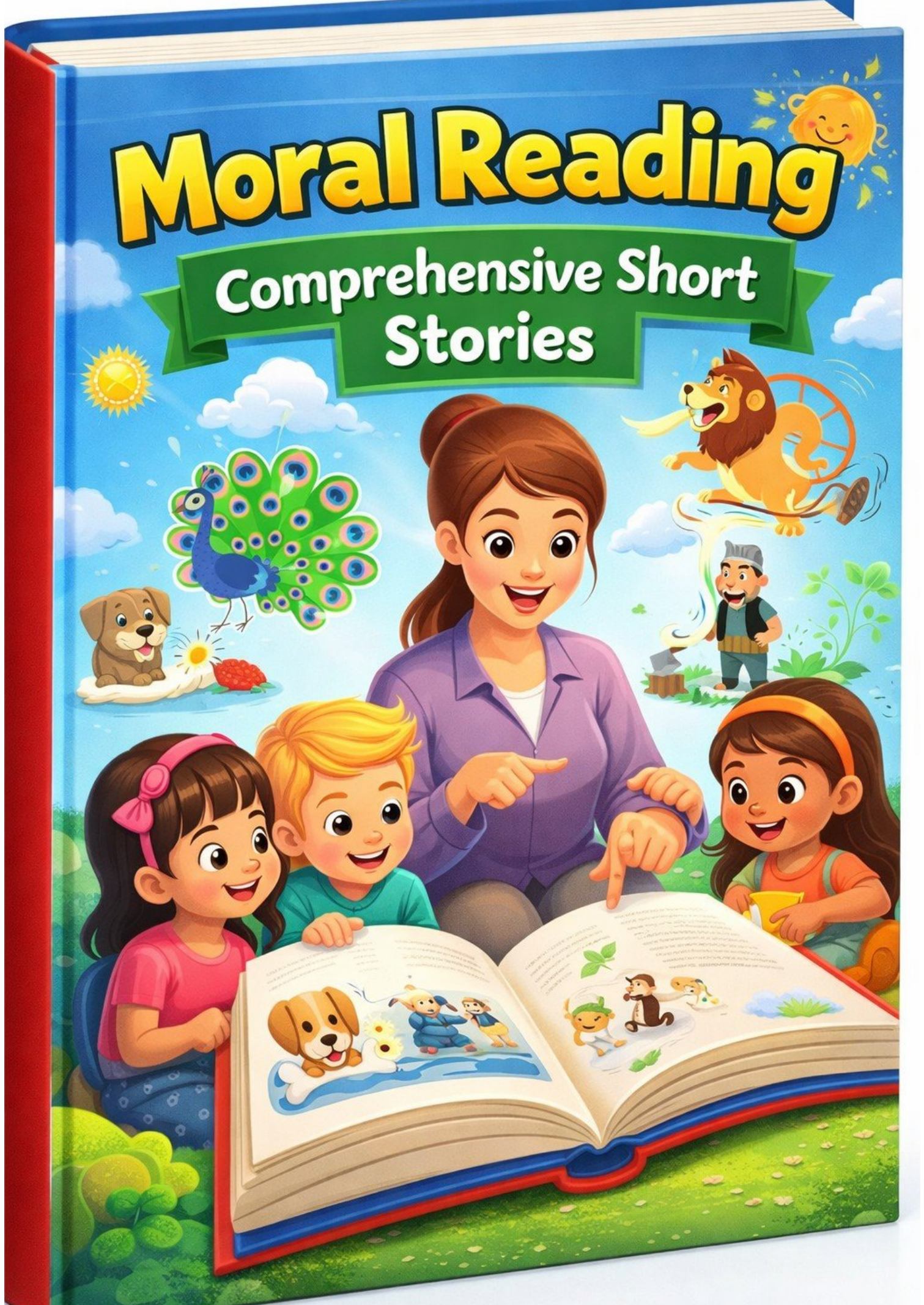


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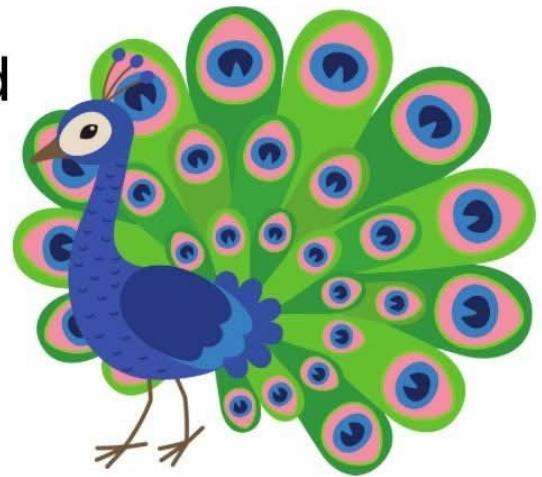


