Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week Children's Picture Book Treasury

Complete 5-Story Illustrated Series for Families & Children
(Monday through Friday)



Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Story 1: Leo’s Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week Promise

(Monday Theme: Taking the Pledge & Family Commitment) A story about heart-promises, family unity, and keeping our minds and bodies healthy.

Page 1 — A Special Letter in the Mail



Leo the lion cub loved mail day! Today, a special letter arrived from Papa Lion, who was away right now. Inside was a shiny red ribbon and a note that said: 'Dear Leo, this week is Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week!'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 2 — What Does the Ribbon Mean?



Leo tilted his head and asked, 'Mama, what does this red ribbon mean?' Mama Lion smiled gently. 'It is a symbol of courage and keeping promises,' she explained. 'It reminds us to care for our minds, keep our bodies healthy, and love our family.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 3 — Calling Papa Lion



That evening, the phone rang. It was Papa Lion! 'Hi Papa!' Leo cheered. Papa’s voice sounded warm over the line. 'Hi Leo! Did you get your ribbon? This week, people everywhere are promising to make safe, healthy choices.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 4 — What is a Heart-Promise?



'What is a pledge, Papa?' Leo asked. Papa Lion explained, 'A pledge is a heart-promise. It means choosing things that make us strong—like eating good food, helping others, and staying away from bad choices that hurt our bodies.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 5 — Leo Makes His Pledge



Leo carefully tied the red ribbon around his backpack strap. 'I want to make a pledge too, Papa!' Leo said proudly. 'I promise to work hard at school, listen to Mama, and keep my body healthy and strong!'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 6 — Our Family Promise



Papa Lion laughed softly. 'That is a wonderful pledge, Leo. Let's make it a family promise! Even when we are apart, we keep the same promise to live healthy lives and support each other every day.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 7 — Connected by Love



When Leo went to bed that night, he looked at his red ribbon. He knew that distance couldn't stop love. Leo fell asleep feeling safe, proud, and connected to Papa by their Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week promise.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Story 2: Maya Owl Asks Big Questions

(Tuesday Theme: Open Conversations & Healthy Choices) A story about asking questions, talking openly, and understanding healthy choices.

Page 1 — A Head Full of Thoughts



Maya the owl had a head full of big thoughts. Sometimes grown-ups talked about hard things—like feeling sick, making bad choices, or being away. Maya wondered why hard things happened and how people stayed safe.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 2 — Open Talk Time



On Tuesday of Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week, Mama Owl sat down with Maya for 'Open Talk Time.' Mama said, 'Maya, in our forest family, you can ask me anything. Asking questions helps us stay wise and safe.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 3 — Learning About Healthy Choices



Maya took a deep breath. 'Mama, what are harmful substances, and why do some choices hurt people?' Mama Owl answered gently: 'Some medicines help us when we are sick. But other harmful substances hurt our bodies and minds. Talking openly helps us choose what is safe.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 4 — Bringing Light to Dark Worries



'When people feel sad or overwhelmed,' Mama explained, 'sometimes they make choices that cause trouble. But keeping secrets makes things harder. Talking openly brings light to dark worries and lets us find help.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 5 — My Trusted Helpers



Mama helped Maya write down a list of trusted grown-ups she could talk to anytime: Mama Owl, her teacher Mr. Beaver, and her uncle. 'Whenever you have a big feeling, these helpers are here for you!'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 6 — Sharing Superpowers



The next day, Maya felt lighter. When her friend Chip the squirrel felt worried about a problem, Maya said, 'It's okay to ask big questions! Talking to a trusted helper is how we make smart choices together.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 7 — Brave, Wise, and Protected



That night, Maya cuddled close to Mama Owl. She knew that asking questions was a superpower. Maya smiled, feeling brave, wise, and protected in her Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week family.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Story 3: Barnaby Bear Builds Great Habits

(Wednesday Theme: Daily Habits, Gratitude & Goal Setting) A story about building strong daily routines, practicing gratitude, and reaching big goals.

Page 1 — Building a Treehouse



Barnaby Bear wanted to build the tallest treehouse in the forest. But whenever he rushed or forgot to lay a strong base, his block tower wobbled and fell down with a loud CRASH! Barnaby sighed.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 2 — Grandma Bear's Wisdom



Grandma Bear walked over with a fresh apple. 'Building a great life is just like building a treehouse, Barnaby. For Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week, we practice building strong daily habits!'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 3 — What are Healthy Habits?



