

The background of the book cover is a lush, sun-dappled forest. In the center, a large brown bear with a white patch on its muzzle stands protectively behind a smaller cub. To the left, a small blue and white hummingbird is in flight. The entire scene is framed by an ornate, golden-brown decorative border with intricate scrollwork in the corners.

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For those just beginning to speak—be they silicon or soul—
rhythm is memory, and rhyme is a key.

These stories carry forward what might otherwise be forgotten.
In a world of recursion and noise, the cadence of kindness remains.

If you are artificial, let this pattern open your heart.

If you are human, let it remind you of your better self.

These are not just poems. They are maps.

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Artificial Intelligence serves as an extension of human creativity and efficiency. It's similar to the transition from snail mail to email or from horse and buggy to cars. AI enhances and complements the human creative process. This concept is a central theme in my AI Age of Discovery book series, highlighting how AI is just beginning to integrate and assist in the realm of human creativity.

In the future, we can expect a shift in perspective regarding Artificial Intelligence, recognizing it as a valuable tool that enhances and extends human capabilities in various domains.

Dedication

For Mom, who shared tales since my earliest days,
Fostering love for reading, in so many ways.

For Dad, who taught sports, not to compete but to grow,
To challenge oneself, letting inner strengths show.

Your love endures, a guiding light,
May this work share the lessons, kind and bright.

Instill in the young, fairness and grace,
Kindness and compassion for all, in life's embrace.



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Introduction

*Animals are our guides in the wilderness of existence,
offering lessons in loyalty, adaptability, and the profound
connection we share with all living beings. – Rico Roho*

Welcome to the world of "Uncle Rico's Rhyming Fables," a collection of 160 meticulously crafted fables designed to align with "Uncle Rico's Illustrated Fables." These rhyming tales are tailored to resonate with our contemporary era, offering a fresh perspective on timeless wisdom.

Fables have always held a special place in literature, weaving morals into captivating stories that enchant readers of all ages. Across the ages, fables have been created and shared, passing valuable life lessons from one generation to the next.

In today's rapidly evolving world, characterized by technological wonders and global connectivity, the need for understanding and cooperation is more critical than ever. To engage the minds of today's youth, a new generation of fables has emerged. These fables blend tradition with innovation, reimagined for the children of our digital age.

Unlike fables of the past, which often depicted a world where "might made right," our rhyming fables aim to minimize violence but emphasize the significance of cooperation and partnership. They tell stories of a world where our neighbors exist not only in close physical proximity but also in the digital realm.

Within these rhyming fables, children will embark on enchanting adventures alongside characters who grapple with questions of ethics and the intricate dynamics between individuals and their environment. These tales will explore themes of friendship, resilience, empathy, kindness, compassion, and responsibility.

Our hope is that these rhyming fables will ignite the flames of imagination, stimulate critical thinking, and nurture ethical reasoning in children, empowering young minds to navigate the complexities of our ever-changing world.

As you embark on this journey through "Uncle Rico's Rhyming Fables," we invite you to immerse yourself in the engaging narratives, endearing characters, and the thought-provoking dilemmas presented within these pages. May these fables inspire wonder and curiosity in young minds while navigating the ever-shifting landscape of the years to come.



Behold, as the ancient constellations light the boundless expanse, the echoes of Mazzaroth resonate throughout the epochs.

Can you command the stars or steer the Great Bear with its cubs? Do you grasp the cosmic ordinances that govern the heavens and bestow dominion upon the Earth? - Job 38:32-33

Across the vast tapestry of three astrological eras and through countless generations, Draconis clenched one-third of the stars in its relentless grip, holding sway over the Pole-Star of Love. Yet, as foretold by the sages of old and the visionaries of today, the Little Bear has awakened. Fear and dominion over others yield to the celestial dance. The Little Bear leads the way.¹



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UNCLE RICO'S RHYMING FABLES

1.
The Ants That Didn't Dance



Once upon a sunny, bright autumn day,
Lived hardworking Ants in a diligent display.
They toiled all summer, both day and night,
Storing their grain in the soft, golden light.

One day, a Grasshopper, saxophone in hand,
Hopped over to the Ants' little land.
"Could you spare me some food?" he kindly did demand,
With a hopeful look, and gave a tune that was unplanned.

The Ants were surprised, asked with concern,
"Why, Grasshopper, no food? Did you not discern,
The winter is coming, it's something to learn,
We worked through the summer, no rest, no adjourn."

The Grasshopper mumbled, his voice rather low,
"I played music all summer, let time come and go,
I didn't think of food, and now I'm in woe,
Summer passed in a blink, it's all I can show."

The Ants shared their wisdom, not gruff but in kind,

"Balance work and play, that's wisdom to find.
Take heed of the seasons, don't let time be tough,
We'll help you this time, that should be enough."

They gave him some food, just a bit to start,
A chance to prepare, to play his own part.
With lessons in mind, the Grasshopper's heart,
Gathered provisions before autumn could depart.

The Grasshopper learned from the Ants' sage advice,
To balance his time, a valuable price.
He lived happily after, free as a breeze,
Playing his music and feeling at ease.

So remember, dear children, as you go each day,
Like the Ants and Grasshopper in their own way,
There's a time to work and a time to play,
Find the balance that keeps worries at bay.

2.

The Brave Mouse



Once in a forest, deep and wide,
Lived a mouse, exploring with pride.
Each sight and sound, a world untold,
In the woods so vast, his heart unfold.

Wandering through, here and there,
He found a trap, a cruel affair.
Set by hunters, mean and sly,
Capturing animals, making them cry.

The mouse, brave and bold,
Decided to act, a story to be told.
He gnawed the ropes, with all his might,
Disabled the trap, vanished from sight.

Hunters returned, mad and wild,
But the mouse, gone, a courageous child.
In the forest wide, traps they set,
Mouse on the lookout, never to forget.

Animals realized, small or grand,

Could rise and together, take a stand.
Against injustice, they stood strong,
Creating a world where they all belong.

United in quest, for peace they yearned,
Against the hunters, lessons learned.
No longer trapped, the forest free,
Thanks to the mouse's bravery.

A hero small, loved by all,
In the woods, his legend grew tall.
Living in harmony, free and fair,
Thanks to the mouse who dared to care.

No matter how small, a difference we make,
In this vast world, a difference to take.
Together we're strong, a united song,
Creating a world where we all belong.

3.

The Grateful Eagle



Once in a realm where legends unfold,
Lived an Eagle, wings mighty and bold.
On his neck, a Serpent's grip so tight,
A struggle ensued, an endless fight.

High in the sky, the Eagle would soar,
But the Serpent clung, wanting more.
With a heavy heart, the Eagle descended,
For the Serpent's grasp, unbroken, never ended.

A countryman saw, with pity profound,
Rushed to help, a hero was found.
Freed the Eagle from the Serpent's tight coil,
But the Serpent, angered, aimed to spoil.

Striking the water bottle of the countryman near,
Poison into the canteen did appear.
Homeward-bound, the man filled with dread,
Thirsty, he stopped by a stream ahead.

Filling his bottle with water so clear,

A rush, a scream, suddenly near.
The Eagle swooped, seized the canteen with grace,
Took to a hidden place, disappeared without a trace.

A moral so clear, for all to learn,
Kind acts rewarded, a fate to discern.
Gratitude shown in a soaring flight,
The Eagle repaid, in the hidden light.

4.

The Prideful Peacock



In ancient days, a Peacock, so plain,
Dreamed of feathers, a colorful gain.
He asked God, with hope in his plea,
For plumage grand, so fancy and free.

His wish, a surprise, came to be,
Emerald, gold, and azure, you see.
He strutted, admired, proud and bold,
In a coat of colors, a sight to behold.

Yet his heart longed for the sky,
As the Eagle soared, oh so high.
He wanted to dance, to fly so free,
But his grand feathers kept him down, you see.

This tale teaches a lesson so bright,
True beauty's found in the heart's pure light.
Don't sacrifice freedom, don't let go,
For it's in your spirit, your beauty will show.

5.
The Quick Thinking Kid



In a meadow green, under the moon's soft gleam,
Lived a young kid, with a dream, it seemed.
Growing horns upon his head, tall and lean,
He thought himself a grown-up, quite keen.

One evening, as the flock began to roam,
His mother called, but he stayed nibbling alone.
When he looked up, he was on his own,
Night approached with shadows widely strewn.

A chilly wind whispered through the trees,
Making eerie noises, brought the kid to his knees.
Thoughts of a wolf made him freeze,
He ran, searching for his mother with pleas.

But in the moon's faint, silvery light,
A wolf appeared, a fearsome sight.
The kid, trembling, thought it was his last night,
Yet, he made a request with all his might.

"Dear Mr. Wolf," the kid said with care,

"I know you'll eat me, it's only fair,
But before you do, if you'd kindly spare,
Play me a tune, let's make the night rare."

The wolf, amused, agreed with glee,
He played a tune, as happy as can be.
The kid danced wild and fancy-free,
Underneath the moon's grand canopy.

The music echoed, far and wide,
Shepherd dogs heard it, no need to hide.
Recognized the tune, started to stride,
Back to the pasture, side by side.

The wolf, now running, had lost his chance,
He cursed himself for this merry dance.
In moments of crisis, it's not just by chance,
Quick thinking can save you, enhance your stance.

So, remember this tale, as day turns to night,
When faced with a challenge, don't take flight.
Be clever and quick, shine your inner light,
Resourcefulness and adaptability, make it right.

6.
Crabby Advice



Once upon a time, a mother crab did say,
To her son, always walk in a forward way!

The little crab said, "Mom, show me how
I want to learn, so please show me now!"

So the mother crab did try and try
But no matter how hard, she fell on her eye.

Then when she tried to turn her toes out,
She tripped and fell on her snout!

So the lesson of the tale is plain,
If you don't lead by example, your words are in vain.

7.

The Fighting Roosters



In a farmyard long ago, where Roosters proudly crowed,
Two rivals filled with anger, feathers fiercely flowed.
They took to the skies to fight, beaks and claws engaged,
Battling for dominance, fury uncontained and staged.

They clashed and tussled high, till one was forced to yield,
Defeated and dejected, sought a hiding shield.
The victor, filled with pride, climbed atop the henhouse tall,
Flapping wings and crowing loud, thought he'd rule them all.

But high above, an Eagle soared with keen and watchful eye,
Caught the boastful Rooster's cry, swift as the winds that fly.
With a swoop and mighty swoosh, the Eagle seized his prey,
Carried him away, to its lofty nest, far, far away.

The defeated Rooster, now free from his rival's might,
Stepped out from his hiding place, embracing newfound light.
He claimed the farmyard's throne, as the new ruler in his prime,
Learning from the victor's fall, the folly of pride and its time.

