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## Answer Key: The Secret Keeper's Choice: A 2nd Grade Ethics Adventure

Evaluate tough choices like honesty versus kindness while practicing moral reasoning through the lens of loyalty, fairness, and rules.

**1. Leo finds a toy on the playground. He knows it belongs to Sam, but Sam was mean to him earlier. What is the most 'virtuous' or good-character choice for Leo?**

**Answer:** C) Return the toy because being honest is the right thing to do.

Virtue ethics focuses on being a good person. An honest person returns things that don't belong to them, even if they are upset with the owner.

**2. If a rule says 'No Talking,' a person following Deontology (duty-based rules) would stay quiet even if they had a funny joke to tell.**

**Answer:** A) True

Deontology is about following the rules or duties you have, regardless of whether the outcome is 'fun' or not.

**3. Maya has one cookie. She can eat it herself, or share it so her three friends are all a little bit happy. Choosing the option that makes the most people happy is called \_\_\_ thinking.**

**Answer:** B) Utilitarian

Utilitarianism is the idea that we should make choices that result in the greatest amount of happiness for the most people.

**4. A 'dilemma' is a special kind of problem. What makes a problem a dilemma?**

**Answer:** B) When you have to choose between two things that both seem right or both seem wrong.

An ethical dilemma happens when different 'right' values (like loyalty vs. honesty) clash, making the choice very difficult.

**5. A person who values 'Virtue' would try to be brave and kind every day, not just when someone is watching.**

**Answer:** A) True

Virtue ethics is about your inner character and practicing good habits until they become part of who you are.

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**6. Your friend draws a picture they love, but you think it looks messy. If you tell a 'white lie' to keep them from crying, you are focusing on the \_\_\_ of your action.**

**Answer:** C) Consequences

Focusing on consequences means looking at the result (the friend's happiness) rather than the rule (always tell the truth).

**7. There is a rule: 'Do not go backstage.' During a play, a student sees a fire starting backstage. Which choice shows that the student is thinking about the 'higher good'?**

**Answer:** B) Breaking the rule to warn people and put out the fire.

Sometimes, saving lives or preventing harm is a more important ethical duty than following a minor rule.

**8. If you follow Deontology, you believe that certain actions, like stealing, are always wrong, even if you are stealing to help someone.**

**Answer:** A) True

Deontologists believe in universal moral rules that should not be broken, no matter what the outcome might be.

**9. When you weigh two different choices to see which one is more 'fair,' you are practicing ethical \_\_\_\_.**

**Answer:** B) Reasoning

Ethical reasoning is the process of thinking through a problem to decide what the most 'right' or 'fair' action is.

**10. Ben broke a vase by accident. His sister asks if he did it. Which character trait is Ben showing if he tells the truth even though he might get in trouble?**

**Answer:** B) Integrity

Integrity means being honest and having strong moral principles, especially when it is difficult to do so.