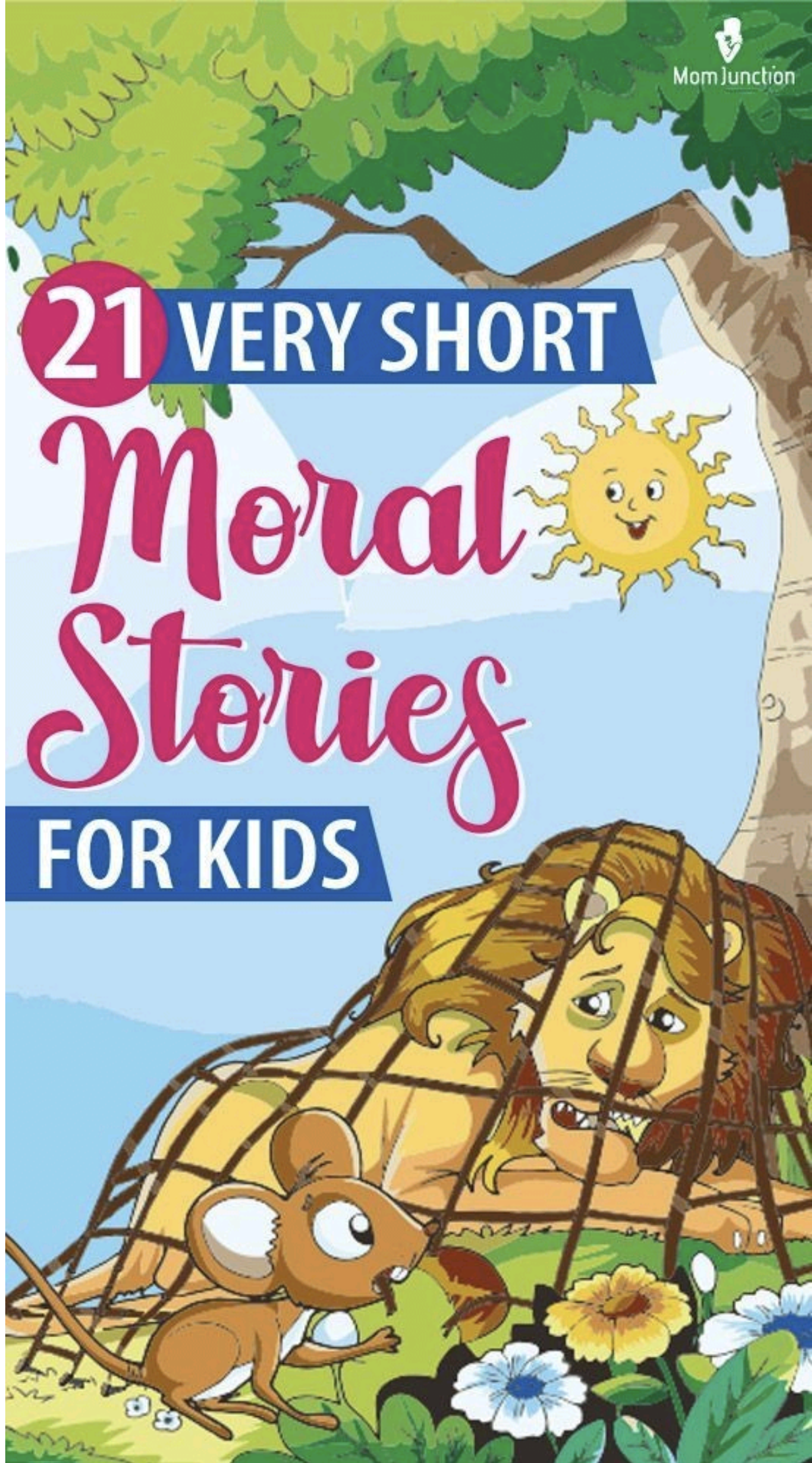


21 VERY SHORT

Moral Stories

FOR KIDS



A Little Talking Bee



One sunny morning, a little boy was looking at the flowers in the garden. Suddenly, a little bee came and sat on his nose. He was afraid that the bee might sting him. He stood very still. Then the bee gave him a wink. The little boy was shocked.

“Excuse me, little boy. I thought you were a flower,” said the little bee and flew away. The little boy was very surprised.

Moral of the story :

Think carefully and react wisely when you experience something new.



THE TALKING TREE

In a village, a tree could speak but chose to remain silent. People marvelled but couldn't fathom its quietness. One day, a woodcutter came to chop it down.

The tree pleaded, "Why now? I could have told you about the treasure buried beneath me." Regrettably, it was too late.

Moral: The value of wisdom is lost when not shared.

