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THE FIRST LAW OF NATURE IS TOLERANCE

Explanation :

There is a statement that unlimited tolerance will create an intolerant society. I don't know if you would agree, but it's a statement that I 100% agree with. Limitless tolerance destroys respect between people, destroys empathy and creates a corrupt society. They say that one person's freedom ends where another's freedom begins, but if there is an unlimited tolerance, it disappears. After a while, people do not care about other people's personal space and do not hesitate to invade it.

(Cast : teacher , Refif, Elif, Ece, Baran, Alp, Arif, Ahmet, Burcu, Lidya, Türkan, Ülkü, Belinay, Zeynep)

Teacher : dear students , a new friend is joining us today.(The teacher introduces the student who came with her/ him)

Teacher: This is your new friend,Refif

Refif : (Shyly) Hello

Teacher : Dear students , Refif came to Turkey with his family from Syria and now they live here. First of all, let's teach your friend Refif our language well.

Hanzade : Why is it so important to teach our language, teacher?

Teacher: Because language is the most important way to express yourself.

Refif: I already learnt a little

Teacher : Please now introduce yourself to your friends,Refif

Refif: Ok,teacher

Hello, I'm Refif, I came from the city of in Syria. We are four siblings. I am twelve years old

(says in Arabic)

Refif: Sorry, for a moment I thought I was in a school in Syria. Hello, I'm Refif, I came from the city of in Syria. We are four siblings. I am twelve years old

Okan 1: Would you be comfortable in a place where you don't speak the language?

(They will answer with the cards we have given to the audience before)

Red: No,why?

Yellow: Sometimes,why?

Green : Yes,why?



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Teacher : Yes,Refif,you can sit now at a free desk.

Refif: Ok,teacher

(He heads towards the free desk , but Ahmet does not want him to sit next to him and slides towards the empty part of the desk)

Teacher:Ahmet,why don't you want to share your desk?

Ahmet: Sir,Even though they didn't want to come ,they have already come to our country as uninvited guests .I don't want him to next to me,either

Teacher:I understand you Ahmet but can't you be a little more understanding against Refif?

Ahmet:I believe I have already shown sympathy to accept them to our country.

Okan 2 : Would you think positively about the future of your country (health, education, environmental problems, security) ifmillions of refugees came to your country in a short time like 10 years?

Red : No,why?

Yellow:Sometimes,why?

Green:Yes,why?

Tuana :Refif,would you like to sit with me ?

Refif:Yes (Refif sits next to Tuana)

Teacher : Let's do it this way.Please ask Refif herself if you have any questions.

Hanzade: Why did you leave your homeland ?

Refif:Because of the war.Turkey welcomed us with open arms.We got rid of the negativities of the war.

Hanzade: Could you adapt to Turkey ?

Refif:It wasn't very easy for us but we did. Since we are neighboring countries , some of our dishes and customs are the same, but the difference in our languages was very hard.

Okan 3 : Can you adapt to a new country ?

Red:No,why?

Yellow:Sometimes,why?

Green:Yes,why?

Mehmet: ok,what kind of regulations are there to enter Turkey ?



Refif:First of all,we came to camping site in Turkey. There is such a thing as temporary protection in the camps.

Mehmet:What does it mean?

Refif:Temporary protection is a system that allows people registered in the camp to access basic rights and services such as health, education, social assistance and interpreting.

Mehmet:Can you go out of the camps?

Refif : Of course, we can go out after learning Turkish at a certain level.

Okan 4 : Would you like to stay in the refugee camp of the country you took shelter ?

Red:No, why?

Yellow.Sometimes,why?

Green:Yes,why?

Teacher :Yes,dear students.You can play games with your friend at break (Teacher leaves the classroom)

Alp; (Walking towards the middle of the class) Hey ,guys ,shall we play tag?

Students: Yess!

Alp: Then ,Arif,Ahmet and Mehmet ,let's go and play (They walk towards the stage ,Ahmet walks limping)

Tuana : (walking to stage) I want to play ,too

Alp: No,you can't play.This is not a game for girls.

Okan 5 : Have you ever been marginalized because you are a woman or a man?)

Red:No,why?

Yellow:Sometimes,why?

Green : Yes,why?

Tuana :I think you can't limit a game to tell it's for boys or girls.

Arif :I agree Alp ,There is no such thing.Girls can play this game too.

Alp:Ok then .Have it your own way.

Arif: Girls can already play this game but I think Ahmet can't

Mehmet: Why ?

Arif:Because Ahmet is physically disabled (smiling) How is he going to catch us ?



Okan 6 : Would you feel yourself marginalised if you were physically disabled ?

Red: No,why?

Yellow:Sometimes,why?

Green:Yes,why?

Mehmet: : I think,it's very wrong of you to think like that.We can play games that Ahmet can play with us too.

Ahmet:It doesn't matter Mehmet,you can go on playing your game.I am used to such situations.