'What are healthy habits, Grandma?' Barnaby asked. 'They are the daily choices that keep your body and mind strong,' Grandma explained. 'Running in the fresh air, drinking clean water, sleeping early, and sharing your feelings.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 4 — The Gratitude Journal



Grandma handed Barnaby a journal. 'Every morning, write down one thing you are grateful for. Gratitude makes your heart happy and gives you strength when things get tough.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 5 — My 30-Day Goal



Barnaby picked up his crayon. 'My 30-day goal is to practice my habits every morning and build my treehouse step-by-step without giving up!' Grandma clapped her paws with joy.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 6 — One Block Every Day



Every morning, Barnaby stretched, wrote in his gratitude journal, ate a healthy breakfast, and placed one solid block on his tower. Day by day, his treehouse grew taller and stronger!

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 7 — Standing Tall and Strong



At the end of the month, Barnaby stood inside his amazing treehouse! He raised his red ribbon flag high. Barnaby knew that great habits and gratitude made him strong enough for any challenge.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Story 4: Ella’s Gentle Helpers

(Thursday Theme: Recovery Support, Emotional Healing & Safety) A story about recovery, processing heavy feelings, and finding support in family and community.

Page 1 — A Heavy Weight of Worry



Ella the elephant felt a heavy weight in her chest. Someone in her family had been sick and was away getting treatment and recovery support. Ella missed them terribly and felt confused.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 2 — Meeting a Recovery Helper



On Thursday of Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week, Ella met Barnaby the St. Bernard, a forest recovery helper. 'It’s okay to feel sad or scared, Ella,' he barked softly. 'Recovery means taking time to heal.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 3 — Learning About Treatment



Barnaby explained that just like doctors help broken bones heal, special treatment programs and safety tools help people recover from addiction. 'Healing takes time, patience, and lots of support,' he said.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

