



SKY SURFING SPECTACULAR

– SEL THEMES & CONVERSATION STARTERS –

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The summary and SEL themes for this episode are on the next page followed by a list of questions for deep thinking, reflection and open-ended discussions about the "Sky Surfing Spectacular."

Summary of Story Themes and Lessons:

1. Even when you feel unprepared, you can rise to the occasion and do the best you can.
2. Success is about supporting one another and working together.
3. True community means making space for everyone to participate.
4. Practice and effort help turn mistakes into progress.
5. Every contribution, big or small, matters in the group.

Summary of SEL Themes

- Self-Awareness – Shrimp recognizes his fears and self-doubt, and learns to see himself as capable and valuable..
- Self-Management – Through practice and encouragement, Shrimp learns to manage his nerves and push through challenges.
- Social Awareness – The story highlights empathy and fairness when the Seagulls and other teams insist the Acro-Bats be included.
- Relationship Skills – Collaboration between Shrimp, Jonathan, Redge, and Lugo shows the value of encouragement and teamwork.
- Responsible Decision-Making – The teams make a collective choice to prioritize fairness and inclusion over competition alone.

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– DISCUSSION QUESTIONS –

Courage and Self-Awareness:

- How did Shrimp feel when he first learned he had to join the Seagulls' routine? Have you ever felt nervous about trying something new?
- What helped Shrimp find the courage to take flight? What helps you feel brave when you're scared?
- Do you think being brave means not being afraid, or does it mean something else?

Teamwork and Relationship Skills:

- How did Jonathan, Redge, and Lugo support Shrimp? Why do you think their encouragement was important?
- In what ways did the Seagulls and other bird teams show they cared about each other and their community?
- Can you think of a time when working together with others made something easier or more fun for you?

Fairness, Inclusion and Social Awareness:

- Why did Shrimp and the Seagulls believe it was important for the Acro-Bats to be included in the competition?
- How do you think the Acro-Bats felt when they were finally welcomed back?
- Can you think of a time when you saw someone being left out? What could you do to help them feel included?

Perseverance and Self-Management:

- What happened when Shrimp practiced with Lugo in the cave? How did he improve between his first and second attempts?
- Why do you think practicing, even when it's hard, can help you get better at something?
- What is something you've practiced over time that was difficult at first but got easier?

Making Personal Connections:

- Do you think the teams choosing inclusion of the Acro-bats over winning was the right choice? Why or why not?
- How would you have felt if you were part of the crowd when the judges allowed the Acro-Bats to join?
- What do you think this story teaches about what makes a community strong?