The Two Frogs



Two frogs lived in the same pond. When the pond dried up under the hot summer sun, they left their pond and set out together looking for another home. As they hopped along, they came upon a deep well with lots of water. One of the frogs said to the other, "Let us jump into that well and make our home there. We will surely have plenty of water." The other frog thought for a minute and then answered, "But suppose the water in the well dries up, too. How can we get out again from such a deep hole? We can jump, but not that high. We will be way down on the bottom and will be stuck there forever."

The Lesson:

Always think of the consequences when you are making a choice about what you will do.

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Questions to Discuss

- 1. In your own words, explain the frogs' problem.
- 2. What did the first frog suggest as a solution to this problem?
- 3. Would this solution (jumping into the well) have been a good choice? Why or why not?
- 4. What does *consequences* mean? What might have been the consequence of jumping into the well?
- 5. What is the message (or lesson) of this story?
- 6. Based on this story, what is one consequence of making a bad choice?
- 7. Unit inquiry question: Why is it important to make good choices?