Worksheet 4. Reading: An Honest Boy

Read the passage. Then complete the sentences below.

An Honest Boy

George Washington, the first president of the United States, was an honest boy, according to legend. Here is the legend about him.

One day when George Washington was a little boy, his father gave him a present. The present was an axe. The axe was a useful present because the Washington family lived on a farm. George was very happy with the axe and began to play with it right away.

The next day, his father was surprised and unhappy when he saw his favorite cherry tree. The tree wasn’t standing up any more, but instead it was lying on the ground. The father was angry and asked George, “George! Did you cut down the cherry tree with your new axe?”

George was afraid because his father was angry, but he was brave. He said to his father, “Father, I cannot tell a lie. Yes, I cut down the tree.”

George didn’t know that it was wrong to cut down the tree. But he knew that it was wrong to tell a lie. And he couldn’t tell a lie to his father.

Circle the word that completes each sentence correctly.

1. An honest person tells (the truth / lies).
2. A legend is a (song / story).
3. A present is a (gift / problem).
4. An axe is like a large, sharp (spoon / knife).
5. A useful thing is something you can (often / never) use.
6. If you live on a farm, you live in the (city / country).
7. Right away means (later / immediately).
8. If something is your favorite, it means that you (hate / like) it very much.
9. A cherry is (a small red fruit / an axe).
10. When you cut down something, you (make a mark on it / cut it to the ground).
11. If you are brave, it means that you have a (strong / rude) character.
12. Wrong is the opposite of (useful, right).