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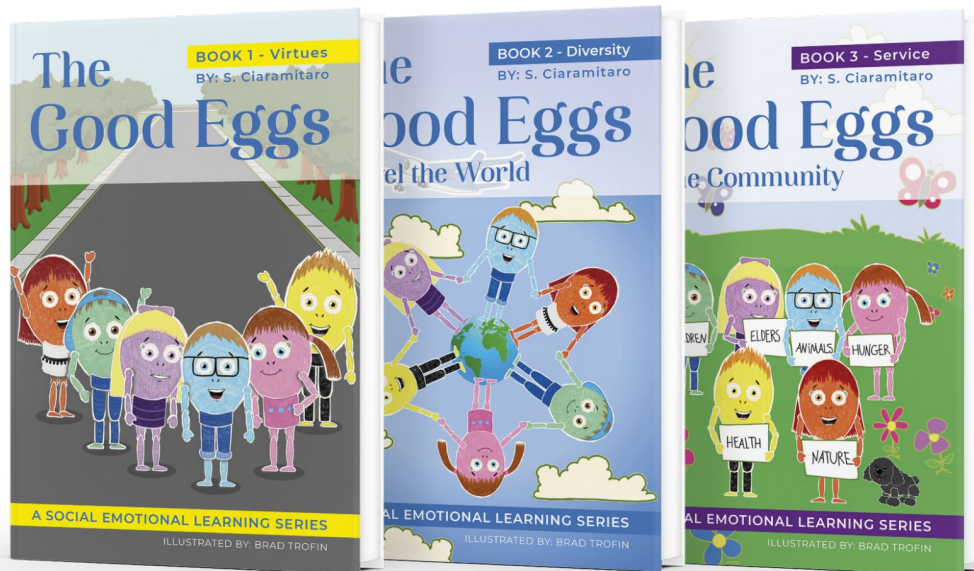
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Classroom Book Club Questions

Essential Concepts for Children about Virtues, Diversity, and Service.

Thank you for reading The Good Eggs Series.

S. Ciaramitaro (Sandy) offers a 30-minute virtual call in one of the chapter's meetings as a thank you to the classroom book clubs. To schedule the call, please email thegoodeggsfoundation@gmail.com with the requested date and time.



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Questions For Book Club Teachers and Students To Discuss in Class

After Reading each Chapter:

S. Ciaramitaro suggests that 12 book club meetings are held throughout the school year, from September through August (suggestions for July and August: Double-up on some months, or assign as summer reading)

CHAPTER 1

Understanding - September

Seggourney, Reggie, Gregory, and Megg (the Good Eggs) are trying to figure out why the new Egg, Benedict, is so anti-social and appears to be so angry. They are trying to understand his situation in order to help him. Finally, after some time, they find out that Benedict was sad because he had to move due to his dad getting a new job. Luckily, Reggie went through a similar struggle when his family first moved to Albumen. Reggie was able to use his past experience to make a connection with Benedict. The rest of the Eggs listened and offered advice, too. In the end, Benedict found love and support in his new friends because he got to share his story. His new friends listened and understood.

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CHAPTER 2

Forgiveness - October

In only his second month in his new school, Benedict jumped to a conclusion without knowing all of the facts. He thinks his new friends would purposely not invite him to the class Halloween party. Instead of asking for an explanation, he decides revenge is the best tactic. He tries to ruin the Halloween party by dumping most of the snacks and even decides to keep one bag of pretzels for himself. He is questioned by his friends and soon realizes that he misinterpreted the situation and acted foolishly, thus finding himself needing forgiveness from the Eggs. Their forgiveness frees Benedict, which allows him to put the incident behind him and enjoy the party.