A Cricket and An Ant



Once there was an ant. She lived in a field.
A cricket lived near its hole. They were friends.
The cricket was lazy. In the months of summer, it
sang and made merry. It did not store food for winter.

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It was careless. The ant was not lazy. She worked day
and night. She gathered grains for winter. In winter, the
ground was covered with snow. The cricket had
nothing to eat.

The ant had grains to eat.

The cricket went to the ant to borrow some grains. The
ant asked it what it had been doing during summer.
The cricket replied that it sang and made merry during
summer. The ant replied, "If you sang the summer
away, you should dance away the winter."

Moral:

No pains, no gains.

THE MILKMAID and her PAIL



Patty the Milkmaid was going to the market carrying milk in a pail on her head.

As she went along, she began calculating what she would do with the money she would get for the milk. "I'll buy some fowls from Farmer Brown," said she, "and they will lay eggs each morning, which I will sell to the parson's wife. With the money that I get from the sale of these eggs, I'll buy myself a new dimity frock and a chip hat, and when I go to the market, won't all the young men come up and speak to me!

Polly Shaw will be so jealous, but I don't care. I shall just look at her and toss my head like this." As she spoke that, she tossed her head back and the pail fell off it, and all the milk was split!

MORAL : Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.

Miss Helen



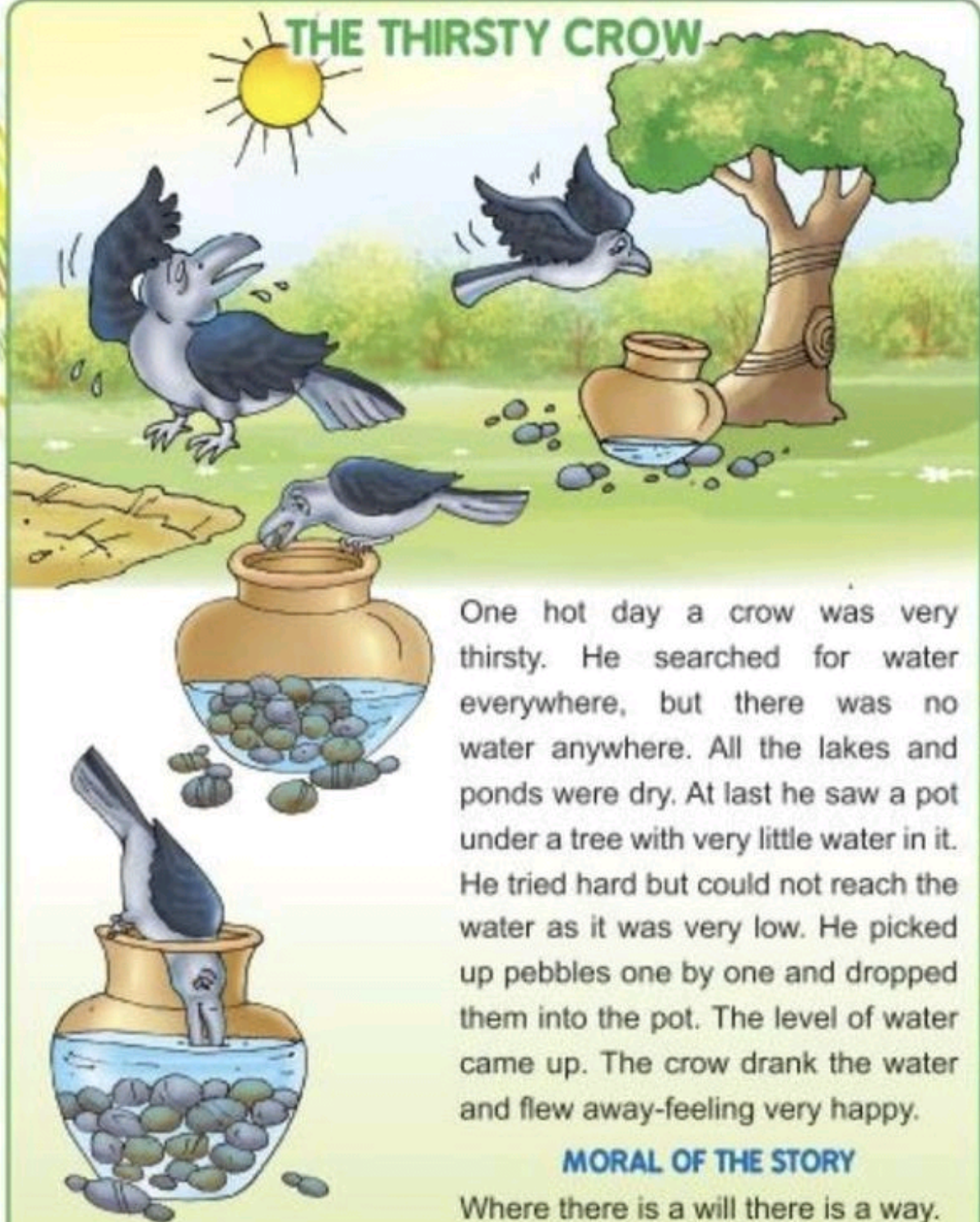
The Ant and the Dove



"One hot day, an ant was searching for some water. After walking around for some time, she came to a spring. To reach the spring, she had to climb up a blade of grass. While making her way up, she slipped and fell into the water.

