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Story No.1

THE MONKEY AND THE CROCODILE

Once upon a time, in a forest, there lived a monkey who resided on a jamoon (berry) tree which was on the banks of a river. In the same forest, there lived a crocodile and his wife. One day the crocodile came to the banks of the river and rested under the tree. The kind-hearted monkey offered him some fruits. The crocodile came back the next day for more fruits as he loved them. As days passed by, the crocodile and the monkey became good friends.



One day the monkey sent some fruits for the crocodile's wife. She ate the fruits and liked them so much that she told her husband, "If the fruits are so juicy, I wonder how sweet the monkey's heart would be. Get me the heart of the monkey." The crocodile was not willing to kill his friend but had no choice.

He invited the monkey to his house for dinner and said that his wife would like to meet him. The monkey was happy but couldn't swim so the crocodile took him on his back. The crocodile was happy that he had tricked the monkey. However, while talking he blurted out the real reason for taking the monkey home. The clever monkey said, "You should have told me earlier, I left my heart on the tree. We must go back and get it." The crocodile believed and took him back to the tree. The clever monkey ran for his life.

Moral of The Story: *Choose your company wisely and always have presence of mind.*

Story No.2

THE STORK AND THE CRAB

Once upon a time, there lived a stork beside a pond who used to pick fishes from the pond and eat them. However, as he grew older, he found it difficult to catch a single fish. In order to feed himself, he thought of a plan. He told the fish, frogs and crabs that some men are planning to fill the pond and grow crops. That's why there won't be any fish in the pond. He also told them how sad he felt about this and that he would miss them all. The fish were sad and asked the stork to help them. The stork promised to take all of them to a bigger pond. However, he told them, "As I am old, I can take only a few of you at one go." The stork would take the fishes to a rock, kill and eat them up. Every time he was hungry, he would take a few of them to the rock and eat them.

There also lived a crab in the pond and he wanted to go to the bigger pond too. The stork thought of eating the crab for a change and agreed on helping him. On the way, the crab asked the stork, "Where is the big pond?" The stork laughed and pointed to the rock which was filled with fish bones. The crab realised that the stork would kill him and so quickly thought of a plan to save himself. He caught the stork's neck and did not let it go until the stork died.

Moral of The Story: *Always have a presence of mind and act quickly when in danger.*

Story No.3

THE LOYAL MONGOOSE

A farmer couple had a pet mongoose. One day, the farmer and his wife had to urgently go out of the house for work and so they left the mongoose with their infant and were assured that he would guard their baby well. While they were gone, a snake entered the house and moved towards the cradle to attack the infant. The smart mongoose fought and killed the snake in order to protect the baby.

When the farmer's wife returned home, she was shocked to be greeted by blood stains on the mongoose's mouth and teeth. She lost her temper and shouted, "You killed my baby!" In her anger, she lost all control and killed the loyal mongoose. When she entered her house, she saw the baby and the dead snake. She realised what happened and regretted what she had done.

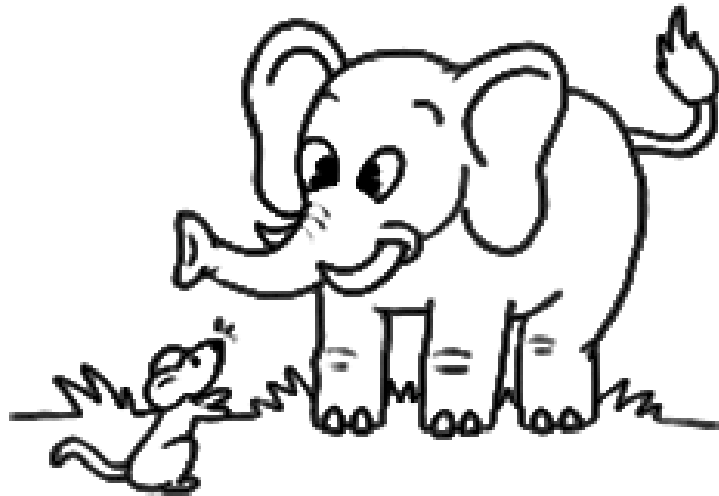
Moral of The Story: *Think before you act.*

Story No.4

THE ELEPHANTS AND THE MICE

There was a village that was abandoned by its people after it shattered post an earthquake. However, the mice living in the village decided to stay and make it their home. On the outskirts of this village, there was a lake, where a herd of elephants visited regularly to bathe and drink water. Since the village was on the way to this lake, the elephants trampled the mice while walking whenever they travelled. The King of mice decided to meet the elephants. He told them, “ O elephants, as you travel through the village, many mice are trampled. We will be very grateful if you could please consider changing your route. We will remember and return the favour when you are in need.”

The elephant king laughed, “We are giant elephants, what favour can you mice return? Nevertheless, we honour your request and will change our route.”



After a few days, the elephants got trapped and entangled in nets that were set up by hunters. They struggled hard to escape but in vain. The elephant king remembered the promise made by the king of mice. So he sent a fellow elephant to ask the mice king to come and help the elephants.

Soon, all the mice came and started nibbling the nets and freed the elephants. The king of the elephants couldn't thank the mice enough!

Moral of The Story: *A friend in need is a friend indeed. Always be kind to people and grateful for their help.*