Asking for Help: assembly script

At a glance

Story: Moss's Hazelnut **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins
You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.
Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building Relationships.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about asking for help. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "Moss's Hazelnut".
2. Think about it	Ask: Have you ever lost something really special? How did you feel? Let two or three children share. Say: losing something can make us feel sad or worried. Today's story is about a mouse who lost his very best thing.
3. The story, part 1	Read: Bramble is a little hedgehog. She lives with Mam on Thistledown Lane. One morning, Mam was baking hazelnut buns.
4. The story, part 2	Read: Bramble went out to play. She met her friend Moss the mouse. Moss was very sad. "I have lost my best hazelnut!" he said.
5. The story, part 3	Read: "We will find it together," said Bramble. They looked under the leaves and behind the stones.
6. The story, part 4	Read: Old Wren was sitting on a branch. "Follow the leaves," he said. So they did. They looked in the big field. Then they looked in the woods.
7. The story, part 5	Read: In the woods, Bramble saw a leaf the wrong way up. Then another, and another! The leaves made a trail to a big mossy stone.
8. The story, part 6	Read: Moss lifted up the last leaf. There was his hazelnut! "Thank you, Bramble," said Moss. Then they all ate hazelnut buns with Mam.

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. How did Moss feel when he couldn't find his hazelnut? Listen for: sad, worried, like giving up. 2. What did Bramble do to help? Listen for: she looked with him and kept going. 3. Who could you ask for help at school? Listen for: a friend, a teacher, any grown-up they trust.
10. Have a go	Hold up one finger. That's you, looking on your own. Now hold up another finger next to it. That's a friend! Say it together: "Two noses are better than one!"
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Ask somebody, "Can I help you look?" You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-moss-hazelnut (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

If you ever lose something, ask a friend, and look together.

If you have longer

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