Mehmet : No,we will find games for you to play with us.

Lidya : (Looking at Burcu who is sitting alone in the corner of the classroom) what's wrong with Burcu ,she has been very sad for a week.

Tuana : Burcu's parents got divorced and she can't decide whether to stay with her mom or dad.

Okan 7 : If your parents got divorced , would you prefer to live with your mother or father ?

Yellow : my father , why?

Green: My mother,why?

Red: I wouldn't decide , why?

Ülkü: Since she has to choose one of them, she preferred her mother.

Türkan : Is it because her mother is financially better ?

Ülkü: What gave you that idea ? She loves both of them but she just had to prefer her mother.

Türkan :If I were her ,I would choose the richer one.

Belinay : Is money this much important for you ?

Okan 8 : Is money important for you ?

Red:No,why?

Yellow:Sometimes ,why?

Green :Yes,why ?

Türkan :It's not important but have you ever had to tell lies to your friends saying you're busy because you don't have any money while they go to the cinema?

Students : Nooo !

Türkan : I had to .You can't understand this !



Elif : We are very sorry Türkan.I have a mentally disabled brother (sister) Have you ever gone to the movies with a mentally disabled sibling?

Ülkü :Aaaaaaa why didn't you tell us before ?

Okan 9: If you had a mentally disabled sibling,would you go anywhere with him/ her ?

Red: No, why ?

Yellow :Sometimes , why?

Green : Yes , why?

Hanzade: At first I used to be always ashamed of her and even avoided her, but later on I tried to see the world through her/ his eyes and empathized with her/ him.Now we get on well together.I 'm thinking of becoming a neurologist so I can help people like my sister(brother).

Burcu : I understand you but you cant become neurologist.

Okan 10 : Did people around you influence you in your career choice?

Red: No,why ?

Yellow: Sometimes,why?

Green: Yes, why?

Hanzade: Why?

Burcu: Because you are not that much successful.

Hanzade:I don't agree with you. The important thing is to develop yourself and reach your goal. Look at Arif, for example, it hasn't even been 6 months since he came to our classroom from the countryside but see how he kept pace with life here.

Belinay : Arif ,do you miss your village ?

Arif : I can't suppose I don't.

Okan 11 : Would you feel comfortable in a place where you don't know the culture?

Red: No, why?

Yellow : Sometimes , why?

Green : Yes , why ?

Burcu : What is there in the village different from the culture here?

Arif : There are a lot of things but let me tell a few.Everyone knows one another in the village ,everyone helps one another , we don't even lock our doors.Culture in the city is different.



Belinay : Arif, you kept pace with the culture in the city with your intelligence.You are very successful in your lessons.For instance Türkan is very lazy and she doesn't study her lessons.

Okan 12 : Have you ever had benefits from your intelligence ?

Red: No,why?

Yellow:Sometimes ,why?

Green : Yes , why?

Ülkü : It's not nice to call your friend lazy. It's not nice of you to say it like that without knowing the reasons why she can not be hardworking.

Lidya :Türkan may be unsuccessful in many lessons but when it comes to music,she is the best student of our classroom ,maybe of our school.

Zeynep : I agree,we are very lucky to have such a talent in our classroom.

Okan 13 : Do you think you have a special talent ?

Red: No,why?

Yellow : Sometimes , why?

Green : Yes,why?

Mehmet: Guys, speaking of music, I'm going to throw a birthday party at home on the weekend. I'm waiting for you all. (lowering his voice a little) Except Tuana ,I don't want her to come.

Okan 14 : Have you ever felt yourself alienated in crowded parties or meetings ?

Red: No, why?

Yellow : Sometimes, why?

Green : Yes,why?

Zeynep : Why don't you want Tuana in your party?

Mehmet: In fact there is not a special reason but I don't like her.

Zeynep : If Tuana doesn't come,I wont come too

Türkan : Neither do I

Burcu: Me neither

Lidya :I won't come ,either

Belinay :Me,neither

Mehmet : Ok friends ,Tuana will come.Will you come too?



Students: Ok

Zeynep : Let's not forget a talent like Ayşe.

Belinay : Guys, break is over. Teacher is coming.

Teacher : (Teacher comes in) Yes ,did you socialize with your new friend?

Students: Yeesss !

Belinay: Refif told us what type of stages they went through when they came to Turkey.

Teacher: Yes, you shouldn't have any prejudice against people before you know them well enough. I know you are all tolerant kids.

Okan 15 : Do you consider yourself tolerant ?

Red: No, why?

Yellow: Sometimes , why?

Green : Yes, why?

Teacher : Hacı Bektaş Veli has very nice statements about tolerance. My favourite one is " If one wants someone to be good against oneself, one first should be good oneself"

Teacher : Always include tolerance in your life. Now our lesson is free activity , all of you now go out to playground. (Students leave the classroom)