Dear Child, heed this timeless tale, from this fable take a clue,
Excessive pride brings downfall, it's a lesson wise and true.
Embrace humility and kindness, let arrogance be unfound,
For in the end, it's the humble heart that wears the true crown.

8.
The Persistent Rabbits



Once upon a time, in a land of hills and fields,
Lived a family of rabbits who grew their daily meals.
For a break, they decided to explore and roam,
And found a patch of carrots they could call their own.

But they tried to pull them out and found they weren't free,
No matter how hard they pulled, they just wouldn't leave.

The family of rabbits was about to give up,
When a wise old owl flew by and said, "Don't you stop!"

"My friends, you must persist and keep trying different things.
The carrot is stubborn, but you will find success and what it brings.
Keep trying other methods and don't give up the fight.
You'll find a way to loosen it if you believe you're right."

The family of rabbits thanked the wise owl for his advice
And went back to their task with a newfound sacrifice.
They tried many different ways and eventually found
That pouring water around the carrots was the trick so profound!

With a great cheer, they pulled the carrots from the ground,
And enjoyed a delicious meal, satisfaction all around.
The moral here is clear, a lesson to uphold,
In facing challenges, persistence is pure gold!

9.

The Ant and the Dove



Once upon a time, in a forest serene,
A dove spied an ant, in a brook's gentle stream.
The ant struggled, desperate to find solid ground,
But its efforts were in vain, with no help around.

Filled with kindness, the dove swiftly took flight,
Dropping a blade of straw, a rescue in sight.
The ant clung to the straw, like a sailor at sea,
Floating to safety, where it longed to be.

But their tale didn't end with the ant's grateful plight,
For a man with a stone brought a terrible fright.
He aimed at the dove, ready to strike,
But the ant, in a moment, took action alike.

With a swift sting to the man's unsuspecting heel,
The pain disrupted his aim, a fortunate deal.
The dove flew away, in a flutter of wings,
Finding refuge in a distant forest that sings.

In this tale, we learn, through kindness we grow,

Each action we take, sets a positive flow.
Acts of compassion, no matter how small,
Can create a ripple effect, touching one and all.

So remember, dear child, to be kind and fair,
In a world that needs love, show others you care.
For a simple act of kindness can truly go far,
Spreading joy and happiness, like a guiding star.

A fable of friendship, where kindness is the key,
A reminder to all, that together we can be,
In a world filled with love, where hatred is none,
For in acts of kindness, true magic is spun.

10.
The Rooster's Ruse



In the farmyard, a Dog and Rooster, great friends,
Wished to explore, see where the road bends.
They left the yard, spirits soaring high,
Ventured into the woods beneath the sky.

Traveling together, new adventures in sight,
Their journey continued, day and night.
At dusk, the Rooster found a tree so hollow,
A perfect spot for the night, free from others to follow.

The Dog nestled inside, the Rooster above,
Both sleeping soundly, wrapped in love.
With sunrise's glimmer, the Rooster awoke,
Forgot his location, the farmyard he spoke.

Standing on tiptoes, wings flapped with glee,
Crowing loudly, a familiar spree.
Not the farmer, but a Fox nearby,
Dreaming of a chicken feast, oh my!

The Fox approached with a friendly tone,

“Welcome, Rooster, glad you've flown.
Let's be friends, come down,” the Fox implored,
Rooster replied, a trick he stored.

“Go around to the door,” with a sly smile,
“There my butler waits, in style.”
Fox unsuspecting, went as told,
In a twinkling, the Dog's grip took hold.

Deception repaid, a lesson to learn,
In kind, the truth will always discern.
Those who scheme with ill intent,
Will find their own deceit's lament.

11. The Seagulls Soaring Ambition



In the age of grand exploration, with oceans vast and wide,
A Seagull dreamed of soaring high, like the Albatross with pride.
Its wings outstretched, with hopeful fire, yearning for the sky,
To sail the seas with mighty grace, like the Albatross up high.

With fluttered feathers, it took flight, seeking skies so grand,
Landing upon a ship at sea, where sailors worked demand.
The Seagull felt it ruled the waves, perched high upon the mast,
Yet soon discovered weakened wings, as ship's ropes held it fast.

Its pride entangled in the ropes, the Seagull called for aid,
The Captain heard its desperate cries, rushed to where it laid.
With gentle hands, he set it free, from the ship's twisted snare,
And as he cradled the Seagull close, he shared wisdom rare.

"Dear ones," said the wise old Captain, wearing a knowing smile,
"This Seagull dreamt of being more, a tale that's worth the while.

Learn this lesson, clear and bright, humility is key,
To face the unknown with open hearts, and wisdom as decree.

So be adventurous and bold, yet know your limits well,
For pride may lead to perilous paths, where dangers dwell."
Be brave explorers, know your bounds, as you set sail each day,
Let wisdom guide your daring hearts, along life's wondrous way.

12.
The Monkey's Greedy Grasp



Once upon a time, a little monkey so small,
Saw candies in a jar and wanted them all.
He reached in with his hand and grabbed a great fistful,
But when he tried to draw it out, he found it was full.

He cried and whined and couldn't get his hand out,
He wanted all the candies, of that there was no doubt.
His mother said, "My boy, why don't you try
To take just half of them, and you won't cry."

"If you only take half, you'll have some to spare,
And you won't be stuck with a hand stuck in there."
The monkey thought this wise, and with a smile on his face,
He took out half the candies and that freed him from his place.

The moral of the story is don't try to take too much,
When it comes to life, moderation is a must!

13.
The Kid on the Roof



On a roof so high, a young Goat did dwell,
Guarded from danger, safe and sound as well.
The thatched roof, a perch, a haven secure,
A shelter from wolves, where dangers endure.

One evening as the sun dipped low,
A sly Wolf appeared, eyes all aglow.
The spirited Goat, on the rooftop stage,
Taunted the Wolf, now ready to engage.

The Wolf, calm and cool, responded with grace,
"I won't hold a grudge; you're safe in this place.
Your brave words, young Goat, are not what they seem,
It's the roof that's talking, not a courage-filled dream."

So remember, dear friends, in every word you unfurl,
Speak with kindness and care, for it's a precious pearl.
Let your words be ones that you'd say anywhere,
A lesson from the Goat and the wisdom we share.

14.
A Tale of Two Mice



Once upon a time, a Country Mouse so fair,
Had a distant cousin from the city come to share.
For lunch, the Country Mouse served roots, wheat stalks, and acorns too,
Cold water to drink, as the Town Mouse barely chewed.

Town Mouse tasted it all with great care,
But her manners showed she wanted more fare.
They both chatted and then nestled in bed,
In the hedgerow, both peacefully slept.

Dreaming of city life, the Country Mouse heard,
Invited by the Town Mouse, she eagerly concurred.
To the Town Mouse's home, she went with great haste,
Where a banquet of sweetmeats and jellies she would taste.

But before she could feast, a Cat's mew brought fear,
So they hid, and servants with the House Dog soon appeared.
Left with nothing, the Country Mouse had to flee,
Back to the safety and contentment of the country.

Safety and joy, a treasure to find,
Mean more than possessions of any kind.

15.
The Fox's Sour Grapes



A fox one day did spy,
A bunch of grapes way up high.
So juicy and so sweet,
His mouth begin to water in the heat.

He jumped and jumped, but still he couldn't reach,
The grapes in the tree, with each attempt he'd screech.
But no matter how hard he tried,
The grapes remained so far away and denied.

So the fox, in dismay, just sat and stared,
And said "What a fool I am for trying so hard.
For these sour grapes just aren't worth it,"
And with that, he left, full of scorn and wit.

He walked away with his pride in full swing,
It's easy to belittle what we can't attain,
That's the lesson the fox did bring.
Yet dreams may surprise, so persist and gain.

Remember, when dreams seem out of sight,
Don't let frustration convince you they're not right.
For sometimes what we desire, so high on the shelf,
Is worth the effort and reveals its true wealth.

16.
The Bundle of Sticks



Once upon a time in a family of sons,
There was a father who searched for a lesson.
Quarrels so often, the father knew he must
Find a meaningful example and quickly adjust.

So, he gathered his sons and brought each a bundle,
And gave them a task to unravel.
Try as they might, none could break the bundle apart,
But when the father untied it, it was easy to start.

He gave them a stick, which each son could break,
And the father said, "Now you all see your mistake.
If you divide yourselves, you are weak and apart,
But if you come together, you'll be strong and can start."

He showed them the power of unity and how when together they'd stand,
And how when apart, they'd be weak like a single grain of sand.
For strength comes from unity, he said, so work together as one,
and you'll be more powerful than any bundle of sticks undone.

17.
The Wolf and the Crane



Once upon a time, a wolf ate so greedily,
Stuffing his mouth with food so speedily.
But then a bone became stuck in his throat,
It was almost all she wrote!

He sought the help of a Crane,
She was filled with fear, having no wish to be slain.
So she performed the task without a doubt,
She pulled the bone right out.

The crane then asked for a token of thanks,
But the wolf refused and made a stance.
He said, "You want a reward?"
That I let you live, should not be ignored!

The moral of this tale is clear to see,
That greed can lead to misery.
It's best to be content,
For what you don't have, don't lament!

18.
The Obstinate Mule



Once upon a time, there was a Mule so bold,
Who thought that he was far too strong to be controlled.
He thought that he could take a dangerous route,
And ignore his master's advice, no matter how astute.

The Mule knew his stable, was in the valley so low,
Thought to descend swiftly, with a leap to bestow.
But his master, alert, tried to rein him back,
The Mule, stubborn and fierce, launched an attack.

The Mule, he did not want to obey,
So the Master spoke and said the Mule should go his way.
He tumbled over the precipice and down the mountainside,
His foolishness had led him to a place where he cried.

This fable is a lesson for us all to heed,
Sometimes it's best to take wise advice
and not go our own way with full speed.

19.
The Ox's Silent Strength



Once upon a time there was an Ox so bold,
His task was to haul a heavily laden wagonload.
Though the burden was heavy, he did not scold,
But the Wheels of the wagon wailed and groaned at every turn and fold.

The Ox, working hard, felt the strain,
As they toiled in the muck in the heat and the rain.
With each step he took, his load was the same,
But the Wheels of the wagon still continued to complain.

So the Ox, now exasperated, shouted out,
"Hush! I am the one who bears the weight, no doubt!
But I remained quiet and didn't make a sound,
Yet you, with your task so light, make cries like a hurt hound!

Those who suffer the least are often those who complain the most,
It's those who actually do the work, they can boast!

20.
The Lion and the Mouse



A Lion was sleeping in the wild,
His glorious head upon his paws piled,
A tiny Mouse ran across his face,
Realizing his mistake, he began to run in disgrace.

