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Preface

It's our pleasure to introduce the new *I can!* series on value education for classes one to eight.

Value education meets the social and emotional learning needs of a growing child. While academics shape our sense of who we are, values shape our sense of what we actually become.

Often children learn about respect, compassion, responsibility, integrity, social justice, equality, honesty, forgiveness, courage, self-control and other acceptable standards of right and wrong from what they experience. In this series, we have used stories, plays, poems, autobiographies and comic strips to demonstrate the values that shape character.

Think a little extracts the essence of a value and defines it.

Do it now! provides opportunities for students to apply these values through fun activities and projects.

My lesson is a recap of the value through life's lessons.

Teacher, you can! gives suggestions for teaching the course material.

I can laugh encourages the child to have a sense of humour – the ability to laugh at oneself and see the lighter side.

The books for classes six to eight teach life-skills to help students understand and accept themselves and adapt to change. **You can do it!** discusses situations and real-life examples that reflect values and life-skills. **Myself, inside out** presents students' perspectives on issues – reflective, imaginative and thought-provoking.

Values are the best protection for children against modern day consumerism and the peer pressure to conform. They help children make decisions based on their individual value system instead of following fashion or friends. The more they develop positive values to guide their behaviour, the more they are likely to make the right choices.

We hope this course material will enable teachers and parents to show children how to grow into secure, confident and caring human beings. In every situation they should be able to see the positive side and say, 'I can!'

We value any suggestions for improvements.

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I can!

- I can be good.
- I can be obedient.
- I can work hard.
- I can speak the truth.
- I can share with others.
- I can be polite.
- I can be healthy.
- I can make the world a better place.





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An illustration showing a close-up of a wooden log with a dark knot hole, resting on a pinkish surface. To the right, a portion of a silver metal pipe is visible. The background is a soft, light pink wash.

1 I'm the best

Tikku the rat, lived with his family in a little hole in an old farmhouse. Tikku and his friends ran around the empty rooms. They squeaked and made a lot of noise. Whenever the owner visited the farmhouse, the rats played in a dark shed next to it.

The house owner did some furniture business in the city. He used the shed as a storeroom to keep logs of wood. He came once in a while to take the logs of wood. As soon as the logs were taken out he filled the shed again.

Tikku was a friendly rat. His only problem was that he always wanted attention. He liked to be noticed and praised. He often thought, 'How can I become the best? I must do something special.'

The Annual Rats Meeting was going on in the shed. Tikku and his friends peeped in through a crack in the wall. They heard



