

## **MISTAKES...THEY HAPPEN**

### **ABOUT:**

One late spring day, I decided to add some color to my flower beds. Winston watched me labor over digging holes. Honestly, my yard is two-thirds rock and one-third dirt. Winston must have thought this looked fun and since I was digging, then, it follows reason that he could dig too. Unknown to me, he dug a hole so large and deep, I could have buried a small deer in it!

### **PURPOSE:**

Children are like blank slates. They observe and make decisions using their limited scope of how things work in this life. Many times, they make a wrong choice, but with the best intentions. These are perfect learning opportunities, and as Winston says, "Nobody is pawfect!"

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

Be ready with some common mistakes and ideas of how to see the positive side of getting things wrong. What lessons could be learned?

### **IDEAS:**

- **Research famous inventors/ physicians/ professors, who discovered something from a mistake, for instance: Penicillin, Slinky toys, and Post-It Notes.**
- **Talk about explorers who got lost and changed history from that mistake**
- **Have small seed pots with soil in them. Spread unlabeled seeds on a surface for the children to choose from. Let them guess what kind of seed they are planting. Label the pot. When the seed grows and blooms, let them see if they were right or if they made a mistake. Either way, something good came from it!**

Did you think of more ideas? Grrreat! Write Winston and let us know so we can include it on this site!