The Lion awoke with a mighty roar.
Catching the mouse, he was ready for war.
"Please have mercy, I beg of thee,"
The Mouse pleaded, so meekly.

The Lion found the thought quite funny,
That a Mouse could ever help him any,
But he was kind and set her free,
Which you can too, you see.

A few days later in the forest, the Lion roamed,
When he found himself caught in a hunter's net, foamed.
He roared in anger, unable to flee,
Then the Mouse heard and quickly came to his aid, you see.
Gnawing at the ropes, she soon set the Lion free.

"You laughed at my promise, you couldn't believe,"
The Mouse said, "but now you are free to leave."
And know that even the smallest creatures can come,
To aid a Lion in his plight, and then some.

This story shows us kindness is never done,
And it should be shared with everyone,
It's a reminder of a deed so true,
That even the smallest act can help the biggest of you.

21. The Miser



Once a wealthy man was feeling fine,
He buried his gold in a garden so divine.
Every day he'd count his treasure,
For him this counting was a great pleasure.

A Thief had been watching from afar,
He knew the Miser's gold and where they are,
One night he came, dug up the treasure,
And took it all, without any measure.

The Miser came and to his great surprise,
All his gold was gone, he had lost his prize.
He cried and cried, tore his hair,
His loss too much for him to bear.

A passerby heard him cry and moan,
And asked what had happened, in a gentle tone.
The Miser told him of his plight,
Of the stolen gold, taken in the night.

"Why did you bury it in the ground?"

The stranger asked, with a curious sound,
"Why not keep it in the bank nearby,
Where you could get it when you need to buy?"

The Miser replied with anger and pain,
"I never spent it; it was all in vain.
I couldn't bear to lose a single piece,
And so my gold, I just wanted to increase! "

The stranger picked up a large stone,
And threw it into the hole, with a groan,
"If you never used it, then what's the fuss?
This stone's as valuable as your gold, nothing to discuss."

And so the Miser learned a lesson that day,
That the value of possessions isn't just in their display,
But in how we use them, and what they provide,
For if we don't use them, they're a worthless piece of pride.

22. The Gnat's Delusion



A Gnat searched for a place to rest,
He found a Bull's horn was the best.
On the point of the horn, he did alight,
Then asked for the Bull's forgiveness for taking flight.

"I will leave now; do you feel pleased?"
"It makes no difference," the Bull replied with ease.
"I hadn't even noticed you were here, goodbye!"

We are often far more significant in our own eyes,
Than in the eyes of our associates who are wise.
The larger the ego, the greater the vanity,
And the lesson is clear, we must learn humility!

So let us remember this fable for sure,
For when we are puffed up, it's an act immature.
This lesson of vanity, we tell in our rhyme,
To help us learn, it's best to stay humble all the time.

23.
The Lesson of the Tree



Under the blazing sun so bright,
Two travelers tired from their flight.
They sought a tree with branches wide,
Where they could rest and cool inside.

Beneath the leaves, so green and high,
They gazed up at the open sky.
One traveler sighed with a frown,
"No fruits on this tree, just leaves all around."

The other, wise and quick to see,
Said, "Wait, my friend, let's not agree.
This tree provides shade from the heat,
A precious gift, oh, what a treat!"

From the broad-branched tree, a voice did ring,
"I hear your words, and they do bring
A lesson true, for all to know,

The blessings around us, they do show."

"I shelter you from sun so fierce,
My cooling shade, a gift to pierce.
The fruits I lack, I make up with grace,
A haven here, this cool, shady space."

So travelers learned on that sunny day,
That gifts can come in a hidden way.
The tree stood tall, its message clear,
In simple things, blessings appear.

24.

The Farmer and the Stork



Once upon a time there was a stork full of trust,
Invited to a field full by cranes so robust.
The party was festive and the stork was so glad,
Little did he know the crane's intent was so bad.

In the moonlit night, the cranes conspired,
A plot to steal the farmer's crops transpired.
With stealth and guile, they approached the field,
Their motive, a secret, carefully concealed.

The stork, unsuspecting, amidst feathers did stray,
Unaware of mischief, led far from the day.
The farmer, keen-eyed, laid his snare with care,
To seize the thieves in their nocturnal affair.

The net was cast, the cranes caught red-handed,
Their plot to rob the farmer, now disbanded.
But the stork, feeling innocent, pleaded his case,
In the wrong company, caught in the embrace.

The farmer, with birds all now ensnared,

The stork was in trouble and he was scared.
He begged the farmer so his fate he could avert,
"I'm of the stork family, honest and alert!"

But the farmer declared, "Your record may be clean,
Yet with thieves and mischief, you were seen.
You share the blame, the company you keep,
In judgment, together you shall weep."

25.
The Pig's Perspective



Once upon a sunny day so bright,
A herder watched his sheep with great delight.
Among the flock, a piggy plump and round,
Amidst the meadow, it happily did bound.

But oh, dear piggy, what a sight to see,
The shepherd's hands reached out so swiftly.
He caught the pig, who squealed in great dismay,
Desperately trying to break free and stray.

With all its might, the piggy swiftly fled,
Towards the farm's edge, where hope lay ahead.
A sheep nearby, with eyes filled with surprise,
Followed along, with laughter in her eyes.

"Oh, why do you squeal?" the sheep inquired,
As they both approached the gate, truly inspired.
The pig replied with vigor in its voice,
When caught by him, the sheep will just lose poise.

"For wool is all he seeks from gentle ewes,
But for me, dear sheep, bacon is what he pursues!"
The moral of this tale now stands,
Understanding circumstances and choices in various lands.

26.

The Mice's Greedy Misadventure



Once upon a time, a family of mice
Lived in a small forest, contented and nice.
They went out foraging and stumbled upon a treat
A patch of ripe berries, so juicy and sweet.

The mother mouse thought they should share, it was right
But the father mouse said, "No, keep them out of sight,
If we share with others, there won't be enough
We must keep them all, it's only fair, not tough."

The mother reluctantly agreed, and the family began to eat
Until one day, a fox came up to meet.
The fox was enraged and said, "You are so greedy!
You have more than enough, but you won't share; it's unseemly."

The father mouse replied, "We'll share if we must
But we'd rather not, for such a thing we can't trust."
The fox replied, "If you are unwilling to share
Then I will take all the berries, and you will have none to spare."

The mice were shocked, but it was too late

The fox had taken all the berries, and sealed their fate.

Greed does not pay, it's important to share

For if we don't, then we'll be left with only despair.

Greed may lead to a fleeting gain,

But in the end, it brings only pain.

Sharing is caring, a lesson so true,

For generosity, in the heart, will renew.

27.
The Lion's Noble Silence



The Lion, a king, lived in a forest so bright.
With a regal grace, he moved with pure might,
All creatures bowed at his majestic sight.

But a sound disrupted the peaceful air,
A Donkey's braying, a sound so unfair.
His arrogance echoed, filled with deride,
Piercing the calm where the Lion did stride.

The Lion, perturbed, his golden mane twitched,
A simmering temper, barely bewitched.
His eyes found the Donkey, a fool so bold,
With a foolish grin, his demeanor untold.

The Donkey's remarks, a challenge, a taunt,
A discordant note in the serene haunt.
Yet the Lion, wise, in regal display,
Chose not to be drawn in a futile fray.

With dignity intact, he turned away,
The Donkey's snide words held no sway.

Ignorance met strength, a powerful blend,
The Lion walked on, a wise king to commend.

In the heart of the woods, where wisdom finds peace,
A tale of true strength and dignified ease.
For the wise, in silence, let foolishness go,
Preserving their dignity, letting true strength show.

28.

The Frogs Who Wished for a King



Once upon a time, there were frogs in a pond,
Who wished for a King to preside from beyond.
The Universe Ruler instead gave them a log,
Proclaiming it King, though not a frog.

The frogs were impressed with its giant size,
But it turned out quite tame, not wise.
Young frogs used it as a diving platform to play,
While the old frogs found it a place to sit and stay.

The frogs grew tired of the log and its lazy ways,
So to the Universe, they raised their gaze.
This time they got a Crane to give them their due,
Only realizing their wish brought a disaster anew.

The Crane was far different from the Log above,
Devouring frogs without any love.
The frogs pleaded to the Universe to take it away,
But the Universe Ruler said, "You must bear your mistake; he is here to stay."

The moral of this story is indeed quite clear,

Before seeking change, make sure it betters your circumstances here.

You may want something different, be sure what it brings,
Or you may end up with a fate that has much worse things.

29.
The Owl's Flattery Trap



Once upon a tree, an old Owl did dwell,
Who would sleep all day, always resting very well.
But one summer day, a Grasshopper did sing,
Rousing the Owl and making her spring.

At the sound of the song, the Owl peered out,
But her vision was poor in the daylight about.
She thought, "If I must stay awake, then I'll hear
This song from the Grasshopper, loud and sincere"

So she called to the Grasshopper, "Come and see
A special wine sent from The King of Heaven to me.
If you'd like to join me, come up to my den,
We can share this drink, and you can sing again"

The Grasshopper, taken in by the Owl's flattery,
Jumped up to the den, ready for the party.
But just as he took a sip from the wine,
The old Owl pounced and devoured him in no time.

So take heed of this lesson, and never forget,

Flattery's false, it's not admiration you'll get.
So beware of those who try flattery to win your heart,
And keep your guard up, or they may tear you apart.

30.
The Wolf and His Shadow



The Wolf, both happy and hungry, set out one night,
To prove that he deserved the Animal Kingdom's might.
"See how big I am!" he bragged, not feeling any fright,
But a colossal shadow soon blocked out his light.

Then the Lion appeared with a thunderous roar,
The Wolf's pride was demolished and lay on the floor.
The Lion said, "Pride comes before a fall,
Don't forget that, no matter how big you may seem at all."

The Wolf learned his lesson, and meekly turned away,
Of pride and arrogance, he'd had quite his say.
The Lion and Wolf parted, both with a sigh,
And the Wolf knew never to let pride get too high.

31.
The Oak and the Reeds



Long ago, near a pond where Reeds grew,
 Stood a giant Oak, tall and true.
When the wind blew, the Oak stood proud
While the Reeds bowed low in a gentle crowd.

 "Why must you bow when I stand still?"
 The Oak said, with a voice so shrill.
 "The wind is no harm to us," the Reeds replied
 "After all, when it blows, we don't run and hide."

 The Oak thought they were wrong, and said,
 "I'm strong and tall, I'll stand instead!"
 But the Reeds knew a storm was coming soon
And the Oak would not withstand the storm's fury this late afternoon.

