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Grade 2: Lesson 10 The Prince and the Pauper

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A long time ago, two babies were born. Both of the babies were boys. The babies looked alike, too.

The boys grew. They still looked alike, but they had very different lives. Tom was poor. He had to ask people for food. Edward lived in a palace. He was a prince!

One day, Tom walked by the palace. Edward was playing outside. "Hello!" said Edward. "Would you like to come in?" The boys looked at one another.

"We look just alike!" Edward said.

"I wish I could be a prince!" Tom said.

"I wish I could go out by myself!" Edward said. Then they had an idea. Edward put on Tom's clothes, and Tom put on Edward's clothes.

A guard came along. The guard was very mean. "Out with you!" he said to Edward. "You can't be in here!" The guard pushed Edward into the street.

Edward was angry. "But I am the prince! He cried.

"No, HE is the prince," said the guard. The guard walked toward Tom. "Let's go inside now," the guard said.

Edward walked away sadly. "What should I do?" he asked himself.

"There you are!" said a mean man. "I have been looking all over for you. Get to work!"

"I can't work. I am the prince!" said Edward. That made the mean man mad.

"Sure you are," he said. "I need food, so GET TO WORK!"

Tom found a book in his new home. It showed him how to look and act like a prince. But everyone watched him. "The prince isn't like himself," they said. "Something isn't right."

"I don't want to hear of it!" said the King. "Watch over him. Help him do the things a prince needs to do."

Then a sad thing happened. The king died. Tom was going to be the new king! "I can't be the king," Tom said to himself.

Tom looked out at all the people. He saw Edward. "There's your true king!" Tom cried. Edward ran to Tom.

"We will tell you what we did," Edward and Tom said to the people.

Edward was a good king because he knew what it was like to be poor. He asked his wise and kind friend Tom to work with him. Together, they helped everyone who needed them.

Independent Practice Directions: Use your note taker to tell how the events in the story help Edward become a good king? Why?