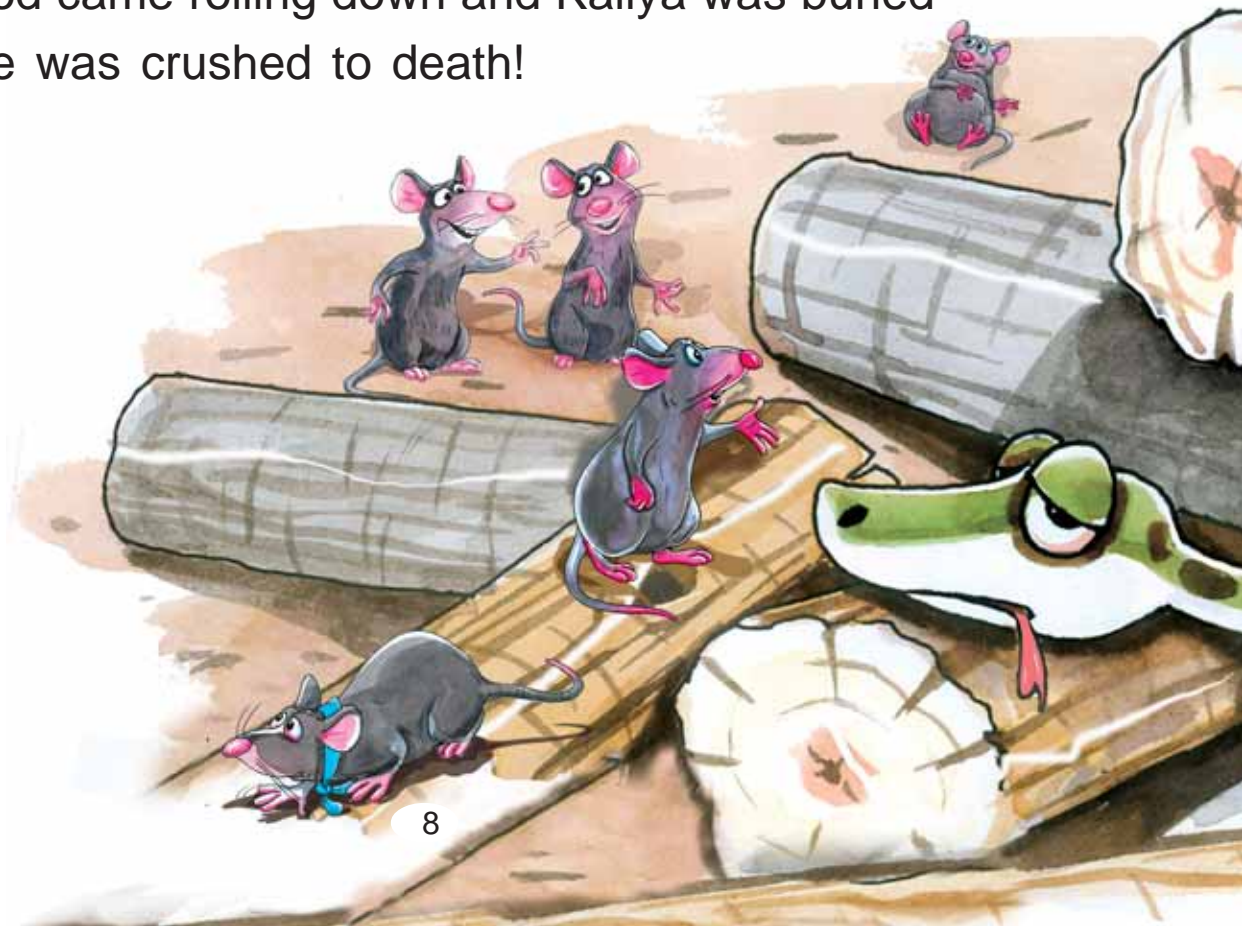
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the elders talk about Kaliya the mean, dangerous cobra. He was attacking the rats and eating them up. The rats were thinking of different ways to kill Kaliya.

After the meeting was over Tikku and his friends went into the shed. Tikku thought it was the right time to show that he was the best. He was very scared of Kaliya the snake but he lied to his friends, 'I can kill Kaliya.'

While Tikku was boasting he did not see Kaliya behind him. All his friends ran to hide among the logs of wood. 'Come on, Tikku, show him,' they shouted. 'Oh! Why did I lie to my friends?' Tikku thought in fright.

