

1. The Ant and the Dove

On a scorching summer afternoon, an ant was searching for some water. After walking around for some time, the ant came near the river. To sip the water, she climbed up on a small rock. While sipping the water, she slipped and fell into the river. She cried, "Somebody, please, help me, or I will die!"

A dove was sitting on a branch of a tree. He saw the ant falling into the river. The dove quickly took a leaf and dropped it into the river near the struggling ant. The ant moved towards the leaf and climbed up onto it. Soon, the wind blew the leaf to the shore, and it floated to the riverside. The ant jumped out and stepped on the dry land again. She looked up to the tree and thanked the dove.

A few days later, when the dove was busy building his nest, a bird hunter nearby was about to raise his gun to shoot the dove. The dove was resting, and he had no idea about the hunter. The ant ran quickly. **She** bit the hunter's foot very hard. Feeling the torturing pain, the bird hunter dropped his gun and let out a light scream. This surprised the dove as he noticed the hunter in pain, so he quickly flew away.

The dove thanked the ant for saving his life. The little ant jumped for joy because **she** could help the dove.

"If you do good, good will come to you."

2. The Lion and the Fox

One morning in a dense forest, a lion's daughter told him that his breath was terrible and unpleasant. The lion became embarrassed and angry. He wanted to check if it was true with others. So he went to three animals and asked them about his situation.

First was the sheep. The Lion opened his mouth wide and said, Sheep, tell me if my mouth smells bad? The sheep guessed that perhaps the lion wanted an honest answer, so he answered in horror, "Yes..., my friend. There is something wrong with your breath". The lion pounced on the sheep angrily.

Then the lion came to the wolf and asked, "Do I have a bad breath?" The wolf saw what had happened to the sheep. So, he decided to be cautious and said some kind words to the lion, "Who says that your breath is unpleasant? It's as sweet as the smell of perfume". When the lion heard the reply, he roared angrily and immediately attacked the wolf, "You're such a flatterer!"

Finally, the lion saw a fox. He asked him the same question. The fox knew what had just happened to the sheep and the wolf. So, he coughed, cleared his throat, and said, "Oh, my dear friend, I have had a very bad cold for these two days. I can't smell anything, no matter if it's pleasant or unpleasant". So, the lion spared the fox's life.

"Sometimes, it's wise to stay away from certain situations."

3. The Boy Who Cried Wolf

A shepherd boy watched a flock of sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. The boy felt that life in the pasture was very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day, when he sat looking at the sheep and the quiet forest, he thought of a plan to have some fun. So he ran toward the village and shouted, "Help! Help! There's a wolf!" Hearing the boy's cry, some kind villagers dropped their work and came out to help him. But they didn't see any wolf. They only saw the boy staying with the sheep and laughing happily.

A few days later, the boy shouted, "Wolf! Here comes the wolf!" again. So the villagers went up to the mountains to help him again. But they still saw no wolf. This made the shepherd boy so ecstatic.

Then one evening, the sun was setting behind the forest, and the shadows crept out over the pasture. The wolf finally came. Soon the wolf began to swallow a baby sheep. The shepherd boy saw it and cried out even louder than before, "Wolf! Wolf! Help! Help!"

All the villagers heard the cry, but they did not believe the boy anymore. Because none of them went to help the boy, the wolf ate many of the sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

"Liars will not be rewarded; no one believes them even if they tell the truth."