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比賽時，參賽員必須從主辦單位提供之以下三篇文章中自選一篇準備上台朗誦。

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## 中年級 1. **The Boy Who Wanted More Chocolate**

**Once upon a time, there was a boy who loved chocolate more than anything in the world. One day, he found a magical chocolate machine that never ran out. The boy was thrilled and began eating from it constantly.**

**Days passed, and the boy continued eating from the chocolate machine. Then, one day, his mother noticed that he looked pale and sick.**

**"Son, what's wrong?" his mother asked.**

**"I don't feel good, mother. My stomach hurts," replied the boy.**

**"Maybe you should take a break from eating so much chocolate," suggested his mother.**

**"But I can't help it, mother. I love chocolate!" exclaimed the boy.**

**"Moderation is key, my dear. Too much of anything can be harmful," reminded his mother.**

**The boy thought about what his mother said and realized she was right. He decided to share the chocolate with his friends and family and felt happier. He learned that too much of anything, even something he loved, could be harmful. He learned to be content and grateful for what he had and never to let greed control him again.**

**From that day on, the boy lived a happy life and never forgot the lesson he learned. He enjoyed chocolate but was mindful of how much he ate and shared it with others. The boy's mother was proud of him, and he knew that he had made the right choice.**

## 中年級 2. **The Lion and the Mouse**

**One hot afternoon, a lion lay asleep in the forest. A little mouse ran over its nose and woke him up. The lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature and wanted to kill him. The mouse cried to the lion, "I didn't mean to offend you. If you can let me go, someday I will surely repay you." The lion laughed, "A little mouse can help a big lion like me?" But he was a generous lion. So, he lifted his paw and let the mouse go. The mouse jumped out and ran away very quickly.**

**Some days later, the lion was walking in the forest. Suddenly, it got caught in a hunter's net. The lion twisted and rolled in the net. He was very angry and started to roar.**

**The mouse heard the roaring and ran to help as quickly as possible. He saw the lion in the net and started to break the net with his long teeth. Soon, the mouse chewed the net and made a big hole. Finally, the lion was free.**

**The mouse said to the lion, "You laughed at me before. But now you see. Even a little mouse can help a lion."**

### 中年級 3. **The Bear and the Travelers**

**Kevin and David were friends. One day, they were traveling together. Suddenly, they saw a bear. Before the bear observed them, Kevin climbed quickly onto a tree and tried to hide among the branches. David followed after Kevin, but he was not as nimble as his friend. So, he fell to the ground.**

**David had no way to escape. He felt very helpless. But soon, he had a plan. He held his breath and pretended to be a dead man. The bear came up and sniffed around David, but David kept perfectly still and held his breath. The bear smelled his nose, ears, and eyes. He thought David was dead, so he went away. As many people say, a bear will not touch a dead body.**

**Kevin came down from the tree when the bear had left and went to his friend, David. Kevin asked David, "I saw the bear whisper something in your ear. What did he tell you?" David answered seriously, "The bear told me, "Don't travel with a friend if he runs away when you are in danger. A true friend is with you in good times and bad times."**