



## ATHENA'S MAGICAL FLUTE

– SEL THEMES & CONVERSATION STARTERS –

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The summary and SEL themes for this episode are on the next page followed by a list of questions for deep thinking, reflection and open-ended discussions about "Athena's Magical Flute."

## Summary of Story Themes and Lessons:

1. A true friend celebrates your success: Athena and Pallas support one another throughout the competition and are genuinely happy when the other does well, showing that friendship is more important than winning.
2. Being fair matters, even when you want someone you love to succeed: Zeus learns that trying to help Athena win at someone else's expense is unfair and can hurt others.
3. Mistakes can be repaired through honesty and apology: After admitting what he did, Zeus takes responsibility and apologizes to Pallas, helping to make things right.
4. Good sportsmanship means doing your best and respecting others: Athena and Pallas compete with kindness, encouragement, and respect, demonstrating what healthy competition looks like.
5. The people who help us grow deserve our gratitude: Athena recognizes how much Triton and Pallas have taught and supported her, reminding us to appreciate those who care for us and help us learn.

## Summary of SEL Themes

- Self-Awareness – Athena understands her feelings about friendship, competition, and fairness. She recognizes when something is wrong and remains true to her values even when it involves her father.
- Self-Management – Pallas manages her nervousness before performing, while Athena stays focused on helping her friend rather than becoming distracted by the competition results.
- Social Awareness – The story encourages empathy by helping listeners consider how Pallas feels after being embarrassed and how Athena recognizes the impact of Zeus's actions on others.
- Relationship Skills – Athena and Pallas model trust, encouragement, communication, forgiveness, and mutual support. Zeus also practices repairing a relationship through a sincere apology.
- Responsible Decision-Making – Characters face choices about fairness, honesty, and competition. Athena chooses to stand up for what is right, and Zeus learns to take responsibility for the consequences of his actions.

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## – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS –

### Friendship and Supporting Others:

- What made Athena and Pallas such good friends?
- How did Athena and Pallas support each other before the competition?
- Have you ever been happy for a friend who achieved something special? What happened?

### Winning, Losing, and Sportsmanship:

- Athena and Pallas both wanted to do well. How did they show good sportsmanship throughout the competition?
- Why do you think Athena was happy when Pallas won?
- Is it possible to feel disappointed and happy for someone else at the same time? Why or why not?
- What does being a good winner or a good loser look like?

### Fairness and Doing the Right Thing:

- Why did Zeus interfere with the competition?
- Do you think Zeus believed he was helping Athena? Why?
- What made Zeus's choice unfair?
- Have you ever seen a situation that felt unfair? What happened, and how did it make you feel?

### Mistakes, Responsibility, and Apologies:

- What happened after Zeus admitted what he had done?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to admit when we've made a mistake?
- What makes an apology feel sincere?

## Courage and Standing Up for What Matters:

- Why do you think Athena confronted Zeus even though he was the king of the gods?
- What values was Athena protecting when she stood up for Pallas?
- Have you ever had to tell someone you cared about that they were wrong about something?
- What can help us find the courage to speak up when something isn't right?

## Gratitude and Appreciating Others:

- What are some things Athena learned from Pallas and Triton?
- Why was it important that Athena acknowledged everything they had done for her?
- Who are the people in your life who help you learn, grow, or feel supported?
- How can you show appreciation to someone who has helped you?

## Reflecting on the Story:

- Which character did you relate to most: Athena, Pallas, Zeus, Triton, or Redge? Why?
- What do you think was the most important lesson Zeus learned?
- What was your favorite moment in the story and why?
- If you could add one more scene to the story, what would happen next?