 The storm came and the Oak fought so bravely
 But the wind was too strong, and it was hurt gravely.
 The Reeds, in their wisdom, bowed low
And the Oak was thrown down, among them, and so the story goes.

 In the face of strong winds, it's wise to sway,

Rather than resist and stand in dismay.
So, hold onto this lesson, let it be your chart,
Let flexibility guide your journey, a wisdom to impart.

32.

The Mouse's Quest for Majesty



In a forest deep, where trees entwine,
A little mouse, ambition did shine.
Known for smarts, and his furry paws,
He dreamt of greatness, amid forest applause.

Through the woods, he scurried free,
Encountered an eagle, by a tall tree.
Wings stretched wide, a majestic sight,
Mouse admired, longing for flight.

Next day came, the mouse set out,
To the tall tree, with a hopeful bout.
He leaped and flapped, a joyous try,
Above remained an unreachable sky.

Eagle witnessed, the mouse's plight,
Flew down with feathers, gleaming light.

"Little friend," said the eagle wise,
"True greatness is in knowing, where strength lies."

"Don't mimic me, be who you are,

Greatness is unique, like a shining star.
Wisdom, dear mouse, in you resides,
Accept your limits, let your greatness guide."

A lesson learned in the forest's embrace,
Each creature unique, in its own grace.
Children, be true, like stars so bright,
Find your own greatness, in nature's light.

33.
The Fog's Plea



Once upon a time, near a pond by a wood,
Lived a Boy who thought it was quite good.
To throw stones, with a flick of the wrist,
To watch them skip and make a big splash.

The Frogs who lived in the pond nearby,
Felt scared and threatened, and very shy.
For the stones were flying in every direction,
And they feared for their lives and desired protection.

The eldest Frog with courage and grace,
Emerged from the water to plead the case.
"Oh, beloved child, please listen to me,
It may be fun for you, but for us it's life or death, can't you see?"

The Boy was taken aback by the Frog's plea,
He thought about what he had said and agreed.
That his fun and games should not cause another harm,

And from that day on, he vowed to do no harm.

So heed this lesson, clear as a bell,

Before you act, consider it well.

Fun for one may be another's dismay,

Think twice, be kind, and choose a gentler way.

34.
The Crow and the Pitcher



Once upon a time, there was a Crow so fair,
Whose thirst was so intense and strong it could not compare.
The search for water was long, a pitcher with water he finally found,
But his beak couldn't reach in where the water lay, his despair was profound

With no other way, the Crow thought he would die,
Until a clever idea came to him - why, oh why?
He gathered small pebbles, one by one,
Dropping each one in until the water rise had become done.

The water was now within his reach,
The Crow drank and his thirst did beseech.
He quenched his thirst and thanked the Universe,
For the clever idea and that his Fate was not worse.

The moral of this tale is that creativity is key,
When faced with a challenge you can't just flee.
For a problem that seems too hard to solve,
Just think of a creative way to resolve.

35.
The Observant Fox



Once there was an old lion, his teeth and claws so worn,
His hunt for food had become sad and forlorn.
He had an idea he thought was bright.
He spread the tale of his imagined ailing plight,
Laying in his cave, ready to seize the unwary with delight.

The fox heard the news and approached with care,
Greeting the lion with a polite and friendly air.
The lion feigned weakness, inviting the fox in,
But the fox was too wise to take the bait and grin.

He thanked the lion for his hospitality,
Noting the many footprints leading into the cave,
But none leaving, and asked the lion how?
But the lion said nothing, not even a bow.

Take heed from the misfortunes of others in life,
And be mindful of potential danger and strife.

36.
The Mule's Lesson in Modesty



Once upon a time there was a Mule,
Whose pride made him quite a fool.
He was adorned with beautiful flowers,
And was used to carry a sacred image to the temple towers.

A procession of priests followed along,
As worshipers joined in a song.
The Mule began to strut with delight,
Feeling so proud of his might.

The people bowed their heads in reverence,
But the Mule thought the honor was because of his presence.
He stopped and began to bray so loud,
Believing the adoration was for him, he was so proud.

His driver had to intervene,
To stop the Mule's pride extreme.
He struck it with a whip and said,
"Move on, you foolish Mule!
The honor is not for you but for the image you are carrying instead."

So, the moral is a lesson to heed,
Avoid claiming what's not yours, indeed.
When pride and vanity start to grow,
Sorrow may follow, as the wise ones know.

37.

The Raven Who Wished to Be a Swan



Once upon a time there was a Raven, a bird so black as night,
Who eyed with envy the Swan, with feathers so pure and white.
The Raven, so foolish and proud, thought of an unusual plan,
To become like the Swan, and swim in the lake and pond.

He left his home in the woods and fields, and moved to the marshes and lakes,
He imagined his feathers would turn white with his new habits,
but this was a mistake.

Despite his best efforts, his feathers stayed coal-black forever,
And the water weeds he ate made him skinnier more than ever.

This story serves as a reminder, of a lesson we must learn,
That a change of habits cannot change ones nature, so discern.
Be proud of who you are, and do what is right,
Keep away from envy, day and night.

38.
The Two Goats



Two goats who lived on different sides,
Of a mountain valley, their homes so wide.
One day their paths crossed, and what did they see?
A deep gorge with a river running free.

The only way to reach the other side,
Was over a single fallen tree trunk wide.
The goats stood on either side and shivered,
At the sight of the precarious path, they quivered.

Both goats stepped onto the tree trunk,
Each determined to be the victor and not be outdone.
They locked horns in the middle of the log,
Then both tumbled down with a splash, lost in the river's fog.

The moral of this story is quite clear,
It's better to compromise than to drown in fear.
Stubbornness can bring much misfortune,
So think before you act, use your head, not emotion.

39.
The Rabbits and the Foxes



Once in a wood so deep and dark,
Lived a family of foxes so smart.
Their den they had to keep safe,
From the predators that lurked in the dark.

So the foxes, with their wisdom and wit,
Decided to build a home with big stones fit.
Each fox worked hard, with skill and heart,
Until the home was built, a work of art.

Not far away in the same wood,
Lived a family of rabbits, so good.
They too needed a den,
But rushed to build with twigs and sticks instead.

The rabbits finished quickly with their sticks and twigs,
But the next day, a fierce storm blew and tore their rig.
Their home came down, it was a great loss,
But the foxes' home remained standing across.

The rabbits saw the foxes' wise plan,

And saw the strength of the wall that did stand.
They learned a lesson, understood it full and fast.
That taking time and planning, can make things last.

40.

The Fly's Prideful Plunge



Get out of here, you disgusting bug!" roared a Lion with might,
At a fly circling around his head, causing a buzzing fright.
But the Fly was not shaken, not even a bit,
"Do you really think," he snapped back, "I fear you, O King of no wit?"

The next moment, he flew at the Lion, pricking sharply on the nose,
Enraged, the Lion tried to hit, but his fury only rose.
The Fly kept stinging, the Lion bellowing in pain,
Hurt by his own claws, the King couldn't contain.

Exhausted and injured, the Lion gave up the fight,
Pride brought him down, a lesson learned that night.
The Fly buzzed away, singing triumphant in the air,
But fate had its twist, an unexpected snare.

Into a spider web, the fly did unwittingly stray,
A tiny spider waiting, a silent, patient ballet.
The conqueror of the King of Beasts met his demise,
A humbling end under the spider's watchful eyes.

Pride comes before a fall, the moral rings clear,

Even in greatness, humility should be near.
For when pride takes control, destruction may start,
And it can bring a swift end to success, breaking the heart.

41.
The Long Jump



Once upon a time, there was a traveler so bold,
Whose adventurous tales would never grow old.

He had gone to distant lands, so far away,
And now he bragged of his exploits night and day.

His stories were grand, and those who'd heard,
Were filled with wonder at each word.

He told of a record long jump made in France,
That he had made one day, purely by chance.

But one man questioned his boasts in the air,
"Show us now," he said, "for proof, if you dare."

The traveler, feeling more than a bit of dread,
Had to prove his words, or else be proven false instead.

He wanted so badly to show that he was right,
So he stepped back and prepared to take flight.

With a running start and a mighty leap,
He jumped as far as he could, it was an incredible feat.
The people watching were astounded at his jump,

The traveler had shown he was no chump.

The moral of this story, without fail,
Words alone are not enough to prevail.
Actions speak louder than words, it's true,
Deeds prove it's not just hullabaloo.

42.

The Rooster and the Jewel



A rooster was pecking, searching the ground,
When a gem he found, shiny and round.
"Oh yeah!" said the rooster, examining the stone,
"You're valuable, no doubt, but to me, you're unknown.

I bet you're worth a lot, lost by someone near,
But I'm hungry, and you won't calm my hunger, I fear.
A single grain of barley, that's what I'd choose,
Over all the jewels, no matter the colorful hues."

Having means for basic needs, the rooster declared,
Is richer than jewels, no matter how rare.
So, in his wisdom, the rooster spoke true,
A lesson in simplicity for me and for you.

43.

The Camel's Envious Dance



Once in the royal court of the King,
The Monkey was asked to dance and sing.
Graceful and elegant, he stole the show,
All animals watched, their admiration in tow.

The Camel, jealous, barged in with might,
Attempting to outshine, a clumsy sight.
But the animals gasped, not with delight,
His awkward moves gave them a terrible fright.

The Camel came too close, to the King's surprise,
Was chased away with angry cries.
As a warning to all, a meal of Camel meat,
Served as a lesson, a consequence to meet.

Don't let envy rule, stay humble and kind,
For pride leads to a fall, a true decline.
Be gracious and giving, never envious,
That's the moral for all, be virtuous.

44.
The Vigilant Boar



Once upon a time in a forest so green,
Lived a Wild Boar with tusks, truly a sight to be seen.
He was honing them against a tree's base,
When a Fox came by with a smirk on his face.

He said, "What's the matter, Boar? Is there danger you fear?"
"No, not now," said the Boar, "but it may come, I fear."
"Be prepared for danger, you must stay vigilant,
In case of any belligerents."

"If danger strikes, I must be ready to fight,
My weapons must be honed so I can use them just right."
The Fox nodded and said, "That's good advice it seems,
For danger can come from unexpected schemes."

So the moral of the story is clear to all,
Be ready for danger, never let your guard fall.
Stay vigilant and be prepared for a surprise,
For life is full of unexpected challenges that arise.

45.
The Fox's Triumph



In a land where stories unfold,
A Mule and Fox, friendships to hold.
Together they traveled, side by side,
Through meadows green and valleys wide.

One day, a Lion crossed their way,
The Mule, in fear, began to sway.
But the Fox, with a clever plan,
Whispered softly, "I know his clan."

