

# Six Children and a Zoo Animal



**Six children were invited to play a guessing game at the zoo.**



**They put on blindfolds and used their sense of touch to describe the animal in front of them.**

**Even though they touched the same animal, they each described something very different.**



**The first child said,  
"I felt like I was touching a scaly snake."**

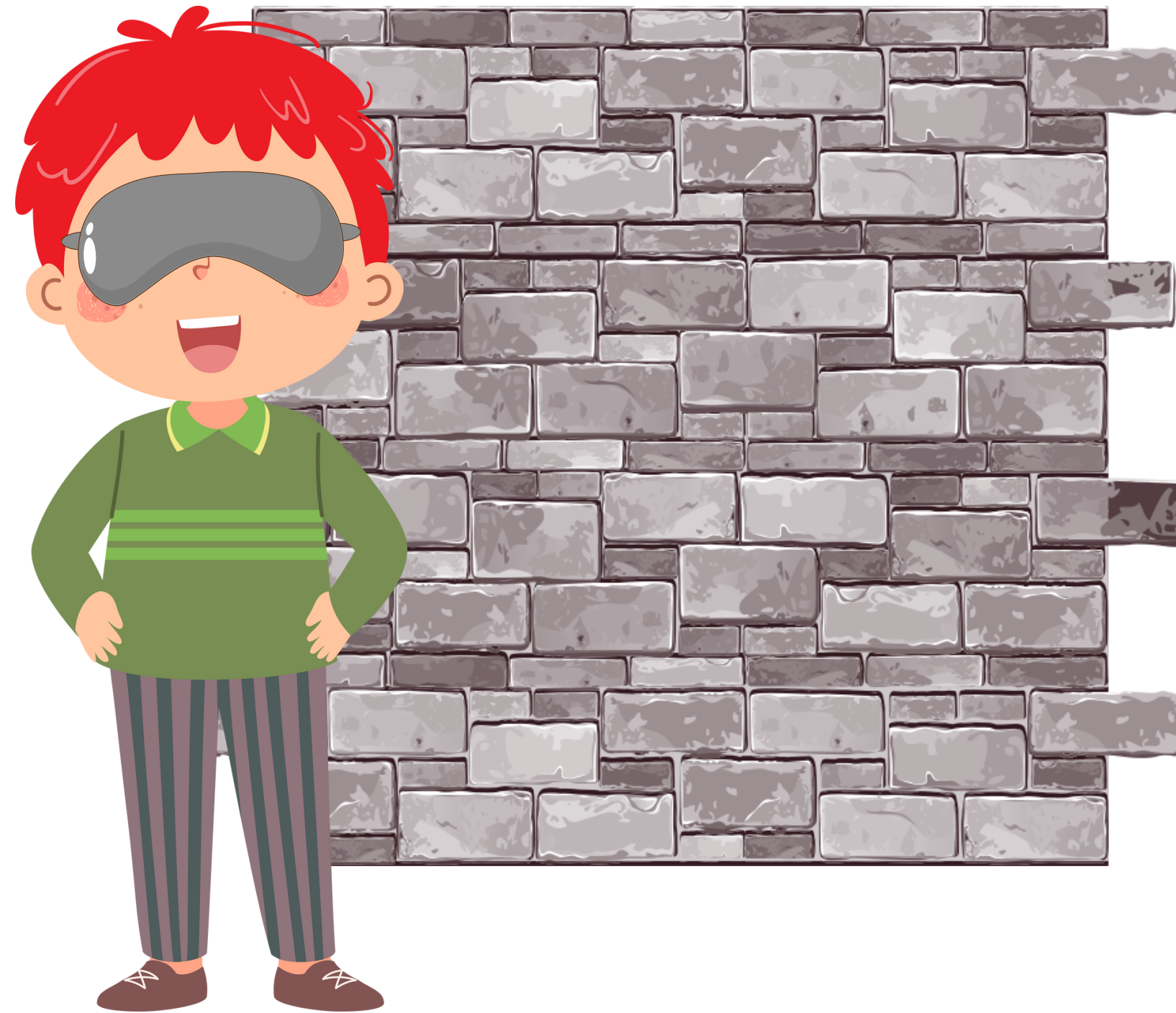






**The second child said,  
"I felt like I was touching a rough piece of rope."**

**The third child said, "I felt like I was touching a cold brick wall."**





**The fourth child said,  
"I felt like I was touching a sharp rock."**

**The fifth child said,  
"I felt like I was touching the bark of an old tree."**





**The sixth child said,  
"I felt like I was touching a crumpled piece of paper."**



**The children took off their blindfolds and began to argue. They couldn't agree on an answer because they all felt something different. "How could this be?" they wondered. They gave up and asked to see the animal.**

