

## Study Guide: "Kipper and the Giant"

### Quiz

1. What initially prompts the villagers' fear of the giant?
2. What specific action does the giant take when angry that causes concern among the villagers?
3. What motivates Kipper to visit the giant?
4. How does the giant react to Kipper's first encounter with him?
5. Describe two specific actions Kipper takes to help the giant?
6. What is the giant's reaction to Kipper's acts of kindness?
7. What realization does the giant come to as a result of Kipper's visit?
8. What is the outcome of the giant's change of heart?
9. How does the village react when the giant stops being angry?
10. What is a theme or message that the story communicates?

### Answer Key

1. The villagers are afraid of the giant because he is always cross.
2. When the giant is angry, he stamps his feet, causing the houses in the village to shake.
3. Kipper liked the television programme about the giant and when it had finished he went looking for Chip and found the key.
4. The giant is initially angry and shouts at Kipper when they first meet, demonstrating his usual behavior.
5. Kipper helps the giant by picking up his things and putting a bandage on his head, which are acts of simple kindness and care.
6. The giant is surprised by Kipper's kindness and stops being angry, beginning his transformation.
7. The giant realizes that he can be friends with the villagers, which is a contrast to his previous hostile behavior.
8. The giant's change of heart leads to a party where he and the villagers celebrate together.
9. The villagers are happy that the giant is no longer angry and they all join in the celebration.
10. The story communicates a message about the power of kindness and friendship to overcome fear and hostility.

### Glossary of Key Terms

**Cross:** Irritable or bad-tempered. In the story, it is used to describe the giant's disposition before Kipper's arrival.

**Stamp:** To bring one's foot down heavily on the ground, often expressing anger or frustration. This is the giant's way of expressing anger.

**Kindness:** The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. This is Kipper's main character trait and the source of his influence on the giant.

**Compassion:** The feeling of sympathy and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others. Kipper shows this to the giant when he helps him.

**Hostility:** Unfriendly or aggressive behavior. This is how the villagers perceive the giant at the beginning of the story.

**Transformation:** A marked change in form, nature, or appearance. This is what occurs in the giant after his interaction with Kipper.

**Community:** A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. The village is the community in the story.

**Acceptance:** The action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered; the quality of being accepted. The giant seeks acceptance from the villagers, and they offer it after his change.

**Courage:** The ability to do something that frightens one; bravery. Kipper shows courage by facing the giant when others fear him.

**Friendship:** The emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends. Friendship is the theme that resolves the conflict between the giant and the villagers.