

### The Greedy Dog

Once there lived a dog. He was very hungry. He wandered here and there in search of food. He got a juicy bone from a butcher's shop. He felt very happy. He took the bone and ran away. He reached a bridge of a river. While crossing the bridge, he saw his own shadow in the water. He thought that there was another dog with a juicy bone in his mouth. His mouth watered and he wanted to snatch that bone from him. He started barking at him. As soon as he opened his mouth, the bone fell down from his mouth into the river.

Moral: 1. Do not be greedy. 2. Greed is a curse.

### The Clever Crow

It was a hot summer day. A crow was very thirsty. He flew here and there in search of water. He could not find any water. He sat on a branch of a tree. There was a pitcher under the tree. There was some water in the pitcher. He was very happy to see the pitcher. He tried to drink water but the level of water was low. His beak could not reach the water in the pitcher. He thought of a plan. He dropped some pebbles in the pitcher one by one. The level of water rose up. The crow drank the water and flew away.

Moral: Necessity is the mother of invention. / Where there is a will, there is a way.

### A Hungry Fox

It was a hot summer day. A fox was feeling very hungry. He went out in search of food. Soon he came to a vineyard. He saw some ripe grapes hanging down a vine. His mouth began to water. He jumped at them, but could not reach them. He jumped for the second time, but the result was the same. He tried again and again, but it was all in vain. At last, he left the vineyard with a heavy heart. But, to satisfy himself, he said, "The grapes are sour. I do not like to eat them."

Moral: People often pretend to dislike what they cannot get. / Grapes are sour.

### The Bear and The Two Friends

Once, two friends were walking through a forest. They promised to help each other in case of danger. Suddenly, they saw a large bear coming towards them. One of the friends, at once, climbed a nearby tree. But the other one did not know how to climb. So he lay down on the ground, pretending to be a dead man.

The bear came near the man lying on the ground. It smelt his ears, and slowly left the place because the bears do not touch the dead creatures. Now the friend on the tree came down and asked his friend on the ground, "What did the bear say in your ears?" The other friend replied, "The bear advised me not to trust a false friend."

Moral: A friend in need is a friend indeed.

## **The Hare and the Tortoise**

Once a hare met a tortoise. He began to laugh at its slow speed. The tortoise challenged him to run a race. The hare was very glad to accept it.

The next day, the race began. The hare ran very fast. He left the tortoise far behind. He was now quite sure to win the race. Therefore, he decided to take some rest. He lay down under a tree and soon fell asleep. The tortoise went on slowly and steadily. He passed the sleeping hare and soon reached the winning post. After some time, the hare got up. He ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. He had lost the race and was too ashamed.

**Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.**