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Story No. 5

The Tortoise and the Geese

Once upon a time beside a lake, there lived a tortoise and two geese who were great friends. As the lake was drying, the geese decided to migrate to a new place. The tortoise also wanted to move with them but he couldn't fly and so he pleaded the geese to take him with them. After trying really hard to convince them, finally, the geese agreed. They held a stick with their beaks and asked the tortoise to hold the stick with his mouth. They warned him to not open his mouth in order to avoid letting go off of the stick.



As they flew high, some onlookers thought that the tortoise was kidnapped and commented: “Oh, the poor tortoise!” This angered the tortoise and he immediately opened his mouth to say something back. As soon as he did, he fell to the ground and died.

Moral of The Story: *Think before you speak. Listen to instructions and follow them.*

Story No. 6

A Tale of Three Fish

In a lake, there were three fish who were great friends. The first fish was very smart and the second one knew how to find his way out of trouble. The third was adamant and hated changes. The first fish overheard a fisherman's conversation about coming back the next day and fishing in the lake. Sensing danger, he cautioned his friends to move out of the lake. The second fish said, "I will stay here and find a way out if I'm caught." The third fish said, "I do not want to move out. I will remain here and if I have to get caught, I will." The first fish moved out. The next day, the fisherman arrived and caught the other two fish. The second one cleverly escaped by pretending to be dead. The third fish did nothing, got caught and died.

Story No.7

The Jackal and The Drum

Once upon a time a jackal wandered away from his jungle and reached a deserted battlefield. He was very hungry. He started looking for food when he heard a strange sound. The jackal got scared and decided to run away but he thought, "Let me carefully see who is making that sound." As he looked around, he found a drum lying next to a tree. As the wind blew, the branches of the tree rubbed against it and made the sound. He was relieved and continued to search for food.

Moral of The Story: *We must be brave. We should never run away from problems.*

Story No.8

The Foolish Lion and The Clever Rabbit

Once upon a time, there lived a greedy lion who attacked and killed animals. That is why every animal in the jungle was very afraid of him. They decided that one animal would go to the lion every day as his prey. The lion agreed. When it was the rabbit's turn, they decided to send the wise old one. He travelled slowly and reached the lion's den before sunset. The lion furiously asked him, "Why are you so late?" The rabbit answered, "A group of rabbits were coming to you but on their way, they were attacked by another angry lion. I managed to escape and came here." The rabbit also mentioned that the other lion was challenging this lion.



The lion was extremely angry and asked the rabbit to take him to meet the new lion. The wise rabbit took the lion to a deep well and showed him his own reflection. As the lion growled, his reflection did the same. He thought that his reflection was his enemy. The angry lion jumped into the well to attack the other lion and ended up dying. Thus, the wise old rabbit saved all the animals in the forest.

Moral of The Story: *All problems have solutions.*