She could have drowned if a dove

THE THIRSTY CROW



One hot day a crow was very thirsty. He searched for water everywhere, but there was no water anywhere. All the lakes and ponds were dry. At last he saw a pot under a tree with very little water in it. He tried hard but could not reach the water as it was very low. He picked up pebbles one by one and dropped them into the pot. The level of water came up. The crow drank the water and flew away-feeling very happy.

MORAL OF THE STORY

Where there is a will there is a way.

The Ant and the Grasshopper

In a field one summer's day a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. An Ant passed by, bearing along with great effort an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the Grass-

hopper, "instead of toiling and moiling away?" "I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the Ant, "and recommend you to do the same." "Why bother about winter?" said the Grasshopper; "we have got plenty of food at present.

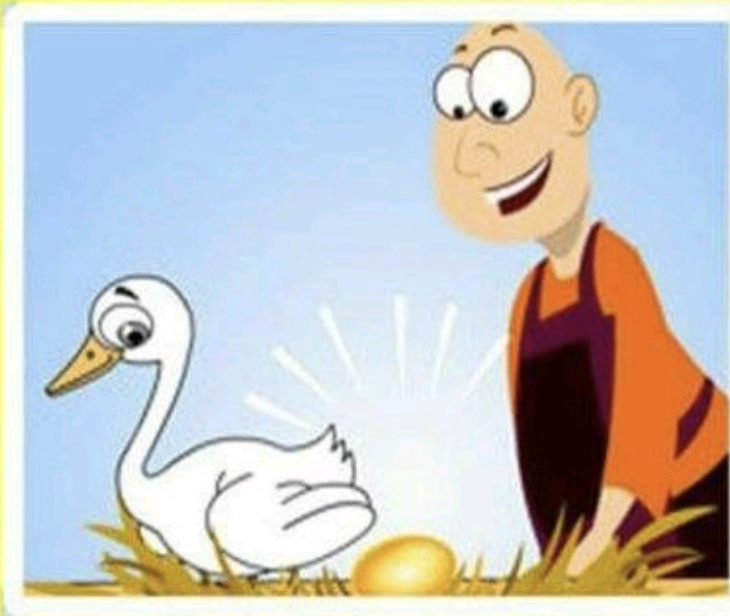


But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil. When the winter came the Grasshopper found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing, every day, corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer.

Then the Grasshopper knew...

MORAL: WORK TODAY AND YOU CAN REAP THE BENEFITS TOMORROW!

The Goose with the Golden Eggs



Once upon a time, a man and his wife had the good fortune to have a goose which laid a golden egg every day. Lucky though they were, they soon began to think they were not getting rich fast enough.

They imagined that if the bird must be able to lay golden eggs, its insides must be made of gold. And they thought that if they could get all that precious metal at once, they would get mighty rich very soon. So the man and his wife decided to kill the bird.



However, upon cutting the goose open, they were shocked to find that its innards were like that of any other goose!

MORAL: THINK BEFORE YOU ACT

The Lion and the Mouse



One day, a lion was asleep in the wood. A mouse came along. The mouse didn't see the lion and ran across the lion's nose.

The lion woke up. He was cross with the mouse. "You woke me up!" he roared.

The mouse was scared. "Please let me go!" said the mouse. "If you let me go, I will repay you one day!"

"You are funny!" said the lion. "How could a mouse help a lion?"

The lion laughed and let the mouse go home.

Some days later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He couldn't get out.

The lion roared in anger.

The mouse heard the lion and ran to the net.

The mouse saw the lion and had an idea. She chewed on the net until it broke and the lion fell out. The lion was free.



"Even a mouse can help a lion!" said the mouse.

From that day, the mouse and the lion became friends.

A kindness is never wasted.





THE BROKEN POT

A water bearer carried two pots, one perfect and the other with a crack. The perfect pot proudly held its full load while the cracked pot leaked.

Feeling worthless, the cracked pot apologized, but the water bearer revealed, "I planted flowers on your side of the path, making it beautiful, thanks to your leaks."