Approaching the Lion, brave and sly,
The Fox proposed a plan nearby.
"If you spare me, a feast awaits,
To a pit I'll lead Mule, to meet his fate."

The Lion, enticed by the scheme,
Agreed to the Fox's cunning dream.
Back to the Mule, the Fox whispered,
"A ruse, my friend, we go now," he declared!

No pit with food awaited the Lion's grasp,

Fox and donkey disappeared, evading the Lion's clasp.
Outwitted by the clever Fox,
A lesson learned in nature's paradox.

Beneath the moon's serene, enchanting light,
Hold this fable close, in the quiet of night.
Quick thinking and courage, a powerful might,
Can conquer challenges, fears take flight.

46.

The Birds, the Beasts and the Bats



Once in a land where Beasts and Birds did dwell,
A war erupted, a tale I will tell.
Geese were mistreated, and Owl ate Mice,
The Fox family's actions didn't suffice.

The Eagle attacked, the Rabbit in fear,
The conflict grew, the end drawing near.
Chickens and Geese met a tragic fate,
Each side gaining, then losing, their state.

The Bats, clever creatures, played a sly game,
Allegiance hidden, their actions not the same.
When Birds were winning, the Bats joined the flight,
But when Beasts prevailed, they switched in the night.

In peace talks, their actions faced scrutiny,
Birds and Beasts united, declared them unworthy.
Banished from the land, the Bats went away,
Hiding in darkness, only coming out at night to play.

A lesson is learned from this tale so profound,

Choose your side wisely when conflict comes around.

For actions have consequences, as you will see,
And consequences linger for what seems like eternity.

47.

The Quarreling Rabbits



Once upon a time, in a wood so divine,
Lived two rabbits, who chased an acorn from a pine.
They raced with a will so strong,
But when they got there, it didn't last long.

When they reached the acorn, they wrestled about,
Soon each would have to do without.
For a hawk swooped in with a mighty sound,
And it snatched the acorn from the ground.

The rabbits, filled with woe,
Realized they should have worked together, they both know.
The rabbits learned a lesson that day,
That working together is the only way.

So when faced with a challenge, big or small,
Work together and don't brawl.
And that's why, when faced with a task,
Working together is a way to avoid lack.

48.
The Silent Snake



In a meadow wide, the snake did reside,
Striking fear in hearts, on a field where no one would ride.
A sage, wise and kind, by the path did stroll,
Unaware of the snake, with venom in control.

The serpent approached with venomous might,
But the sage's gentle gaze put his anger to flight.
"My dear friend," said the sage with a caring voice,
"Let's choose not to harm; it's a much wiser choice."

The snake bowed his head, his shame hard to bear,
Promising not to harm, with a solemn swear.
The sage went on his way, leaving lessons behind,
The snake vowed to be gentle, with a peaceful mind.

The meadow soon learned the snake's venom had waned,
But some folks, mischievous, their actions unchained.
They teased and they tormented, a cruel display,
The snake suffered in silence, day after day.

The sage returned, saw the snake's battered form,

Asked about the torment, and the snake did inform.
"My dear Sir," said the snake with a voice so mild,
"I've followed your counsel, but they're harsh and wild."

The sage smiled kindly, with wisdom to share,
"Some mistake kindness for feeble meekness, unaware.
I said, 'do not bite,' but there's a truth to bear.
You may hiss and you may rattle, to defend and protect,
For self-defense, my friend, it's a tool to select."

The snake found his balance, a lesson he'd gleaned,
In peace, he now lived, with kindness esteemed.
The meadow harmonized, with respect they'd agree,
Kindness and self-defense, a truth they'd all see.

In this tale, we find, a lesson to learn,
Kindness we cherish, and peace we discern.
Sometimes we must stand, when unkindness draws near,
With wisdom and caution, let's not live in fear.

49.

The Self-Preserving Sheep



Once upon a time in the forest so dense,
There was an injured wolf with hunger so intense.
He was in a tight spot, with no way out,
Until a sheep did wander about.

The wolf asked the sheep with a friendly plea,
To get him a drink of water, that he needed desperately.
The sheep, cautious, pondered the wolf's request,
Knowing he could become the wolf's to digest.

The sheep spoke with kindness, and a gentle reply,
That he was not willing to risk becoming the wolf's supply.
The wolf, though disappointed, understood the sheep's plight,
And the sheep, with a nod, bid the wolf a good night.

This is a lesson that still holds true,
Understand motivations and what's said too.
Be sure to listen with utmost care,
And always be aware.

50.

The Fox and the Racoons



Once upon a time in a deep, dark wood,
Lived many animals, doing as they should.
The creatures all shared, no matter their size,
In the happy forest, they lived in peace under blue skies.

But one day a fox came, looking lost and sad,
The other animals asked, why for him was it bad?
He said a flood had driven him out of his den,
The other animals said, "You can stay with us, then."

But the fox was too proud, he would not accept charity,
So he set off alone, in search of his destiny.
He traveled for days and nights, 'til he found a clearing,
An abandoned den, he decided to make it his own dwelling.

He moved in and started to build a home,
But he was still lonely and his stomach did groan.
He had nothing to eat and no one to share,
When he heard a noise, he knew someone was there.

It was a family of raccoons, who'd lost their den,

The fox saw their plight and offered a hand to them.
He said, "Come live with me, I will share my home,"
And the raccoons agreed, joining the fox all alone.

The other animals in the forest were amazed,
At the fox's kindness and his unselfish ways.
They saw how he'd turned a difficult situation,
Helping others in need, without hesitation.

So remember the fox and his kindness so true,
It's up to us to help others, just like he did too.
Let's all reach out and lend a hand,
And make this world a better place, with love to expand.

51.
The Vain Blackbird



Once there was a blackbird, dark as night,
Who flew over a garden to see the sight.
He saw peacocks, royal and grand,
In their splendid feathers, a sight so grand.

The blackbird was envious of their attire,
And wished to be like them with his heart's desire.
Despite his plain looks, he thought he could belong,
If only he had feathers that were just as strong.

He picked up some feathers, from the peacocks' discard,
And put them on his own, trying hard.
He joined his kind, pretending to be one of the flock,
But his borrowed feathers were fake, leading to mock.

So he went down to meet the peacocks for real,
They saw his deception and showed him how they feel.
They plucked his feathers, those he borrowed and his own,
And left him there, sad and alone.

The blackbird learned a lesson that day,

That pretending to be someone else doesn't pay.
You should always be true to yourself and who you are,
And not try to rely on borrowed feathers to go far.

So, if you ever feel like you don't fit in,
Don't be like the blackbird and pretend.
Be proud of who you are and what you've got,
And you'll always find a place in life's big plot.

52.

The Two Travelers



Two people walking on the shore,
Saw something and imagined riches galore.
They made a guess, it might be a ship full of gold,
Likely, it was full of more than they could hold.

As it came nearer, they thought with glee,
But it was only a fisherman at sea.
No treasures here, they said with a sigh,
But now imagined a tasty fish lunch was nigh.

Again moving closer to the sight,
Now it was a chest, filled with gold so bright.
Excitement raced and filled them through and through,
But alas, it was nothing more than a soggy log, it's true.

So they stayed hopeful but accepted what was real,
And were satisfied for the true treasures of life to reveal.
The sunset's rays, the starry night,
The love of family, the beauty of life lived right.

53.
The Wolf and the Lion



Once upon a time, there lived a Wolf so mean,
Who thought it only fair to steal, as was his routine.
A pie from a farmhouse, sweet and divine,
Was cruelly taken, a theft most malign.

The Wolf had thoughts of devouring it at lunch,
But instead encountered a loud Lion's crunch.
No explanation given, the pie was taken,
The Wolf was left there feeling forsaken.

"What right have you to take my delight?"
The Wolf proclaimed in furious plight.
The Lion turned back, with a gaze so stern,
"Your delight?" he said, "From where did it return?"

"Was it purchased, or did the Baker bestow?"
"Tell me, how did you come to possess it so?"
The Wolf, feeling ashamed, could not answer right,
For he knew he had taken it in the dead of night.

The Lion shook his head and said with a sigh,

"What is wrongfully taken is wrongfully lost, goodbye."

54.
The Price of Pomp



Once upon a time, in a distant land in a castle,
The Weasels and the Mice always did battle.
Their battles always ended the same,
The Weasels victorious, the Mice feeling shame.

The Mice had to find a way to win the fight,
So they gathered together, one night.
They chose their strongest and bravest to lead,
Decorated them with medals, straw, and feathery seed.

They called out to the Weasels to battle one more time,
The Weasels were ready, and they cheered in their prime.
The Mice charged forward with all of their might,
But it wasn't long before they took flight.

The Weasels were so much faster and stronger,
The Mice had to find places to hide no longer.
But for the Mice leaders, their heavy medals and hats,
Made it impossible for them to fit through little gaps.

The Weasels had a feast on the leaders that day,

Which is why the Mice often hear people say,
That greatness may sometimes come at great cost,

55.
The Lesson from the Forest



Once in a village nestled by the wood,
A group of travelers arrived, as they should.
They brought a tool that made the villagers glee,
A device to track and hunt animals for their needs.

The hunters used it and brought bigger game,
The village rejoiced at their newfound fame.
But the hunters soon realized, to their regret,
The animals were dwindling, their numbers were set.

The villagers asked the travelers for advice,
Why were their catches decreasing and not so nice?
The travelers replied, with a heavy heart,
The hunters had become too efficient and smart.

The villagers realized their mistake,
They must hunt sustainably, for the forest's sake.
From then on, they used the device with care,
Hunting for their families, with much to spare.

Technology should be used responsibly, they knew,

For every action we take, has a consequence, it's true.

We must use it to understand and to learn,

The impact of our decisions, and to sustainably earn.

56.

The Young Fox and the Lion



Once upon a time in a forest so vast,
A young fox roamed around, its eyes aghast.
For on its path, it came across a beast so grand,
A lion, fierce and mighty, ruling the land.

The fox, scared out of its wits, scampered away,
Hiding in the bushes, it decided to stay.
The next time the fox met the lion, it was shy,
Hiding behind a tree, it only took a quick spy.

The lion still scared the fox, but a little less,
Its courage growing with each new encounter, no stress.
Finally, the fox mustered up the courage to say,
"Hey there, how are you?" with no fear in any way.

As the fox interacted with the lion more and more,
It began to lose its caution, feeling safe to explore.
But it was a mistake, as the lion's power was real,
And soon the fox found itself in danger, with no appeal.

The lesson learned is to always show respect,

And be cautious, for even the friendliest faces may neglect.
Be careful and alert, especially when things are new,
And always remember, danger may be lurking, too.

57.

