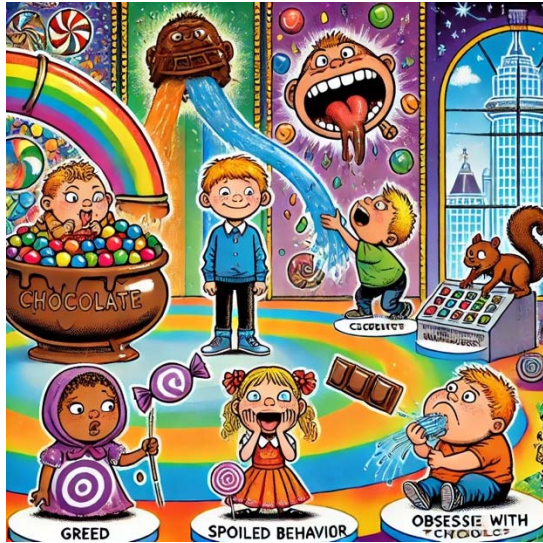


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Actions and Consequences

In *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the children who visit Willy Wonka's factory each have unique personalities. While Charlie Bucket is kind and humble, the other four children display bad behavior. Throughout the tour, they make poor choices and face consequences that match their actions. Roald Dahl uses their fates to teach an important lesson: bad behavior leads to negative results.

Augustus Gloop is the first child to suffer the consequences of his actions. His greed for food causes him to ignore Wonka's warnings and drink from the chocolate river. As a result, he falls in and is sucked up a glass pipe. Augustus's fate teaches that greed and ignoring rules can lead to trouble.

Veruca Salt is spoiled and demanding. She always gets what she wants because her wealthy parents never say no. When she visits the nut-sorting room, she decides she must have one of Wonka's trained squirrels. However, the squirrels test her and decide she is a "bad nut." They toss her down the garbage chute, along with her equally spoiled father. Her fate warns against selfishness and expecting everything to go your way.

Violet Beauregarde is competitive and impulsive. She wants to be the first to try everything, even when it's unsafe. Despite Wonka's warning, she chews an experimental piece of gum and swells up into a giant blueberry. Her experience shows that ignoring warnings and being overconfident can lead to disaster.

Mike Teavee is obsessed with television and technology. He does not listen to instructions and believes he is smarter than everyone else. When he tests Wonka's television chocolate invention, he is shrunk to a tiny size. His consequence reminds readers that too much screen time and ignoring others can have negative effects.

In contrast to these children, Charlie follows the rules, remains polite, and does not act selfishly. Because of his good behavior, he is the only child who makes it through the factory without facing a consequence. In the end, Wonka rewards him by giving him the entire chocolate factory.

The novel teaches that every action has a consequence. Greed, selfishness, and ignoring rules lead to trouble, while kindness and patience bring rewards. Through humor and exaggeration, Roald Dahl reminds readers that making good choices is always the best path.