Moral: Our flaws can sometimes lead to unexpected beauty or usefulness.



THE GENEROUS MANGO TREE

A generous mango tree in a village provided shade, fruits, and shelter to everyone.

One day, a woodcutter asked for more, wanting to sell the wood. The tree hesitated but eventually agreed, realizing the joy of giving is greater than receiving.

Moral: Generosity brings lasting happiness.



THE BRAVERY OF THE LITTLE SPARROW

A mighty eagle terrorized a forest,
and the animals lived in fear.

A little sparrow, despite its size,
confronted the eagle, demanding
peace. The eagle, moved by the
sparrow's courage, changed its
ways, proving that bravery can
overcome even the mightiest
foes.

Moral: Courage can bring about
positive change.



THE CRANE AND THE CRAB

A crane befriended a crab and invited it for dinner. The crab, wary of the crane's intentions, asked how it would reach the crane's home.

The crane proposed carrying the crab in its beak, but the wise crab declined, sensing danger. Later, the crane admitted planning to eat the crab, and the clever crab escaped.

Moral: Be cautious of false friendships and trust your instincts.



THE TWO FROGS

Two frogs fell into a deep pit. Friends gathered, telling them it was hopeless.

One frog heeded their advice and gave up. The other persisted, leaping with all its might. Eventually, it succeeded in escaping.

Moral: Perseverance conquers challenges.



THE FROG AND THE OX

A frog saw an ox and wished to be as big. When he puffed himself up, he burst.

The other frogs, witnessing this, advised that contentment with oneself is the key to happiness.

Moral: Be content with who you are; wishing for more can lead to disaster.



THE KING'S DREAM

A king dreamt of a golden palace and asked his ministers to interpret it.

They said building a golden palace would be a waste. One minister suggested planting a garden instead, which would bring beauty and joy to the people for generations.

Moral: Practicality and meaningful actions are more valuable than extravagance.



THE STONECUTTER'S WISH

A stonecutter desired power, envying the sun for its strength. Upon his wish, he transformed into the sun, scorching everything.

Yet, a cloud blocked his rays, and he wished to be a cloud. Soon, he wished to be a mountain, until he realized even the mighty mountain could be shaped by a humble stonecutter.

Moral: Be content with who you are and what you have.



THE JACKAL AND THE DRUM

A jackal wandered into a village and found a drum. When he howled, the drum made a loud noise. Pleased with this, the jackal carried the drum around the village, thinking he had a powerful voice.

However, the villagers' dogs chased him, causing the jackal to realize that it was the drum creating the noise. Ashamed, he abandoned the drum and fled.

Moral: False pride can lead to embarrassment.



THE KING AND THE MILKMAID

A milkmaid was taking milk to the king's palace. On the way, she fantasized about what she'd do with the money earned from selling the milk.

Lost in thought, she tripped and spilled all the milk. She learned the value of not counting chickens before they hatch.

Moral: Don't let fantasies distract you from the present task.



THE SELFISH HORSE

A horse was grazing in a meadow. A hungry wolf approached, and the horse promised to help.

But when the wolf asked the horse to share some hay to satisfy its hunger, the horse selfishly refused, stating that the hay belonged only to him.

Later, when the horse fell ill, it begged the wolf to bring hay for its recovery. The wolf, remembering the horse's selfishness, refused to help.

Moral: Selfishness can lead to losing potential help in the future.



THE BAMBOO AND THE MANGO TREE

A bamboo and a mango tree stood side by side. The bamboo felt envious of the mango tree, which bore fruit, while it only grew tall.

During a storm, the mango tree broke, while the flexible bamboo bent without harm. The bamboo then appreciated its uniqueness.

Moral: Embrace your own strengths and uniqueness.



THE ENCHANTED FOREST QUEST

A group of friends ventured into an enchanted forest seeking a legendary firestone to save their village from eternal darkness. Along the way, they encountered challenges that tested their courage and unity.

In their quest, they discovered that teamwork, perseverance, and friendship were their greatest strengths. Together, they found the firestone and returned home, realizing that unity could overcome the darkest of times.

The moral of the Story: Unity and teamwork can conquer even the most daunting challenges.



THE GRATEFUL SNAKE

A kind boy saved a snake from a trap. Grateful, the snake vowed to help the boy.

When the boy faced danger, the snake protected him. They both learned that kindness begets kindness.

Moral: Kindness is never wasted; it always comes back in some form.



THE WISDOM OF LISTENING

In a monastery, a young monk sought enlightenment. He learned from the elder,

"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak."

By listening to others' wisdom, he found enlightenment within himself.

Moral: Listening leads to understanding.