THE PROUD PEACOCK

A peacock loved his beautiful feathers. He showed them to all the animals. One day, he could not fly away from danger because his feathers were too heavy. A small bird flew away quickly and stayed safe.

Moral:

Do not be too proud of your looks.



QUESTIONS:

1. What did the peacock love?
2. Why could he not fly well?
3. What happened when danger came?
4. Which animal escaped easily?
5. What is the moral of the story?

THE LAZY DONKEY

A donkey did not want to carry its load. It lay down on the road. Its owner added more load to make it stand. The donkey learned that being lazy made things harder.

Moral:

Laziness brings more trouble.



QUESTIONS:

1. What animal is in the story?
2. What did the donkey refuse to do?
3. What did the owner do?
4. What happened to the load?
5. What lesson did the donkey learn?

THE FOX AND THE CROW

A crow had a piece of cheese. A fox wanted it. He praised the crow's voice. When the crow opened its mouth to sing, the cheese fell. The fox quickly ate it.

Moral:

Do not trust flattery.



QUESTIONS:

1. What did the crow have?
2. Who wanted the cheese?
3. What did the fox say?
4. What happened when the crow sang?
5. What is the lesson?

THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

The ant worked hard all summer. The grasshopper played all day. When winter came, the grasshopper had no food. The ant had enough to eat.

Moral:

Work hard for the future.



QUESTIONS:

1. Who worked hard?
2. What did the grasshopper do?
3. When did the problem happen?
4. Who had food in winter?
5. What is the moral?

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

A lion caught a small mouse. The mouse begged to be set free. Later, the mouse helped the lion escape from a net by biting the ropes.

Moral:

Even small friends can help.



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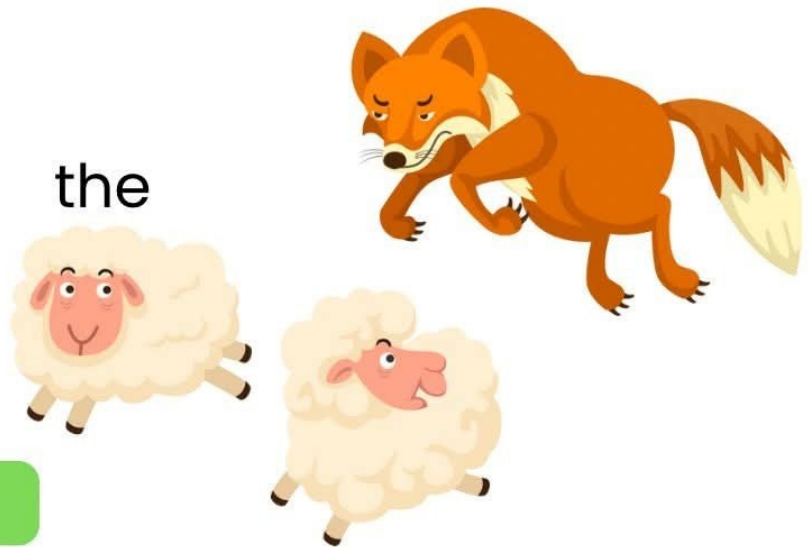
1. Who caught the mouse?
2. What did the mouse ask?
3. What happened later?
4. How did the mouse help?
5. What is the lesson?

THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF

A boy lied about a wolf attacking sheep. People came to help, but there was no wolf. When a real wolf came, no one believed him. The sheep were lost.

Moral:

Always tell the truth.



QUESTIONS:

1. What did the boy lie about?
2. What did people do at first?
3. What happened when the wolf was real?
4. Why did no one come?
5. What is the moral?

THE WOODCUTTER

A woodcutter dropped his axe into the river. He cried because it was his only tool. A kind spirit gave him a golden axe, but he said it was not his. The spirit rewarded him for his honesty.