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CHAPTER 3

Gratitude - November

For a Thanksgiving project, Ms. Poach challenged the Eggs to write a journal page listing the things for which they are grateful. Greggory got a quick lesson on gratitude following a bike accident. He not only realized the importance of being grateful for his friends, but also being grateful for not being hurt worse than he was, and for the ability to walk that he previously took for granted. However, the Eggs find themselves once again helping Benedict. Benedict cannot think of a reason to be grateful. All he is able to do is list everything he feels is negative about himself. The Eggs come up with a plan to take Benedict to visit Greggory. While the Eggs are visiting, Greggory shares his sadness with the others by listing everything he is not able to do because of his broken ankle. He missed playing baseball, running, and even walking to the mailbox. This was all part of the Eggs' plan to help Benedict think of the things that he is able to do and should be grateful for. The plan worked. Benedict got to thinking, and the next day he read aloud to the class a list of all the things and people that make him happy – he discovered gratitude after all.

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CHAPTER 4

Generosity - December

For Christmas, Ms. Poach introduced a project that taught the importance of being generous with our things and also our time. Part one of the project was called Giving Things. All of the Eggs, except Benedict, donated lots of wonderful toys, books, and clothing – all things they really liked. Part two of the class project was called Giving Time. She shared the importance of giving your time to someone and the difference it can make in their lives. For this part of the project, the Eggs took time to write letters to children in another country. All of the Eggs, except Benedict, were excited to write their letters and turn them in to Ms. Poach. With the help of Seggourney, Benedict was eventually able to find his generous side. He decided to donate a toy that meant a lot to him, and he liked the thought that another child could enjoy it as much as he did. Then Benedict asked Seggourney if he could join her when she was going to visit her grandma. Benedict learned the importance of generosity through giving things and giving time.

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CHAPTER 5

Cooperation - January

In Chapter 5, we first learn about cooperation through the compromise the Eggs made when trying to decide which play to choose for their annual Albumen Players performance for their community. In her young wisdom, Seggourney said something very important as she suggested that the Eggs choose their parts for the play. She said, "If we all cooperate, things will go smoothly." At this point in the story, Seggourney was right and Ms. Poach admired the classes' cooperation with one another. During rehearsal, however, something goes wrong and Gregory realizes that Peggy, Reggie's cousin, didn't complete the task of fastening the hooks on one of the props. Because of this negligence, Benedict could have been seriously hurt. Peggy didn't do this on purpose; she was distracted by a family issue that was causing her a lot of turmoil. Once again, Seggourney comes up with a good idea and encourages Peggy to talk to her parents in order to encourage cooperation in their family, especially between her parents.

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CHAPTER 6

Love - February

Ms. Poach shows her appreciation for the great job the Eggs did in the play last month by presenting them with a small crystal heart. With Valentine's Day coming up, the Eggs in turn decide they want to do something nice for Ms. Poach. Peggy, already down about her situation at home, realizes she has lost the crystal heart Ms. Poach had given to her. It meant so much to Peggy – knowing that Ms. Poach loved her. It turns out that Benedict found Peggy's crystal heart by the swing set, but he doesn't want to give it back. The Eggs needed to convince Benedict that returning Peggy's crystal heart was the right and loving thing to do. Benedict must have really given some thought to the Eggs' advice because after he tripped and broke Peggy's crystal heart, he decided to give her his own crystal heart. He told the Eggs he gave Peggy the crystal heart because they told him that "love works best when it is given away." Peggy heeded the advice, too, because she decided she was going to give the crystal heart to her parents since they were having a hard time and needed some love.

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CHAPTER 7

Acceptance - March

In Chapter 7, once again, Benedict causes some controversy. He can't accept the fact that there are girls on the school baseball team and that Coach Flo is female. He makes the decision that he doesn't want to play on a team with girls, but he soon realizes that he misses playing baseball. He goes to Coach Flo and pretends like he will be more accepting even though he has ulterior motives that include trying to tell Coach Flo to not play the girls, and even plans on telling Coach Flo ways in which she can coach better. Benedict finally gets into a game after Greggory gets hurt, but he ends up missing a few ground balls. Luckily, Seggourney helped complete both plays fumbled by Benedict. In the end, the Eggs won the big game. Benedict realizes he was wrong and this time sincerely apologizes for not being more accepting of the girls on the team. Reggie puts everything into perspective when he says, "If we accept all people, together we can make great things happen.

