

Tula's Story

Standing Up for Darla

When I've earned my Tula petal,
I will know how to be
courageous and strong
just like Tula the Tulip.

To earn your Tula petal, do these three things.

1.

Enjoy "Tula's Story," then talk about it.

2.

Come up with ideas of how to be like Tula

3.

Practice being courageous and strong.

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Ring! Ring! Ring!

The morning bell had just rung at Petal Elementary School. It was time for recess! The Flower Friends headed outside to the playground.

"Who wants to play hopscotch?" Tula the Tulip asked the Flower Friends.

"I do," Zinni replied.

"Me, too!" Gerri added.

The Flower Friends ran over to the hopscotch board.

"You go first, Tula," Gerri said.

"Okay," Zinni said. "Ready, set, hop!"

Giggling as they took turns, the Flower Friends began to play.

Hop! Hop!

Hop!

Then Tula noticed some dandelions playing kickball nearby. A few of them were teasing Darla, one of the smaller dandelions.

Tula didn't like to see anyone treated unkindly.

I should tell them to stop, she thought. But what if they start being mean to me? Maybe I should pretend I didn't see anything.

Then Tula saw a tear trickle down Darla's face.

Even if I'm a little scared, I know I can act with courage.

I have to say something, she thought.

She marched over to the dandelions.

“Hey, everyone,” Tula said. “I can see that Darla is sad. How about if everyone plays together?”

You can't tell us what to do!” one of the dandelions said.

“Yeah,” another one chimed in.

Tula knew she didn't have to fix this by herself. She turned to go find an adult. But the school principal, Miss Evergreen, had walked over. She had overheard everything Tula and the dandelions had said.

“Tula's right,” Miss Evergreen said. “Remember, teasing hurts people's feelings.”

The dandelions hung their heads.

“We're sorry, Darla,” the dandelions said.

“Do you and Tula and your friends want to play kickball with us?”

“Sure,” Darla replied. “That would be fun.”

Tula went back to Gerri and Zinni and told them that the dandelions had invited them to play kickball.

"That sounds great," Gerri said. "We're glad you were courageous and strong enough to ask the dandelions to stop teasing Darla. Maybe we'll make some new friends because of it!"

1 Talk about "Tula's Story"

When did Tula show that she was courageous and strong?

How do you think Darla felt when Tula asked the dandelions to stop teasing her?

How do you think the rest of the dandelions felt after Tula and, then, Miss Evergreen asked them to stop teasing Darla?

2 Make an art gallery celebrating women who are courageous and strong

Ask a family member or trusted adult to tell you a story about a woman who is courageous and strong. Draw a picture of her. Then, tell the story to your Daisy group and hang your picture on the wall. Together, enjoy the art gallery you've created!

3 Practice being courageous and strong

There are lots of ways to act like Tula. Try it out by doing one of these activities:

Draw a picture or make a collage of an animal that you think is courageous and strong. Put it someplace where you'll see it every day to remind you of how you'd like to act.

or

Learn a song that makes you feel courageous and strong. Sing it every morning for a week – or teach it to your Daisy friends and have a sing-along!

or

Find a person who is courageous and strong, either in real life or in a book, movie, or TV show. Tell your family about that person and why you think they are courageous and strong.

Congratulations!

You have earned your **Tula** petal. Now, when you say the Girl Scout Law, you'll know exactly what that line means. Wear the petal on your tunic or vest to remind you to always be as courageous and strong as you can be.

Gather together with your Daisy friends and say the Law up to Tula's line. Now, you know four lines of the Law. Keep adding lines as you earn more petals!

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what
I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.