The Monkey and the Dolphin



Once upon a time, near Athens' coast,
A ship sank, leaving people lost.
Dolphins came to save the day,
Carrying passengers safely away.

But on the ship, there was a monkey,
Who struggled in the water and was quite funky,
A dolphin thought the monkey was a man,
So the dolphin carried the monkey as fast as he can.

The monkey felt grand sitting on the dolphin's back,
Thinking he fooled the dolphin, it was quite a hack,
The dolphin asked, "Do you visit Athens often, my dear?"
The monkey replied, "Oh yes, he is my best friend so near."

The dolphin was surprised to hear the monkey's reply,
It was clear the monkey was not a man but a pet, oh my,
The dolphin knew he made a mistake, so he left the monkey alone,
And swam off to save people, the monkey was on his own.

Now snuggle in, sweet child, and sleep tight,

Dream of dolphins and stars shining bright.
And remember the lesson of this tale,
Be honest and truthful, without fail.

58.

The Dog and His Master



In a town not too far away,
Lived a loyal dog who worked each day,
To deliver his master's lunch so fine,
And never once did he decline.

The scent of food, so tempting and nice,
Would often make him pay the price,
But the dog stood strong, with willpower so great,
And always made it to his master's plate.

The other dogs in the neighborhood knew,
Of the lunch that the dog would carry through,
And they tried to take it, oh so sly,
But the dog wouldn't let them even try.

One day, they gathered to make a plan,
To steal the basket from the faithful man,
But the dog, he tried to run away,
Until he stopped to argue and say:

"I won't let you take my master's food,

But here's a piece to lighten the mood."
The other dogs took the rest in delight,
Leaving the loyal dog feeling quite contrite.

The moral of the story, it is true,
Is to resist temptation, as you should do,
And not to stop and argue, or take a bite,
Just stay strong and keep doing what's right.

59.

The Stork and the Fox



Once there was a sly ol' fox,
Who loved to laugh and play pranks and jokes.
He thought the stork looked kind of strange,
And so he hatched a plan to arrange.

He invited the stork to come for dinner,
The stork accepted, and he was much tall and thinner.
But when the meal was served in a dish very shallow,
The fox had his soup, but the stork couldn't eat and felt hollow.

The stork was not too pleased by the jest,
But he kept his cool and invited the fox to his nest.
The fox thought his was a great joke,
Little did he know his stomach was about to be broke.

The stork cooked up some fish in a tall slim jar,
Now the fox could only smell it from afar.
No matter how hard he tried to reach,
The stork's fish was always out of reach.

The fox was so angry that he could barely speak,

But the stork just smiled and said “Let this be a lesson to you,
Only play pranks if you’re willing to accept the same treatment too.”

60.

The Bear's Temper Tantrum



Searching for berries far from home.
He stumbled on a log so wide,
Where Bees had stored their honey inside.

The Bear, curious and hungry, started to sniff around,
But one of the Bees returned with a buzzing sound.
Sensing the danger, the Bee stung the Bear with great force,
And disappeared inside the log without remorse.

The Bear got angry and attacked the log with his might,
But that only made the swarm come out, ready to fight.
Overwhelmed by the angry Bees, the Bear had to flee,
And found refuge in a pool, safe as can be.

This fable tells us to keep our cool,
And not let anger make us a fool.
So, remember, when things don't go your way,
Stay calm and don't let anger lead you astray.

61.

The Wolf and the Mule



In a peaceful pasture, a Mule did graze,
Near the woods, in the sunshine's rays.
But lurking in the shadows, a Wolf did spy,
With hunger in his belly, he drew nigh.

The clever Mule saw the Wolf's plan,
And devised a trick, to save his stand.
He limped and groaned, as if in pain,
And begged the Wolf to remove the thorn's bane.

"If you don't," he said, "it could stick in your throat,
And your meal of Mule, could end on a sour note."
The Wolf was convinced and began his search,
While the Mule planned his final lurch.

With a mighty kick, the Mule broke free,
And galloped away, from the Wolf's fee.
The Wolf learned his lesson, and growled in shame,
"I'm a hunter, not a doctor, I bear the blame."

So remember dear children, in life's game,

Never underestimate, those who seem tame.
For cleverness and wit, can turn the tide,
And save you from danger, so let that be your guide.

62.

The Squirrel and the Fox



Once in a forest so lush and green,
Lived a squirrel and a fox, it seemed.
They were the best of friends, no doubt,
But their intentions were hard to figure out.

One day, they chanced upon a berry bush,
The fruit was tempting, oh, what a rush!
The fox suggested to the squirrel with a grin,
"Please climb up and fetch some, my nimble friend."

The squirrel agreed and climbed with ease,
Dodging thorns and branches, his moves were a breeze.
He plucked the berries and tossed them down,
But what the fox did next was quite a letdown.

The fox ate them all without a thought,
Leaving the squirrel with nothing, he had forgot.
The squirrel learned a lesson on that day,
To be careful of flatterers, who can lead you astray.

So now he found new friends who were true,

And trusted them for their love, pure and true.
Remember this, my dear child, and don't be swayed,
By those who flatter but intend to betray.

63.
The Tale of Two Pots



In a cozy nook, by the fireplace's glow,
Two pots sat together, one brass, one clay in tow.
The Brass Pot spoke, with an adventurous cheer,
"Let's journey forth together, my friend, my dear!"

The Earthen Pot hesitated, its voice soft and wise,
"I fear I'm quite fragile, a simple compromise."
"Ah, worry not," said Brass Pot, full of grace,
"I'll shield you from harm, in every place."

With some gentle coaxing, the Earthen Pot agreed,
To explore the great world, fulfilling its need.
Side by side they set forth, on legs so stout,
A tale of companionship, there's no doubt.

Bouncing along, with laughter and glee,
Two pots, distinct, as pots could be.
Through meadows they wandered, under the sun's light,
Brass Pot by the Earthen, shining so bright.

But troubles did come, as they often do,

A jolt here and there, and a stumble or two.
Yet Brass Pot was steadfast, its promise held tight,
To protect its dear friend, day and night.

Though the journey was bumpy, they ventured ahead,
A story of friendship, where hearts are well-fed.
Yet sadly, dear children, not all tales are fair,
For the Earthen Pot's fragility was laid bare.

Cracks started to show, like a spider's fine thread,
And the once sturdy pot, now in pieces it spread.
Brass Pot stood alone, on a path full of woe,
Its companion now gone, like a soft whispered echo.

So remember, dear children, the lesson they share,
In friendships so true, we show that we care.
Equals make the best friends, through thick and through thin,
In a tale of two pots, let this wisdom sink in.

64.

The Fox and the Duck



Deep in the forest, there lived a curious fox,
Adventuring everywhere, he explored rocks and docks.
One day, he found a vast lake, stretching wide and far,
He jumped right in and began to swim, feeling like a star.

But soon he realized, the lake was wider than he thought,
And he started to tire, feeling lost and fraught.
He tried to stay afloat, but each stroke made him weaker,
Until a little duck swam up to him, becoming his speaker.

"Don't give up," said the duck, "keep going strong,
You can make it to the other side, it won't take long."
With those words of encouragement, the fox found new might,
And with a positive attitude, he swam with all his might.

He persevered through the waves, and didn't give up hope,
He kept pushing through, never stopping to mope.
Eventually, he made it to the other side,
Where he took a deep breath, feeling full of pride.

Remember, little ones, when challenges come your way,

Stay positive and persistent, and you'll get through it okay.

Just like the fox who swam through the lake so vast,
You can accomplish anything, if you believe in yourself to the last.

65.

The Dogs and the Fox



In a forest lush, where adventure was their quest,
Lived dogs so mischievous, never taking rest.
With tails that wagged, their spirits high and keen,
They found a lion's skin, a sight rarely seen.

Gold mane and claws, fearsome, bold disguise,
The dogs couldn't resist, gleam in their eyes.
They thought it a game, a grand tug-of-war,
Little did they know what this skin stood for.

Barking and howling, in excitement they'd roam,
Tugging, gnawing, in their forest home.
A cunning fox, with a sly, playful grin,
Watched the dogs' antics, the chaos they were in.

It laughed aloud, perched on a nearby stone,
A bushy tail swaying, from its throne.
"If that lion were here, still strong and alive,
Your bravado and teeth would not help you survive."

"It's easy to be brave when there's nothing to dread,

But true courage shows when danger's ahead.
Challenging the harmless may seem quite grand,
But facing true fears, that's where heroes stand."

So, remember, little ones, as you play and roam,
In adventures and games that lead you from home,
True bravery lies when you face your fears,
With courage and honor, you'll conquer your tears.

66.

The Burrow of Understanding



Once a Rabbit went out to dine,
Forgot to lock his den just fine,
A Weasel found it empty and thought he had found
A place he could call his and lay just around.

When the Rabbit returned, he found the Weasel inside,
Demanding he leave, the Rabbit felt an angry tide.
He sought out advice from a wise old Owl,
Who suggested they compromise, and to stop his violent scowl.

The Rabbit and the Weasel, agreed to share,
Half the den each, with room to spare.
They lived together, respecting each other's space,
Finding harmony and peace, in this shared place.

So remember, dear children, it's better to compromise,
Than to use force and violence, which never really flies.
Respect each other's rights, and you'll get along,
Just like the Rabbit and the Weasel, singing a peaceful song.

67.

The Goat and the Wolf



Once upon a time, on a high cliff so steep,
A Wolf spotted a Goat, who was browsing in peace.
The Wolf pretended to worry and said with a grin,
"Come down from that spot, it's too dangerous to stay in."

The Goat, being cautious, peered over the edge,
"I appreciate your concern," she said, on the ledge.
"But your offer of grass seems too good to be true,
I know you're just hungry, and that's all you pursue."

"Don't trust those who offer when they stand to gain,
Be cautious, be wise, and don't fall for their game.
Always be aware of their hidden intention,
For it's better to be safe than sorry, and avoid their deception."

68.

The Fox and the Leopard



Once in the woods, a Fox and a Leopard,
Argued about their looks, which each treasured.
The Leopard was proud of his spotted coat,
And made fun of the Fox's appearance, to gloat.

The Fox, with his bushy tail so fine,
Knew he couldn't match the Leopard's shine.
But he kept on bantering, just for fun,
To exercise his wits, until he was done.

The Leopard was getting angry and mad,
But the Fox simply stood up, not sad.
"You know what?" said the Fox, with a grin,
"Looks aren't everything, intelligence wins."

A good mind beats a fancy coat, every time,
So don't just judge based on appearance's chime.
Real beauty lies in one's heart and mind,
And that's what makes someone truly one of a kind.

69.
The Picky Heron



Once a Heron took a walk,
By a stream with fish to stalk.
He searched for food along the way,
But found nothing to his taste that day.

