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## Ghostly Lessons

In Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge is a miserly man who cares only about his money. But when he is visited by three ghosts—Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Yet to Come—his view of life begins to change. Each ghost teaches him an important lesson about the consequences of his actions.

The Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge back to his childhood.

Scrooge sees moments from his early life, like his lonely Christmases at school and the time he spent with his kind sister, Fan. He also revisits happy memories, like dancing at a joyful party held by his old boss, Mr. Fezziwig. These memories remind Scrooge that he was once kind and hopeful, but his greed caused him to push people away.

The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge how others are celebrating Christmas at that very moment. Scrooge visits the Cratchit family, where he sees Bob Cratchit, his overworked clerk, and Bob's son, Tiny Tim, who is very sick. Despite their poverty, the Cratchits are filled with love and gratitude. Scrooge also sees other families enjoying Christmas together, even if they have very little. This makes Scrooge realize that happiness comes from being with loved ones, not from money.

Finally, the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come gives Scrooge a terrifying vision of the future. Scrooge sees his own grave, abandoned and uncared for, as no one is sad about his death. He also learns that Tiny Tim will die if things don't change. This vision shows Scrooge that his actions affect others and that his selfishness will leave him lonely and forgotten.

After the ghostly visits, Scrooge wakes up determined to change his life. He becomes generous, kind, and caring, helping the Cratchits and spreading joy to others. The ghosts show Scrooge that his actions, both good and bad, have a lasting impact on the people around him. Dickens uses these lessons to remind readers that it is never too late to become a better person.