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{Exit Ticket: Main Idea & Theme}

Directions: Read the passage, and determine the main idea & the theme.

**[QUESTION #1]**

It was Friday night, and Travis couldn’t wait to head out with his friends. Walking home, he and his buddies made plans for that night. They would go to laser tag, eat pizza, and play arcade games until their parents said they had to be home. Eagerly, he told mom of their plans, and she agreed that it sounded like a blast. She even agreed to drive the boys to the arcade a little bit later. An hour later, the boys were piling into the mini-van, clutching their hard earned chore money, ready to rock the night. As the boys poked fun at each other at a stop light, Travis noticed a family sitting on the sidewalk, bundled in rags, and huddled together for warmth. Concerned, the boys asked his mom if they could stop & get the family some dinner. They pooled their money together to buy a few meals at McDonald’s. The family was so grateful for the kind gesture, and told the boys about the local soup kitchen being low on volunteers. There wasn’t enough food to go around anymore. The boys looked at each other and knew what they needed to do. “Mom? Can we head to the soup kitchen instead of the arcade tonight? Someone needs our time and money more than we need to play video games tonight.” Without asking another question, mom turned the van toward their new destination.

A: Be compassionate to those around you.

B. Even though the boys had a fun night planned, they decided to help others instead.

C: The boys decided to go to the soup kitchen instead of laser tag.

**Main Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[QUESTION #2]**

**Main Idea:**

**Theme:**

It was the biggest game of the year, and each of the basketball players wanted to be the hero of the game. The score was tied, and the coach huddles the team to cheer them on and give them tips and tricks to win the game. Back on the court, it was a madhouse! All the players could focus on was getting their hands on the ball to have a chance at scoring the winning goal. The other team was intercepting the ball, tapping it out of their hands, and scoring basket after basket, making a big win seem even further away. Coach called one last time out. “Boys, get your heads in the game! If you are all focused on yourself, you are never going to win this game! Work together, or we are going to go home empty handed.” For the rest of the game, the boys stopped focusing on themselves & focused instead on working together to keep the ball in their possession and in the basket. Whoosh after whoosh, basket after basket, they cheered and high fived each other. When the timer buzzed, and they were one point ahead, the team, their fans, and their coaches erupted into thunderous applause. “WE did it!” they cheered, huddling on top of each other.