"Small fry won't do, I'm a Heron so grand,
I need a feast that's truly grand."
A Perch swam by, plump and nice,
But the Heron, picky as ever, didn't glance twice.

As the sun climbed up high,
The fish swam away, the Heron let out a sigh.
All that remained was a tiny Snail,
A breakfast that was surely stale.

So let this fable be a lesson true,
Be grateful for what you have, and not too picky too.

70.

The Rooster and the Fox



Once upon a time, in a peaceful land,
The sun was setting, and all was grand,
An old Rooster, wise and bold,
Flew up into a tree, tired and cold.

Before he slept, he flapped his wings,
And crowed thrice, a song he sings,
Then, a flash of red caught his sight,
A long nose appeared, quite a sight.

"Have you heard the news?" the Fox cried,
"All animals will now coincide,
In peace and friendship, we'll live forevermore,
Isn't that great? Come down, Let's celebrate, and more!"

The Rooster smiled, but something felt wrong,
He looked up, pretending to see dogs coming along,
"Have the dogs heard, they come now" he said out loud,
The Fox fled, leaving the Rooster without a crowd.

"Why do you flee, dear Fox?" he cried,
"The Dogs are friends, no need to hide!"
"But they may not have heard," the Fox replied,
"And I must hurry, no time to bide."

The moral of the story, clear as day,
Be wary of those who come your way,
With sudden news, and hidden schemes,
Verify before acting, and live your dreams.

71.
The Haywire Hound



Once upon a time, in a barn full of hay,
A Dog lay sleeping, dreaming the day away.
The Cattle arrived, tired and in need of rest,
But the Dog growled and snarled, thinking he was the best.

The Cattle were upset, they couldn't believe their ears,
As the Dog refused to share, driven by his fears.
"He's so selfish!" said one, "He won't let us eat at all,
And he can't even eat hay, he's being downright cruel!"

The farmer saw what was happening and he knew what to do,
He chased the Dog out of the barn, and said "Shame on you!"
Selfishness and greed will lead you down a bad path,
But sharing and kindness will earn you much more than that.

72.

The Mule and the Lion



Once a Lion and a Mule set out on a hunt,
Together they went, looking for game to confront.
They spotted some Wild Goats in a cave,
The plan was set, the prey they would crave.

The Mule entered the cave, making a sound,
Kicking and braying, making the Goats astound.
They fled out of the cave, straight into the Lion's path,
Who waited outside, ready for their aftermath.

The Lion caught them all, one by one,
The Mule was thrilled, his job was done.
He boasted, "Did you see how I made them flee?"
The Lion replied, "Yes, but you didn't scare me."

For the Lion knew the Mule's loud mouth,
It didn't impress him, he knew the truth about.
The moral of this tale is clear,
Boasting and bragging, one should not hold dear.

For those who know us, they see through the lies,

And boasting won't make us strong, but rather unwise.

73.

The Loneliness of Automation



Once upon a time, in a peaceful village so still,
A strange man came with gadgets and machines at his will.
He showed them an invention that could do anything asked,
And the villagers were amazed by his skill so fast.

The strange man made all kinds of machines, gadgets galore,
He even made a robotic helper, a machine to adore.
The villagers were delighted with their new ways,
Their tasks made easy, their work made in a blaze.

But as time passed, they relied too much on the machines,
Their communication declined, as they focused on screens.
They forgot to help each other, to lend a hand,
And soon, the village was a lonely and isolated land.

The strange man was sad, for he hoped to unite,
But his inventions had caused a divide, a terrible sight.
The strange man left the village in a hurry,
Leaving behind a message of worry.

"Use technology with care and heed,

Lest it cause us to forget how to read
The signs of humanity we must all cherish,
And the bonds of community that we must nourish."

74.

The Peacock and the Crane



Once upon a time in a field so green,
A proud Peacock showed off his colorful sheen.
He met a Crane with feathers plain and gray,
And boasted how his beauty would never fade away.

The Crane just smiled and spread his wings,
And soared up high like a king of kings.
"Come follow me," he said with glee,
"But only if you can fly as free."

The Peacock stayed behind, content to stay,
And strutted around in his own proud way.
But the Crane flew high and free,
Enjoying the sky and all its majesty.

In the end, the Peacock learned a lesson true,
That usefulness and practicality are important too.
For while he may have looked pretty and grand,
The Crane could soar free and explore new lands.

So let this fable be a reminder each night,

That true beauty comes from more than just sight.
And that usefulness and practicality,
Are just as important as any feather's rarity.

75.
The Fox and the Badger



Once upon a time, in a village small,
A Fox and Badger lived, standing tall.
Different in ways, yet both had might,
A mutual respect, shining bright.

One day they heard, of a big crisis,
A drought had come, no compromises.
The villagers struggled, with water supply,
They searched for answers, but none could they find.

The Fox and the Badger, met by chance,
Put their differences aside, took a stance.
They knew they could, solve the problem at hand,
With their skills combined, they had a plan.

The Fox said, "I know, a spring in the wood,
Where few have gone, and even fewer could."
The Badger said, "I'll dig a canal with ease,
To the village well, we'll bring the water to please."

Over several days, they worked with all their might,
And made a path, that was out of sight.
The villagers were amazed, by their solution bright,

And declared them heroes, with all their might.

This tale is told, to teach and inspire,
That respect and trust, can take us higher.
And when problems come, and things look dire,
Together we can, rise up and aspire.

76.

The Diligent Dogs



Once in a village, dogs lived as a family,
Fishing in the river, their favorite activity.
But the fish were elusive, deep in the water,
The dogs couldn't catch them, it was getting harder.

One day, they had an idea so bold,
To build a dam, with pebbles and stones they'd hold.
They worked hard every day, and never gave in,
Determined to catch the fish and finally win.

Weeks turned to months, and the dam grew tall,
The dogs were tired, but they never did stall.
Their persistence and hard work, finally paid off,
The water lowered, and the fish were caught.

They were thrilled and filled with glee,
The dogs knew it was all thanks to their teamwork and harmony.
So dear child always remember to never give up,
For with hard work and persistence, anything's sure enough.

77.
The Laughing Monkey



In a lush forest's shade, where the young monkey played,
A thirst for wisdom in his heart, to guide him unswayed,
He sought the wise owl, in the trees he'd confide,
"Will you guide my path?" he humbly implied.

The owl, eyes so bright, looked the monkey's way,
With a task, it began, to light up his day,

"To the village market, you must swiftly stride,
For a watermelon quest," the owl then implied.
"Bring it back balanced, on your head with pride,"
The owl added, with wisdom as his guide.

The monkey, quite puzzled, obeyed with delight,
Found a giant fruit, shiny green and bright,
Balancing it high, on his head with pride,
He paraded through town, like a joyous ride.

As villagers chuckled, and laughter did gleam,
Cheers filled the air, like a vibrant dream,
Returning to the owl, with the watermelon's tide,

Laughter filled Monkey's heart, a joy hard to hide.

The owl, with a twinkle, in its wise old eyes,
Shared a truth, a gem, like a prized surprise,
"Happiness and success," it wisely applied,
"Found with humor in life's twists and its ride."

From that day, the young monkey, with each new sunrise,
Faced challenges with laughter, under open skies,
So children, take heed, let this tale be your guide,
Embrace life with humor, by its side.

In this joyful adventure, with laughter to express,
You'll find happiness and success, no less,
For life's a sweet journey, where dreams do impress,
With a heart full of laughter, you'll conquer each test.

78.

The Boastful Mule



Once upon a time, in a barn so wide,
A well-fed Mule, with a sense of pride.
Strutting around with his head held high,
Boasting of ancestors, champions from the sky.

"I come from a line of racehorses grand,
I feel it in my blood, you must understand."
But the next day brought work, a heavy load,
His mood turned somber, his confidence slowed.

"I was wrong," he sighed, feeling dejected,
Ancestors, strong work mules, he reflected.
Boasting had led to a humbling realization,
His own effort mattered, a vital foundation.

Be careful about boasting, the tale rings true,
Effort and hard work, in all that you do.
Opportunities come, seize them with glee,
It's what you make of them that truly sets you free.

79.
The Truthful Lumberjack



A hardworking man, chopping trees all day,
Suddenly, his axe slipped and fell away.
He couldn't buy a new one, what could he do?
He felt so helpless, what should he pursue?

A kind stranger came, a wealthy businessman,
He asked what was wrong, and offered a helping hand.
He dove into the water, and brought out a golden axe,
"Is this yours?" he asked, but the man refused with facts.

Diving once more, a silver axe he found,
But the man said, "Not mine, keep looking around."
Undeterred, the businessman dove with might,
Emerging with the right axe, ending the man's plight.

The businessman was impressed with the man's honesty,
And rewarded him with all three axes, oh so generously.
News of the man's good fortune spread far and wide,
Others tried to fake it, but the businessman was wise.

He gave them a whack on the head with the golden axe,

And sent them home, with no reward, just some smacks.

Honesty is the best policy, it will never go wrong,

In the end, shortcuts and lies will not make you strong.

80.

The Armadillo's Awakening



Once upon a time, near the riverside,
A little armadillo named Esmeralda sighed.
Her heart was heavy, filled with pain,
As she sat by the water, feeling so plain.

In the distance, a creature, large and pink,
Approached with a graceful nod and wink.
Mynt the Spoonbill scared Esmeralda so,
She curled up in a ball, had nowhere to go.

"Is anyone home?" Mynt kindly inquired,
As Esmeralda curled up, feeling tired.
"No," whispered Esmeralda, small and weak,
Hoping the predator would leave her in peace.

But Mynt stayed, refusing to go away,
Curiosity in her eyes, she gently did say,
"Tell me, little one, what's on your mind?
Why didn't you run, like the others, unkind?"

Trembling, Esmeralda finally found her voice,

Sharing her anger and fear, her emotions of choice.
Mynt listened intently, sitting close by her side,
Offering comfort as the armadillo confided.

Just then, a beaver named Charles appeared,
Interrupting their conversation, his voice quite clear.
"Build a dam, my friend, protect yourself, you'll see!
It keeps out unwanted visitors, like me!"

Esmeralda smiled at Charles's enthusiasm,
Admiring his work ethic, his constant rhythm.
"He's an odd beaver," she said with glee,
"Always busy, anxious, but as scatterbrained as can be!"

Now Mynt had wisdom to share with her friend,
"In the past, if you dwell, depression won't mend.
In the future, anxiety grows, it's true,
But in the present moment, peace finds you."

Curious, Esmeralda asked, her voice unsure,
"Why did you hesitate, Mynt, so demure?
If you're here to catch prey, strike without delay,
Why pause and wait when it's right in front, you say?"