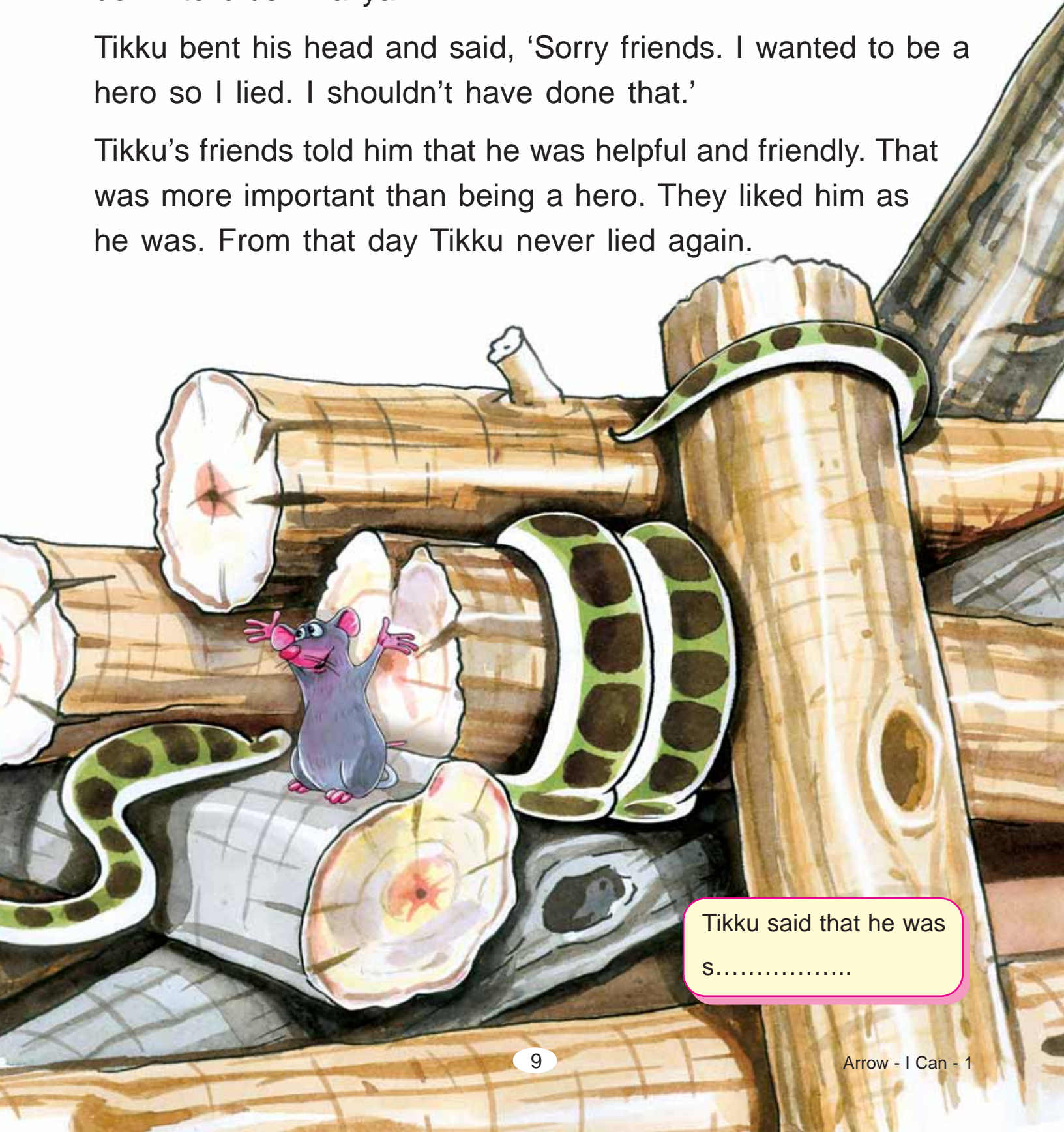
'So you're going to kill me?' Kaliya hissed angrily and trapped Tikku by the wall. Tikku was trapped and could not run. Just as Kaliya was about to swallow him up, there was a huge crash! Logs of wood came rolling down and Kaliya was buried under it. He was crushed to death!



All the rats squeaked in joy and celebrated wicked Kaliya's death. Tikku was unhappy. He realized that he was alive because of his friends. They hid among the logs and sent them rolling down to crush Kaliya.

Tikku bent his head and said, 'Sorry friends. I wanted to be a hero so I lied. I shouldn't have done that.'

Tikku's friends told him that he was helpful and friendly. That was more important than being a hero. They liked him as he was. From that day Tikku never lied again.



Tikku said that he was
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Think a little



Trust me

When do you lie? You lie when you want to hide something. You are scared that you will be caught and punished. Then to hide one lie you say another one and this goes on and on.

If you tell a lie, nobody will trust you. When you speak the truth people will trust you. They will call you an honest person. You would also like your friends to always speak the truth, wouldn't you?

God does not tell lies. So He expects us to tell the truth. Would you like to displease God and your elders?

You can discuss...

1. How did Tikku lie to his friends?
2. Why did Tikku's friends forgive his lie?
3. What happens when you lie?
4. Why is it better to speak the truth?

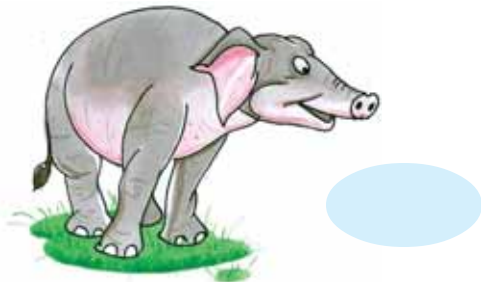
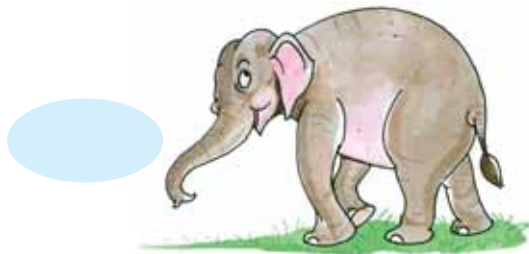
Do it now !



1. Write 'true' or 'false' beside the sentence.

- a. The grass is green.
- b. Vegetables are bad for health.
- c. Ships sail in the sky.
- d. Hair is always black.
- e. The lion eats the deer.

2. Tick (✓) the picture that tells the truth.



Write down the lesson you learnt in a line.

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