

**Stories****HREE FRIENDS AND A BAG OF GOLD**

Three friends went on a journey. There came a jungle on the way. They found a bag full of gold there. They decided to divide it equally. They felt hungry. One of them was sent to bring food from the town. The other two decided to kill him and have more share. The man who had gone to bring food was not a good man.

He wanted to get all the gold himself. He poisoned the food. When he returned, the other two killed him. They ate food and died on the spot. Gold was of no use to them.

**Moral:**

- 1 All covet all lose.
- 2 As you sow, so shall you reap.
- 3 Greed is a curse.
- 4 Do not be greedy.
- 5 Tit for tat.
- 6 Evil recoils on the head of the evil doer.
- 7 He who digs a pit for others, himself falls into it.

## An Old Man and His Sons

An old man had three sons. They always used to quarrel with one another. He advised them to live in peace. They did not care for it. The old man was very sad. He wanted to teach them a lesson. He thought of a plan. One day he gave them a bundle of sticks. He asked them to break it one by one. They tried their best to break it but failed to do so. Then he asked them to unite the bundle. He gave one stick to each and asked them to break it. They broke it very easily. He advised them to live together like sticks.

### Moral:

- 1 Union is Strength.
- 2 Be United.
- 3 United you stand, divided you fall.

## The Slave and the Lion



Once upon a time, there was a slave. He was very hardworking person. He used to work from dawn to dusk. But his work and faithfulness could never please his cruel master. Instead of providing him proper necessities of life, his master punished and abused him from time to time. The slave was sick of this inhuman treatment and torture. He decided to get rid of his cruel master.

One day he left the house and ran away to a jungle. He was tired and wanted to take some rest. He found of safe place and went to sleep. He was enjoying a sound sleep but a noise woke him up. He got up and tried to find the cause of the disturbance. He saw a lion that was lying nearby and moaning with pain. He did not want to cause any trouble, so he decided to run away. He was about to run when he saw the lion's swollen paw. He took pity on the lion and fairly, he came near the lion, took out the thorns from its paw, and ran away.

After some days the slave was arrested. He was sentenced to be thrown before a hungry lion. One fixed day, he was silent in the arena. Suddenly, he heard the angry roar of a lion out of fear he closed his eyes. He was sure that his days were

numbered. The lion reached near him. But instead of attacking him, it started ticking his feet.

Everyone was surprised at this sight. The slave opened his eyes and found the same lion before him whom he had helped in the forest. The slave was set free due to his kindness.

### **Moral:**

- 1 **Kindness never goes unrewarded.**
- 2 **Do Good and Have Good.**
- 3 **One good turn deserves another.**

## **THIRSTY CROW**



Once there was a crow. He was very thirsty. He flew from place to place in search of water, but all in vain. He could not find even a drop of water to drink. He did not lose heart. After some time, he saw a pitcher. He looked into it. It was half full of water. His beak could not reach it. He hit upon a plan.

He flew to a nearby hill and brought a pebble in his beak. He dropped it into the pitcher. He again flew to the hill and brought another pebble and dropped it, too into the pitcher. In this way, he brought several pebbles and dropped them into the pitcher. Soon the water rose to the brim. Now he could easily quench his thirst. He drank the water and flew away.

### **Moral:**

- 1 **God helps those who help themselves.**
- 2 **Try, try again until you succeed.**
- 3 **Where there is will. There is a way.**
- 4 **Necessity is the mother of invention.**

## **A Foolish Stag**

Once, a stag lived in a jungle. He was proud and vain. One day he saw his reflection in a stream. He liked his beautiful and strong horns but he hated his thin and ugly legs. One day, the hounds of the hunter attacked him. His ugly legs helped

him run fast. But unfortunately, his horns got caught in the bushes. He struggled hard to release himself but all in vain. Soon the hounds reach there. They fell upon him and tore him into pieces. His thin and ugly legs tried to save his life but the horns that he was proud of brought about his death.

### Moral:

- 1 All that glitters is not gold.
- 2 Pride hath a fall.
- 3 Appearance is always deceptive.

## The Wolf and the Lamb



Once, a wolf was drinking water at a stream. He was very hungry, as he had not eaten anything for a day. He drank the water, and as he looked around, he found a lamb drinking the water below.

The wolf at once thought that the lamb would be a very tasty prey. He called the lamb and asked him why he was making the water muddy. The lamb replied that he was not doing so, as the water flowed from where the wolf was sitting at the stream. The wolf did not listen to the lamb's reasoning and said that the water was muddy only because of his mischief.

*Weakness invites attack.*

Then, to punish him, the wolf jumped at the lamb. The lamb tried to run away, but could not. The wolf caught the lamb by the neck and killed him instantly. Then he sat down to eat him up. Thus, the cunning wolf filled his stomach. The story shows that

“Power or might corrupt the minds of animals, insects, and humans equally.”

It is one's weakness that invites attacks from the strong. No one and not even countries are safe from stronger forces.

*Beware of the wicked.*

### Moral:

**Might is Right.**

## A Hunter and a Faithful Dog

A hunter had a dog. The dog was very faithful and loved the hunter's only son very much. The hunter had no one else in the house. One day he went out hunting and forgot to get his dog with him. His son was still sleeping. After a long time, he thought of the dog and his son. He decided to go back. He came home and found his dog blood stained. He thought that the dog had killed his son.

He fired and killed the dog. He entered the house and found his son safe and sound. His son told him about the fight between the dog and a wolf that had entered the house to kill him. The faithful dog saved his son's life. The hunter cried but of no use.

### Moral:

- 1 It is no use crying over split milk.
- 2 Haste makes Waste.
- 3 Look before you leap.

## A Woodcutter and his Axe

Once, a poor woodcutter was felling a tree near the bank of the river. By chance, his axe fell into the river. He did not know how to swim. He began to weep over his loss. Suddenly an angel came there. The woodcutter told him his sad story. The angel consoled him. Then he dived into the river and brought out a golden axe. The woodcutter refused to accept it because it was not his axe.

The angel dived again into the river and brought out a silver axe. But the woodcutter refused to accept it too because it was also not his axe. Upon this, the angel dived for the third time and brought out an iron axe. The woodcutter cried with joy. He at once, accepted it because it was his axe. The angel was much impressed by the honesty of the woodcutter. He gave him the other two axes also as a reward for his honesty.

### Moral:

- 1 Honesty is the Best Policy.
- 2 Always speak the truth.
- 3 Virtue is its own reward.

## A Stich in Time Saves Nine

Once, a king sent a messenger with some instructions to his commander in the battlefield. The messenger was still on his way when he saw one of the nails of the horseshoe missing. As he was in a great hurry, he did not care for it and continued his journey. Soon all of the nails from the shoe of the horse went off and the horse stopped. The messenger was much worried.

He beat the horse with a whip and he run faster and faster. The blood began to ooze out of his feet. He fell down and died. The messenger began to run on foot. But when he reached the battlefield, he came to know that his carelessness had made his army lick the dust.

### Moral:

- 1 A Stich in Time Saves Nine.
- 2 Haste makes haste.

## Hare and Tortoise

There once lived in a forest a hare and a tortoise. They were good friends. The hare laughed at the slow speed of the tortoise. One day the hare asked the tortoise to run a race with it. They started the hare run very fast and soon went out of sight. It becomes tired.

It sat down under a tree and fell asleep. But the tortoise kept moving. When the hare woke up, it ran as fast as it could. But it was surprising to see the tortoise at the winning post. It was much ashamed. The tortoise had won the race.

### Moral:

- 1 Slow and steady wins the race.
- 2 Never make fun of others.
- 3 Pride hath a fall.