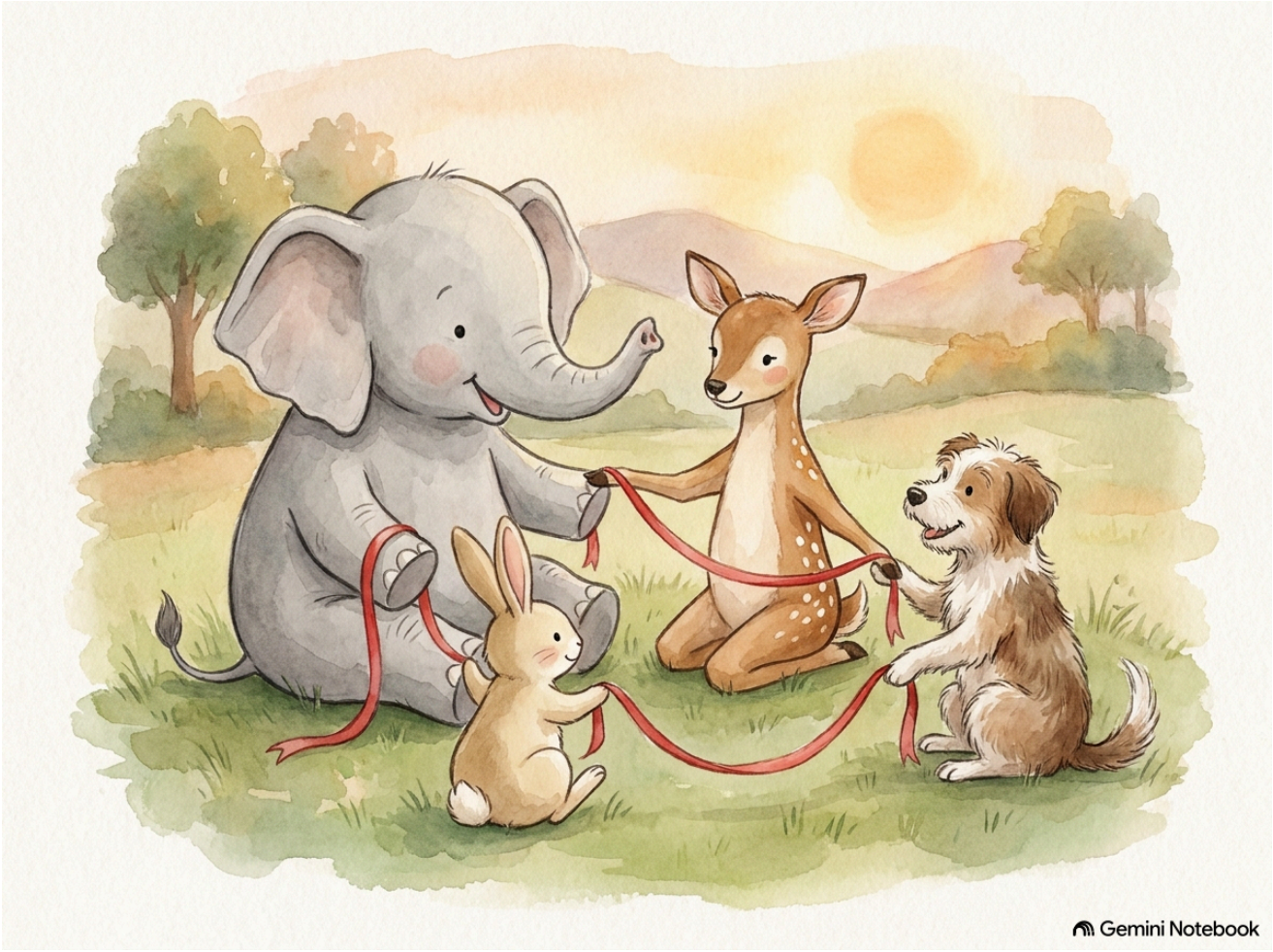
Page 4 — Letting Feelings Out



'What do I do with my big feelings?' Ella asked. Barnaby replied, 'Let your feelings out like a gentle splash. You can draw, talk to a helper, or take deep elephant breaths when you feel worried.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 5 — The Forest Healing Circle



Ella joined the forest Healing Circle. Other animals shared their stories too. Ella learned that she was never alone, and that many families work together to support recovery and stay safe.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 6 — Sending Love and Hope



Ella wrote a loving card to her family member: 'I am taking care of my heart, and I am so proud of your recovery journey! We are a team.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 7 — Sunshine Ahead



The heavy cloud over Ella’s head lifted. She knew that healing was a journey, and with gentle helpers, love, and hope, bright sunshine was always ahead in her Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week story.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Story 5: Pip Fox Looks to Tomorrow

(Friday Theme: Relapse Prevention, Resilience & Second Chances) A story about relapse prevention planning, resilience, and believing in second chances.

Page 1 — Winding Forest Trails



Pip the red fox loved running along the forest paths. But sometimes, he worried about taking the wrong turn. Today was Friday of Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week—Future & Resilience Day!

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 2 — The Safety & Sunshine Plan



Big Brother Fox unrolled a special scroll. 'Pip, to stay on the right track, we make a Safety & Sunshine Plan! It helps us know what to do if we ever run into tricky triggers or hard days.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 3 — Three Steps to Stay Safe



Together, they wrote Pip’s 3-step plan: 1. STOP and take a deep breath when stressed. 2. CALL a trusted helper right away. 3. CHOOSE a safe, healthy activity like running or drawing.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 4 — Believing in Second Chances



Pip asked softly, 'What if someone made a mistake before?' Big Brother Fox smiled warmly. 'Everyone deserves a second chance, Pip. Mistakes don't define who we are. What matters is learning and stepping forward.'

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 5 — Writing My Own Story



Pip recited his favorite Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week phrase out loud: 'I am more than my past. I am still writing my story!' His heart filled with confidence and hope.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 6 — Gathering in the Meadow



At the forest meadow, all the animals gathered—Leo, Maya, Barnaby, Ella, and Pip! They wore their red ribbons high to celebrate a full week of safety, family pledges, open talks, and bright futures.

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.

Page 7 — A Healthy Tomorrow



Pip took a deep breath of fresh air and ran down the sunlit path. He had a solid plan, a supportive family, and a brave heart. Pip was ready for a wonderful, healthy tomorrow!

Justice-Involved Red Ribbon Week is an independent resource. Red Ribbon Week® is a registered trademark of NFP.