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2. What is the theme of "The First Loaf"?

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Mistakes help you learn and improve.

2. What is the theme of "The First Loaf"?

Don't give up after a mistake; learn from it and try again.

3. How are the two themes ALIKE?

Both show that mistakes are part of learning and trying again leads to success.

4. How are the two stories DIFFERENT?

Marco builds a birdhouse; Priya bakes bread and gets help from Grandma.

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Answers vary. The story should show a character learning from a mistake and trying again.