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CHAPTER 8

Respect - April

In Chapter 8, respect for the environment is the issue. Benedict lacks respect early on in the chapter when he throws his candy wrapper on the ground and says the wind will take care of it. Ms. Poach reminds the Eggs that it is important to respect people, property, all living things, and the planet. She then assigns a special project for Earth Day. Benedict decides he doesn't want to work in a group, so he does his project alone. Things don't turn out so well with Benedict's project. He has to learn a tough lesson about the harm littering can do not only to the environment, but also to others, and this time his dog Scrambler. In the end, Benedict realizes the importance of respect. Once again, Benedict learns from his mistakes and from the help of his friends.

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CHAPTER 9

Responsibility - May

In Chapter 9, Coach Flo introduces the virtue of responsibility after the Eggs win an important baseball game. She tells them they won because everybody did their jobs at their assigned positions – they acted responsibly. Back at school Benedict volunteers to take on the responsibility of taking care of a small garden patch next to the playground. Unfortunately, Benedict got too focused on the upcoming game and forgot to water the flowers for which he was responsible. The Eggs were disappointed in Benedict because they planned on cutting some of the flowers to make a bouquet for Ms. Poach. Benedict once again learned his lesson and took it upon himself to be more responsible and to make things right. Ms. Poach got her bouquet of flowers from the Eggs and new flowers were planted in the garden patch at school. The Eggs played well in the championship game and, once again, Coach Flo reminded them about the importance of teamwork and everybody being responsible for their positions. After the game, Benedict thanked Coach Flo for the valuable lesson on responsibility and he even gave her a surprise gift!

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CHAPTER 10

Honesty - June

In Chapter 10, Benedict once again makes some poor decisions. This time his decisions are dishonest. He tells his parents he lost his report card, and then he has Peggy water down the lemonade at their lemonade stand so they can make it last longer and earn more money. Even though Peggy tells him he is being dishonest in both situations, Benedict doesn't care. Benedict's dishonesty gets worse. He made Seggourney a glass of lemonade that wasn't made from lemonade powder, and then he "fixed" Reggie's bike with an inner tube he knew was too old to be safe. Both incidents caused some major problems for both Seggourney and Reggie. Benedict learned a hard lesson, but in the end, he told the truth about everything, including his report card. Benedict "realized that one lie leads to another and just makes a mess of things." Peggy reminds Benedict that "honesty is the best policy."

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CHAPTER 11

Confidence - July

In Chapter 11, summer is in full swing, and with the help of Benedict's exuberance, the Eggs decide to join a Fun Run competition in Albumen. As the Eggs train, Benedict struggles to run a mile and quickly loses confidence in his ability. Along with the mile each of them had to run, they also needed to raise money for Albumen Children's Hospital. The Eggs raised lots of money through a community car wash and through the help of donations from their parents. When it came time for the Fun Run, all of the Eggs were confident, except Benedict. Seggourney and the other Eggs kept encouraging Benedict, trying to increase his confidence. Benedict regained his confidence when he saw a little Egg in a wheelchair. It changed his perspective on his abilities, and increased his confidence. After the race, Peggy agreed to read a congratulatory speech. She got nervous and began to struggle reading, but with the help of her friends, she found her confidence.

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CHAPTER 12

Manners - August

In Chapter 12, the final chapter of Book 1, the Eggs invite Benedict to join their families on their annual camping trip. Benedict gets permission to bring his dog Scrambler but fails to bring him in his cage as requested. In the car ride to the camp, Benedict is being very demanding and rude. Even though Benedict promised he would use his manners, he continued to be a problem with the Eggs at camp. Instead of helping set up camp, Benedict went to the camp's game room and left the other Eggs to take care of Scrambler. The Eggs all tried to convince Benedict of the importance of using manners. Throughout the ordeal at the campground, Benedict kept getting annoyed by some little Eggs that kicked sand in his roasted marshmallow and woke him up playing tag. All he could think about was their lack of manners, when all of sudden he realized his own lack of manners were causing the same kind of frustration among the Eggs and their parents. He realized how much the Eggs have been helping him throughout the year to always try to think of others. He finally realized the importance of being a Good Egg!

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