

## Progress Monitoring Probe 13

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### The Boy and the Scorpion: A Modern Fable (Continued)

dropped to the floor, where he scrambled in panic under a giant bed.	299 300
When the boy awoke from his terrible and disturbing dream, he considered his experience and decided he had a new attitude toward insects. He saw that they meant no harm, except when they were threatened. From that time forward, when the boy found a bug in the house, he gently coaxed it into a jar and emptied the jar respectfully in the woods.	310 321 332 342 356 363
Moral: Before judging others, try putting yourself in their shoes.	372 373

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“Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood,” Hal added. “Blood donations help people treated for accidents, surgeries, and serious diseases.”

After Yoko shared the information with her parents, they both donated blood. Yoko’s teacher also donated blood when she read Yoko’s report. Yoko was not yet old enough to be a donor. But, in a way, her curiosity about blood donation was on its way to saving lives.