You choose story- **Stop, Think, Make the best choice**

Main Character- Washma-girls groups

Scene- park

**When reading the story, do not read both options to the kids. The option section part will be read after they decided.**

Washma had just finished schoolwork. She felt so happy to be done with school. It was a sunny day and playing in the park was just what Washma wanted to do. So Washma packed a bag with snacks and a water bottle to take with her and went to the park to play with her friends. Washma brought her new soccer ball too. All her friends like to play soccer at the park. When Washma walked into the park she saw that there was no space left on the grass to play soccer. All the older kids were playing volleyball and chatting on the grass. Washma started to feel annoyed/frustrated/angry. What are her choices? Washma could play on the playground until a spot on the grass opens up or Washma could start yelling at the older kids to move out of the way. WHAT SHOULD WASHMA DO? First, she needs to STOP, THINK and MAKE THE BEST DECISION.

*(Pause to let students decide option #1 or #2. Only read the option they choose.)*

**OPTION #1**- Play on the playground

Washma decided to wait till there was space on the field. She went over to the playground feeling a little frustrated. When she reached the swings her friend jumped off the swing and asked to play tag. That helped Washma wait patiently to play soccer.

**OPTION #2**- Yelling at older kids to move

Washma ran onto the field right in the middle of the older kids game. She started yelling at the other kids to move and make space. The older kids didn’t even stop their game but yelled right back for her to get off the field and leave them alone. Washma was feeling scared now because the big kids were running fast around her and one even bumped into her.

After a while, Washma decided to eat the snack she brought to the park. She opened the bag to get out the chips and water bottle. Sitting with friends and chatting, Washma was having a good time at the park. After she finished eating with her friends they all got up to start playing soccer because the old kids had left the park. They all ran to the field. Washma grabbed her soccer ball and started to play. After a few minutes Washma looked over to where she had been sitting with her friends and eating. She noticed the garbage from her snack on the ground. Washma was frustrated. She didn’t want to stop playing soccer to pick up the garbage. What are her choices? Washma could tell her friends to pause the game for a minute so she could pick up her garbage and throw it in the trash can or she could leave the trash on the ground. WHAT SHOULD WASHMA DO? First, she needs to STOP, THINK and MAKE THE BEST DECISION.

*(Pause to let students decide option #1 or #2. Only read the option they choose.)*

**OPTION #1-** Pause the game to pick up the garbage.

Washma asked her friends to pause the game for 1 minute so she could pick up the garbage she left from her chips and water bottle. Washma was very fast cleaning up her trash and throwing it in the garbage can. She was back in the game very quickly. It was a great day playing at the park.

**OPTION #2-** Washma decided to leave the trash on the ground because she didn’t feel like picking it up. She didn’t want to stop playing soccer. Washma thought it was not a big problem leaving garbage on the ground. But, Coach Luke saw Washma leave the trash on the ground. Coach Luke picked up the garbage that Washma left. Coach Luke went over to Washma and said, “We all play in this park together. We have a good time with neighbors here. Because you have not been respectful to the other people in the park I will not have you play soccer with my teams next week. If everyone left garbage in the park, the garbage would cover the field and no one could play soccer”. Washma was very sad and felt unhappy to be treating other people in a bad way.

ENDING- As Abdul walked home from the park, he thought about all the choices he had to make that day. He knew there would be more chances to make the best decision tomorrow.

Questions-

1. What was Abdul feeling at the park?
2. What would you have done?