Moral:

Honesty is always rewarded.



QUESTIONS:

1. What did the woodcutter lose?
2. Where did it fall?
3. What did the spirit give him first?
4. What did the woodcutter say?
5. What was the reward?

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

A hare laughed at a slow tortoise. They had a race. The hare ran fast but slept. The tortoise kept going and won the race.

Moral:

Slow and steady wins the race.



QUESTIONS:

1. Who was fast?
2. Who was slow?
3. What did the hare do during the race?
4. Who won?
5. What is the lesson?

THE DOG AND THE BONE

A dog had a bone. It saw its reflection in the water. Thinking it was another dog, it barked. The bone fell into the water and was lost.

Moral:

Do not be greedy.



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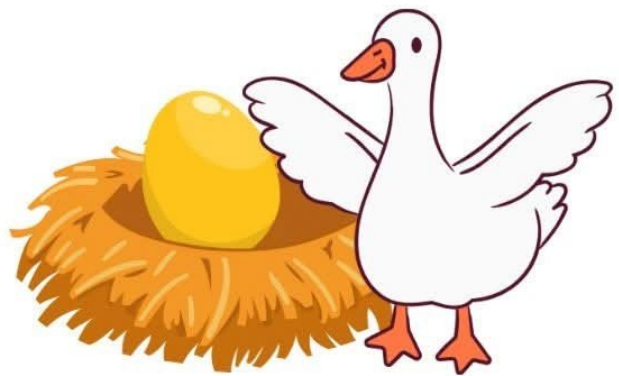
1. What did the dog have?
2. What did it see in the water?
3. What did the dog do?
4. What happened to the bone?
5. What is the lesson?

THE GOOSE WITH GOLDEN EGGS

A goose laid golden eggs. The owner became greedy. He killed the goose to get all the gold. But there was nothing inside.

Moral:

Greed leads to loss.



QUESTIONS:

1. What did the goose lay?
2. How did the owner feel?
3. What did he do?
4. What did he find inside?
5. What is the moral?

THE FOX AND THE GRAPES

A fox tried to reach some grapes. It could not get them. It walked away saying the grapes were sour.

Moral:

People sometimes pretend to dislike what they cannot have.



QUESTIONS:

1. What did the fox want?
2. Could it reach the grapes?
3. What did it say?
4. Why did it say that?
5. What is the lesson?

THE FARMER AND THE SNAKE

A farmer found a frozen snake. He helped it and kept it warm. When the snake revived, it bit him.

Moral:

Be careful who you trust.



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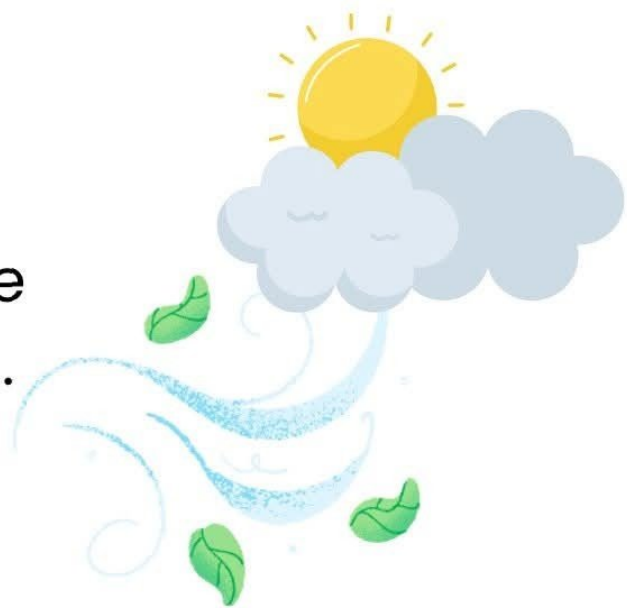
1. What did the farmer find?
2. What did he do?
3. What happened after the snake woke up?
4. What did the snake do?
5. What is the lesson?

THE WIND AND THE SUN

The wind and the sun argued about who was stronger. They tried to make a man remove his coat. The wind blew hard, but the man held his coat tighter. The sun shone warmly, and the man took it off.

Moral:

Kindness is more powerful than force.



QUESTIONS:

1. Who argued?
2. What did they try to do?
3. What did the wind do?
4. What did the sun do?
5. What is the moral?