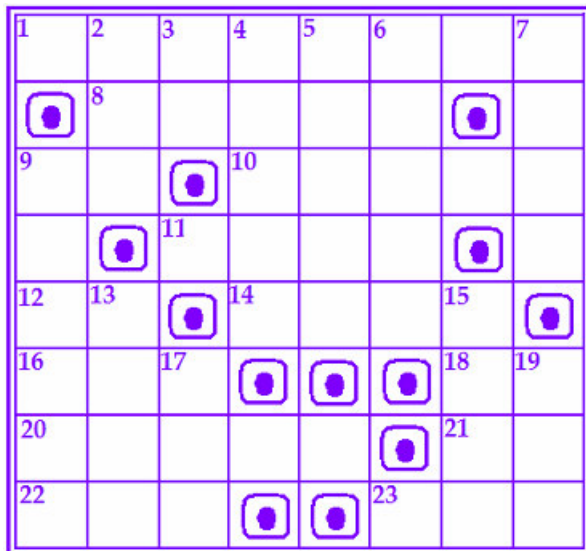
What do we learn from this story?

We need to get rid of bad habits in the initial stage itself; Once they gain strength, it is hard to get rid of them.

Can you find the word?

1. This is a 7 character word and is an item often used in birthday parties.
2. First 4 characters form a spherical object useful for playing.
3. Two different alphabets come in pairs.
4. First, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh characters form a word which means 'granting a wish'.
5. Second, Third and Fourth form a word which means 'You, Me and everyone'.

Cross Word for kids



Across :

1. A person unfamiliar. (8)
8. One who gives or donates something. (5)
9. Abbreviation of 'Internet Protocol'. (2)
10. Seize and hold; Understand. (5)
11. Networks of fine strands made by a spider etc. Plural of last 'w' in www. (4)
12. State abbreviation of Virginia. (2)
14. Possibility of meeting danger or suffering harm. (4)
16. An organ in human body, a palindrome too. (3)
18. State abbreviation of Illinois. (2)
20. Weapon with a long blade and a hilt. (5)

21. **From** is to sender, what is to receiver. (2)
22. White or yellow substance found in animal bodies and certain seeds, right to left. (3)
23. Wooden or metal pin; Clip for holding clothes.(3)

Down :

2. Significant letters of 'pendant'; Starting of 'Pen', 'd', ending of 'Ant'. Upside down. (3)
3. A conjunction, as an alternative. Bottom to top. (2)
4. Extreme displeasure, seen in 'Hanger'. (5)
5. Our body gets instructions from this organ. Characters jumbled. (5)
6. What do we find in Savannah lands? (5)
7. Strong thick cord. (4)
9. Use money to buy shares or property etc. to earn interest or gain profit. (6)
13. Keeping at a distance. Realizing divinity in everyone is 'a way' to live blissfully. Characters jumbled. (4)
15. It has a tail, but not a monkey. It flies, but not a bird. It flies relying on string. (4)
17. Abbreviation of 'End Of File'. (3)
19. Piece cut from a trunk or branch of a tree. (3)

Send your answers (Crossword and 'Can you find the word?') to the below address or e-mail on or before *September 15th*.

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