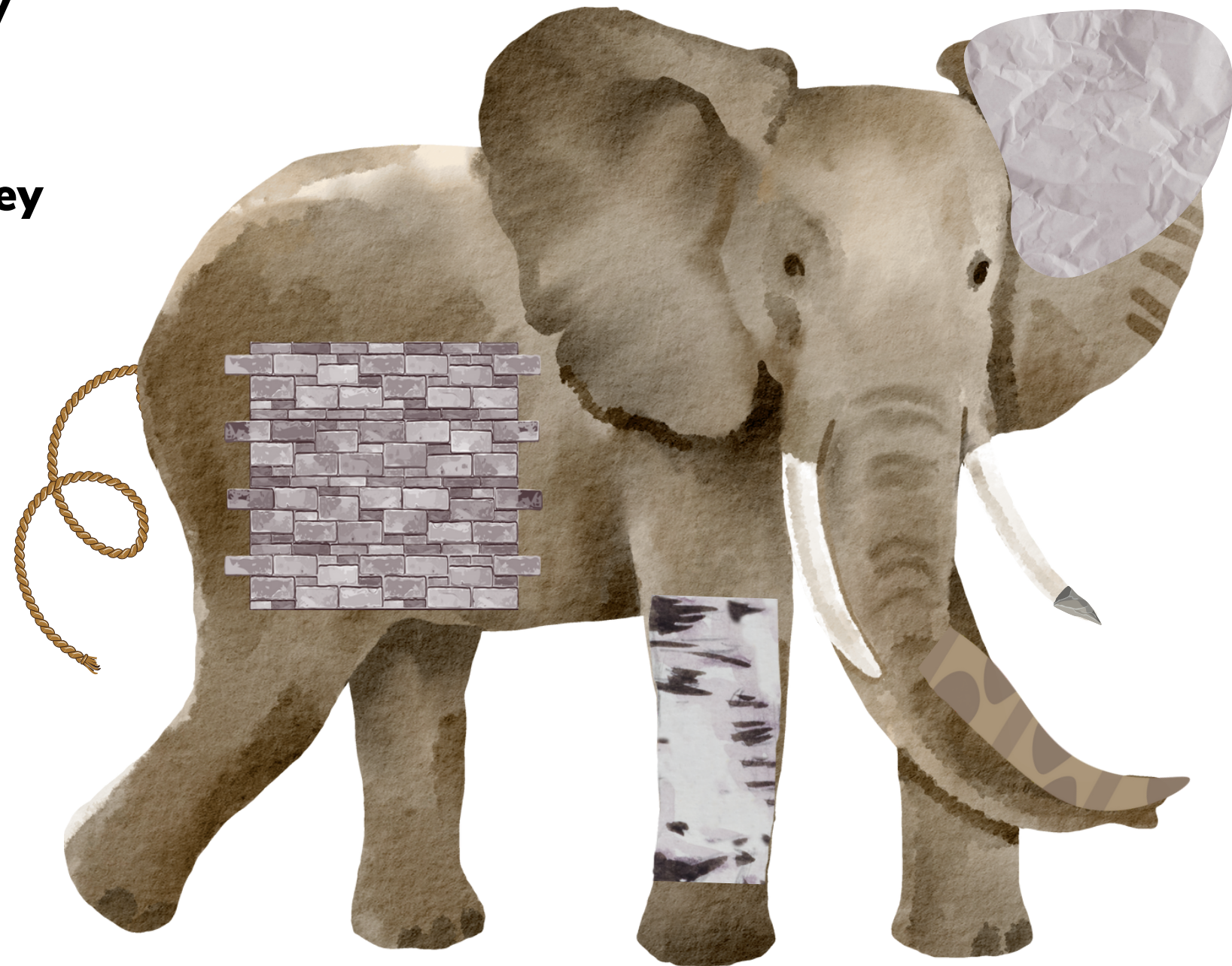
**WE GIVE UP!**





**When they saw it was an elephant, they realised their mistake.**

**What was their mistake and what did they learn that day?**





## The children learned:

- **People can experience and think about the same situation differently**
- **Having a different opinion from someone else is okay**
- **By sharing different ideas and experiences, we can learn from each other and consider new ways of thinking about a situation or challenge.**



This story is an adaptation of the poem Six Blind Men and an Elephant, authored by John Godfrey Saxe (1869-1887)