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G.L. Wolfgang
Hello Imani! What's wrong?
You look a little blue.

Hi Tina.
Well, I really wanted to ride my bike today, but it's raining and I have nothing to do. I'm BORED!
Hmm, I'm sure we can find something for you to do. You have homework right?

Yeah, but I wanted to do it AFTER I rode my bike.

Well Imani, I think you should take this OPPORTUNITY to do your homework now.
Tina, what’s an OPPOR-TUN-ITY?

An opportunity is when you have a chance to do something you like, or need, to get done!
But, won’t I still have the opportunity to do my homework later?

Yes, but think about this:

If you do your homework now, you’ll have the opportunity to play a game before bedtime.

If you wait until later, you won’t have that opportunity. You’ll have to do your homework and then go to sleep.
Can’t I have the opportunity to play a game with you first Tina?

Imani you are such a smart young lady! I guess we’ll just have to make a choice.
I think I’ll take the OPPORTUNITY to play a game now!

Okay Imani, but you have to do your homework when we’re finished.
Sure Tina! And when we’re done, will you help quiz me? We’re having a spelling bee tomorrow!

Of course Imani! I love helping you learn!
So friends, remember:
“Opportunity is the choices we have.”
Deeper Thinking

Level 1: Applying
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What opportunities did you have today?

Has there been a time when you had to choose between 2 opportunities?

Can you imagine a BIG opportunity? How about a small one?
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Hey Tina! Could you help us with something?

Sure thing Imani! What do you and Leon need?

Well, we want to build a tree house but we don’t know where to start!
I want to build the tree house way up in the trees!

But the branches are really high and we can't reach them.
And I want to build somewhere nice and shady!

But we can’t figure out where...
Well, why don’t you try drawing some ideas out to see which plan would work best.

Then you can IMPLEMENT the best idea!
How do we do that Tina?

Yeah! How?

Oh, you mean “Implement”? You implement when you take action on a plan!
In this case, you’ll create a plan for your tree house,

And then implement that idea by building it!
Leon and I are going to make a plan to “Implement” right now!

Yeah!
I love getting things done. Don't you?

YES!

YES!
So friends, remember:
“Don’t let your ideas sit idle. Implement them!”

That’s how we get things done!
Deeper Thinking

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Has there been a time when a plan could have helped you get something done?

Would Imani’s dream treehouse be harder to implement than Leon’s?

When would you implement?
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Leon...
What are you doing?
Hi Tina!
I'm cleaning my room and I'm almost done!

Leon, I don't think those toys belong under your bed.
It’s a good spot! Why can’t I just be done?

Leon, if you want to do things right, you need to PERSEVERE.
Per - se...
What?

Persevere!
You persevere by working hard at something and you don’t let anything stop you!
But I did finish
SOMETHING
right?

But is it really clean Leon?
If you persevere and put everything
where it belongs, it will be!
Okay! I get it Tina!

I'm going to PERSEVERE and finish my room!
I'm all finished! Doesn't it look good?

It looks GREAT Leon! I'm so proud of you!
So friends, remember:

“Persevering is not always fun, but it sure feels good when you are done!”
Deeper Thinking

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Has there been a time when you needed to persevere with a friend?

What do you think is hardest about persevering?

Is it important to persevere?
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Hi Tina! Imani and I are taking the OPPORTUNITY to help in the garden!

Yeah! We’re going to PERSEVERE so we can get it all done before it gets dark!
Wow guys! I love that you want to help. And, I’m impressed with the way you are using your new words...

But look at the sky over there...
It's going to rain in a few minutes!

OH!

No!
Listen, your idea to do some yard work was great!

But next time, if you pay attention to your surroundings, you can be more SAGACIOUS with your decisions.
You see, when you’re **SAGACIOUS** you listen and watch very carefully so you can understand or recognize the best time to act on a plan!
Ooooooooooooooooohhh!
So when we pay attention...

We can be SAGACIOUS...

And make good decisions!!!
Now, seeing as it's raining and we're hungry, let's make a SAGACIOUS decision, and order a PIZZA!

YES!

YAY!
So friends, remember:

“A SAGACIOUS mind makes sensible time!”
Deeper Thinking

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Who do you know that makes sagacious choices?

What sagacious choices does a leader have to make?

Does being sagacious make it easier or harder to make decisions?
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Okay, Caton.

SIT!
Wow Leon!
You trained Caton to sit so quickly!

That must feel very **GRATIFYING**.

Good boy Caton!
Tina, what does that mean?

Oh, "GRATIFYING"?

When something is gratifying it means you feel happy or satisfied that you accomplished something!
But I got dressed and brushed my teeth this morning and that didn't make me feel happy.
Well, gratification happens when you’ve been working really hard on something.

Like Training Caton, Building a tree house, or cleaning your whole bedroom!

And then when you see what you have accomplished . . .
Oh! I get it! GRATIFICATION!

Because I’ve been working really hard!
I think I feel it!

That’s great Leon!
That feeling is an important part of your life!

It will help you keep working hard to finish the things you start!
Tina, I can’t wait to feel gratification again! I think I’ll train Caton to roll over next!
Well Leon, Caton looks like he's feeling pretty GRATIFIED right now!

He does look GRATIFIED! Hahaha!
So Friends,

remember: "Gratification is motivation!"
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When have you felt the MOST gratified?

Can you imagine what a painting of gratification would look like in a museum?

Does “Gratified” mean “Happy”?
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