



### The Dog and His Reflection

We are learning about fairness. We read the story “The Dog and His Reflection”.

#### Here are some things you can do at home:

- **Read the story “The Dog and His Reflection”.** You can use the pictures on the back of this page to help you tell the story.

#### The Dog and His Reflection

Once there was a dog who wanted to keep everything for himself. One day he was walking with his favorite bone in his mouth. He was crossing a bridge over a river when he leaned over and looked at the water. There he saw another dog that looked just like him holding a bone in his mouth.

He didn’t want that other dog to have the bone. He wanted to take the bone away from the other dog. He opened his mouth to bark at the dog, and the bone fell out of his mouth and disappeared under the water.

- **Talk about the story.**
  - What was the dog looking at in the river? (Answer: The dog’s own reflection.)
  - What happened to the bone? (Answer: It fell into the water.)
  - What does greedy mean? (Answer: Wanting to have more than you need.)
  - What lesson did the dog learn when he was greedy? (Answer: You can lose what you already have.)
- **Talk about greed!** With your child, think about greed – when someone wants more than they need. Sometimes we see greed when:
  - A child is crying in a store because they want another toy.
  - Someone is taking several cookies at a party instead of taking just one.
  - Someone is taking all the playdough and not sharing with a friend.

Start to watch out for greed at home. When someone is greedy, remind them of the dog and his bone. Ask what they could do to show fairness.

