



Seven Moral Stories for Kids

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1. The Lion and The Mouse

When a lion was resting in the jungle, a mouse began racing up and down his body for amusement. The lion's sleep was interrupted, and he awoke enraged. The lion was going to eat the mouse when the mouse begged him to let him go. "I assure you, if you save me, I will be of immense help to you in the future." The lion laughed at the mouse's self-assurance and freed him.

A group of hunters arrived in the forest one day and captured the lion. They had him tied to a tree. The lion began to roar as he struggled to get out. Soon, the mouse passed by and spotted the lion in distress. He dashed off, biting on the ropes to free the lion, and the two hurried off into the woods.

Moral of the story: Always be kind to one another.

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2. The Wolf and The Crane

One day a wolf was eating the flesh of an animal it had killed. A little bone got stuck in his throat, and he was unable to swallow it. He soon felt severe pain in his throat and raced up and down, trying to find a way to ease it. He begged everyone he saw to help him. Finally, the wolf came face to face with the crane.

“Please help me,” the wolf pleaded. “I’ll give you exactly what you want.”

The crane agreed to give it a shot and instructed the Wolf to lie down on its side with its jaws spread as wide as it could. The crane then inserted its long neck into the Wolf’s throat and pulled out the bone. The crane then requested its reward.

“Be joyful,” the wolf added, grinning and showing his teeth.

Moral of the story: Kindness and Greed cannot go hand in hand.

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3. King Midas and The Golden Touch

Midas, a king, once conducted a brilliant job for a Satyr and received a boon from Dionysus, the God of Wine. Midas asked for the transformation of everything he touched into gold as his wish. Despite Dionysus' best efforts to persuade him otherwise, Midas persisted that his wish was a good one, and it was granted!

Midas was delighted as he touched everything and turned it to gold. He was soon famished. He took a bite of food, but it had changed to gold in his hand, and he couldn't eat it! When Midas' beloved daughter saw his distress, she wrapped her arms around him to console him, and she, too, turned to gold!

Midas exclaimed, "The golden touch is no blessing." He cried as he walked down to the river. The sand of the river turned as yellow as "gold" King Midas washed away his hand in the river and the curse of the golden touch flowed away. When he went back to his palace, everything was normal again.

Moral of the story: Greed can always fire back.

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4. The Milkmaid and Her Pail

Patty the Milkmaid was on her way to the market with a pail of milk on her head. She began calculating what she would do with the money she would receive for the milk as she went along.

“I’ll get some quails from Farmer Brown, and they’ll lay eggs every morning,” she explained, “which I’ll sell to the parson’s wife.”

I’ll buy myself a new dress and a hat with the money I get from the sale of those eggs, and when I go to the market, won’t all the young men come up to me and talk to me? Polly Shaw would be envious, but that shouldn’t bother me. I’m simply going to stare at her and fling my head around like this. As she talked, she flung her head back, causing the pail to fall off its stand, spilling all of the milk!

Moral of the story: Count your chickens only after they’re hatched.

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5. A Bundle of Sticks

Once upon a time, there was a man who lived with his three boys. The three sons were great workers, yet they often fought. The old man tried everything he could to bring them together, but he was unsuccessful.

Months went by, and the old man became ill. He urged his boys to remain united, but they disobeyed him. As a result, he decided to teach them a practical lesson in order for them to put their differences aside and remain unified.

His sons were summoned by the old guy. "I'll give you a bundle of sticks," he said. You'll have to break each stick in half once you've separated them. "Whoever breaks the sticks the fastest will be rewarded more."

The old man handed each of them a bundle of ten sticks and instructed them to break each stick into pieces. They shattered the sticks in a matter of minutes and began to argue once more about who was the first to do it.

The father then handed each of the boys another bundle of sticks, instructing them to break them together.

They attempted to break the stick bundle. Despite their best efforts, they were unable to break the bundle. "Dear sons," the old guy said. See! The single sticks were easy to break into bits, but the bundle was impossible to split! So, as long as you are unified, no one can hurt you."

The sons saw the value of unity and pledged to stick together

Moral of the story: Unity is strength.

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6. The Ant and The Grasshopper

A grasshopper was jumping around in a field one summer day, chirping and singing its heart out. An ant went by, dragging a grain of corn to his nest with much difficulty.

“Rather than toiling away your life, why don’t you come and chat with me?” the Grasshopper suggested!

“I’m helping with the storage of food for the winter, and I suggest that you do the same.” the Ant added.

The Grasshopper asked, “Why care about winter? At the moment, we have plenty of food.”

The Ant, on the other hand, resumed its struggles. When winter arrived, the Grasshopper died of starvation while the ants distributed maize and grain from the stocks they had accumulated during the summer.

Moral of the story: Every struggle and hard work leads to a fruitful result

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7. The Woodcutter and The Golden Axe

A long time ago, in a small village, there lived an honest woodcutter. He went into the surrounding forest every day to cut trees. He returned to the village with the woods and sold them to a merchant to get money. He was content with his modest lifestyle.

His axe slipped out of his hand and fell into the river one day while he was cutting a tree near a river. He couldn't imagine retrieving it on his own because the river was so deep. He had only one axe, which he had lost in the river. He got really concerned about how he would be able to make a life today and prayed to the Goddess for help. Mercury emerged as the God of Water. He enquired as to why he was crying. The woodcutter expressed his dissatisfaction. Mercury then split the water and gave him a golden axe. The woodcutter refused to accept it. Mercury returned, this time with a silver axe, but the woodcutter turned it down once more.

After that, he arrived with an iron axe. It was graciously accepted by the woodcutter. The river God blessed him with the golden and silver axe since Mercury was so pleased with the woodcutter's honesty.

Moral of the story: Honesty is the best policy

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