THE LEMONADE LESSON

It was a sunny Saturday, and Mia set up a lemonade stand outside her house. She made signs, decorated her table, and poured the sweetest lemonade she could.

As people walked by, many stopped to buy a cup. Mia was happy — she was saving up to buy a new coloring book.

Then she saw Ben, a shy boy from her class, watching from the sidewalk. He looked hot and tired, but he didn't have any money.

Mia smiled and said, "Want a cup, Ben? This one's on me!"

Ben's face lit up. "Really? Thanks, Mia!"

He sat down and they talked and laughed. That day, Mia made a new friend and realized that kindness felt even better than making money.

When her mom asked, "Did you sell a lot?"
Mia grinned, "Yes! But giving one away felt the best."