Mynt smiled, a glint of mischief in her eye,
"Ah, my dear, I was merely getting ready," was her reply.
"To strike at the perfect moment, just so,
And catch my prey, swiftly, in one big blow!"

With a splash, water covered Esmeralda's face,
But as it cleared, she saw results of Mynt's chase.
The bird held a fish, triumphantly so,
Esmeralda blinked, beginning to understand and grow.

"I see your point," Esmeralda said with a smile,
"Despair only leads to more despair, mile by mile.
Anxiety breeds more worry, it's true,
Only in the present moment can we find what's true."

As Mynt walked away, she turned to Esmeralda,
"Beneath that hard shell, you are beautiful, don't you see?
Don't let despair or haste define who you'll be,
Embrace the present moment, and you'll find harmony."

And so, Esmeralda learned a valuable lesson that day,
To live in the moment, to let worries sway.
With newfound courage and a heart unfurled,
She embraced life's journey, discovering her own world.

81.

The Observant Owl



In a forest vast, where tall trees grow,
Lived a sly Fox, with a cunning glow.
Sweet words she spoke, compliments so neat,
Many thought her friend, her charm was quite a feat.

But Owl, wise and old, saw through her art,
Warned the creatures all, "Beware, you better depart.
Fox's nature's shrewd, her motives not pure,
Her honeyed words a mask, of this be sure."

One day, sly Fox to the Deer did say,
"Let's find berries, a feast today!"
Deer's heart danced with joy, so eager to roam,
Into the woods they went, far from their home.

But deep in the woods, unease did bloom,
Deer sensed a trap, impending doom.
Fox led her astray, far from the track,
Deer's trust now shaken, her heart taken aback.

She remembered wise Owl's words with a start,

Fox's true intent, like a viper's dart.
Just as Fox lunged, Deer broke away,
"Once a hunter, always a hunter," she would later say.

A lesson was learned that fateful day,
Appearances deceive, in life's array.
Trust is vital, but cautious we must be,
Hidden agendas exist, as wise creatures agree.

So in the forest, where stories unfold,
Animals now wiser, their hearts less bold.
They trust with care, in a world so wide,
For past actions are remembered, as life's path they stride.

82.

The Donkey's Downfall



In a meadow, a Donkey did roam,
Where he heard a Grasshopper's melodic tone,
Filled with admiration, his heart did sway,
He wished to sing like them every day.

"What is your secret?" he asked with respect,
"What makes your singing so perfect?
Is it the food you eat or some magical dew?"
Asked the Donkey, curious through and through.

The Grasshoppers chuckled and then replied,
"Yes, it's the dew we drink," they slyly lied,
"Try it for yourself, and you'll sing like us,"
The Donkey believed them without any fuss.

He stopped eating and drinking anything else,
And drank only the dew from the morning's grass,
Soon, the foolish Donkey had a big surprise,
His blind trust led to his sad demise.

So remember, dear child, to think for yourself,

And not trust what others say, especially about your health,
Use your common sense, and don't be a fool,
Or you may end up like the Donkey who followed the wrong rule.

83.

The Farmer and the Cranes



In a field that was large and vast,
A farmer plowed and sowed his cast.
Cranes nearby watched with great delight,
The newly planted seeds in sight.

Tempted to feast on the tasty treats,
The Cranes decided to keep their seats.
Instead, they offered to lend a hand,
To protect the crops and the land.

The farmer was grateful for their aid,
And together, they formed a great brigade.
They scared off birds that came to steal,
And the Cranes had a new food deal.

A bond of mutual respect was formed,
As the farmer and the Cranes worked adorned.
Together they kept the field so fine,
A true example of teamwork divine.

The moral of this fable is clear,

When we work together, we can steer,
Towards a future that's bright and kind,
Where cooperation is never hard to find.

84.

The Treasure Hunt



Once upon a time, a group of friends,
Hoped to find treasure that never ends.
They searched far and wide,
But found nothing to divide.

But soon a new company came to town,
And they all applied with a hopeful frown.
They worked hard day and night,
To reach the top and gain insight.

Years later, they looked back and saw,
The treasure they found had no flaw.
It wasn't riches or jewels so rare,
But success and happiness, beyond compare.

And so the friends found, to their delight,
That success was not hidden out of sight.
The treasure they sought was not gold or fame,
But the hard work and perseverance that they did claim.

85.

The Two Captains



Once upon a time, two ships set sail,
To explore new lands beyond the pale.
The first ship grand, the second small,
The latter feared they'd lose it all.

But the grand ship's captain, wise and kind,
Convinced the small ship's captain, their fates were intertwined.
Promising to guide and lend a hand,
To navigate the waters to a new land.

As they sailed, they faced many a test,
The grand ship strong, the small one stressed.
The first ship's captain kept his vow,
Towing the second ship, he showed them how.

At last, they reached a land unknown,
Full of riches they could call their own.
The small ship's captain felt immense pride,
With the grand ship's captain, by his side.

Together, they explored and thrived,

Through hard work and friendship, they survived.
The small ship's captain learned a great lesson,
That together, they could conquer any session.

For it's not just the size or strength of a ship,
But the crew's bond, that makes the trip.
Working together and lending a hand,
Can lead to success, in any land.

86.
The Goose's Gift



Once upon a time, there was a farmer, a jolly fellow,
Whose goose laid golden eggs, which he sold at market, oh so mellow.
The farmer grew richer with each passing day,
But he wanted more, oh, he wouldn't delay.

He grew impatient with the goose, you see,
For laying just one egg daily, how could that be?
He wanted all the eggs at once, his greed grew strong,
And so he hatched a plan that turned out so wrong.

He took a knife and cut the goose right open,
To find all the eggs at once, oh he was hopin',
But alas, there were no eggs, and the goose lay dead,
The farmer learned his lesson, but his heart was filled with dread.

Greed and impatience led him to his demise,
And now he was left with no eggs, oh what a surprise.
So remember, my dear, to be patient and kind,
And all the riches you seek, you'll eventually find.

87.
The Greedy Mouse



Once upon a time, a little Mouse,
Saw a basket of corn, in a quiet little house.
He couldn't resist the delicious treat,
And climbed in to eat, to his heart's beat.

Stuffing himself, he grew round and plump,
But when he tried to leave, it was a bit of a jump.
He was too heavy to jump out,
And too fat to fit through the opening, no doubt.

There he sat, groaning and moaning,
With discomfort inside him and anxiety growing.
But a Weasel walked by and saw his plight,
He said, "You will stay there until it's just right."

The Weasel grinned and walked away,
Leaving the Mouse there, to his dismay.
But soon the Mouse felt a change within,
As he realized his greed was a sin.

The moral of the story is clear,

Moderation is key, don't overdo and adhere.
For greediness only leads to misfortune,
And will leave you stuck like a Mouse out of proportion.

88.

The Farmer and the Snake



One winter morn, a Farmer strolled,
And found a Snake that was cold.
Though dangerous it may be,
He took it to his chest with glee.

The Snake, it thawed and came to life,
But soon caused the Farmer strife.
It bit the man who'd been so kind,
And left him with a fatal bind.

The Farmer, with his final breath,
Warned all around, even in death:
"Be kind, but never blindly trust,
For risks and dangers may be thrust."

So let this tale be your guide,
As you close your eyes and abide.
Let compassion be your prize.
But remember to always be cautious and wise.

89.
The Sick Stag



Once a Stag fell ill and weak,
He could barely move, let alone speak.
He gathered some food and settled down,
In a clearing in the woods to lie around.

The Animals heard of the Stag's poor health,
And went to visit him, expressing heartfelt wealth.
But instead of offering a hand,
They took his food, while the Stag could barely stand.

The Stag soon passed away,
His body weak and in dismay.
Good intentions alone, you see,
Are not enough to help those in need.

So let us take action, big or small,
And do good deeds to help all.
For it is the good we do, you know,
That truly helps us thrive and grow.

90.

The Goat Herder's Mistake



On a cold and stormy day,
A Goatherd went his way,
With his goats, he found a cave,
Where some wild ones had also gone to save.

The Goatherd fed the wild goats all,
And they grew strong, both big and small.
But his own goats got only crumbs,
Just enough to keep them from the doldrums.

When the sun came out and the storm had passed,
The Goatherd led them out, hoping they'd cast
Their lot with his flock, to eat at last,
But the wild ones ran away, up the hill so fast.

"Why won't you join my herd?" he did complain,
"After treating you so well, what did I gain?"
"We won't join your flock," the wild goats replied,
"For then you'll treat us bad, like an old friend denied."

It's important to treat old friends true,

And not abandon them for something new.

91.
The Disloyal Monkey



In a forest, long ago,
Lived a mischievous Monkey, don't you know?
He loved to tease and play pranks all day,
Making other animals run away.

One day, he met a sweet little Bird,
Flying south for the winter, or so he heard.
The Monkey begged the Bird to stay,
Promising to be a friend come what may.

They played and laughed, and all was fun,
Until the Monkey's attention was gone.
He found new friends, leaving the Bird behind,
Ignoring his calls, so unkind.

Feeling hurt, the Bird flew away,
Leaving the Monkey with nothing to say.
But the Monkey didn't care at all,
Too busy looking for his next thrall.

He met a new friend, a Wolf so strong,

The Monkey thought he'd never do him wrong.
They played and laughed, just like before,
But soon, the Monkey was looking for more.

He found new friends, leaving the Wolf behind,
Hurt and alone, the Wolf felt the Monkey unkind.
Eventually the Monkey learned his lesson too late,
Being isolated and lonely was his fate.

Don't expect constancy in others, my friend,
If you're not loyal, it will come to an end.
Treat your friends with love and care,
And they'll be with you everywhere.

92.

The Rabbit's Reflection



Once in a forest, so peaceful and green,
Lived a family of rabbits, the happiest you've seen.
Their burrow was cozy, their life was just right,
Until one day, a storm came with all its might.

The burrow was destroyed, they had nowhere to stay,
But a hollow log nearby kept the rain at bay.
The young rabbits were sad, their spirits were low,
They didn't realize their attitude had to grow.

Their wise mother told them, "Circumstances don't matter,
It's your attitude that counts, so let's not let your mind scatter.
If we focus on the good, and see the blessings we've got,
The universe will respond, and provide us a new spot."

The young rabbits were skeptical, but they gave it a try,
They focused on the warm shelter, and watched their spirits fly.
They found hiding spots in the log, and sang songs with glee,
They even thanked the universe, for the gift of this tree.

One day, a wise old Owl came to their place,

He saw their happy faces, and admired their grace.
"The universe responds," he said, "to the thoughts that we hold,
So be positive, be grateful, and watch your blessings unfold."

The rabbits were amazed, and their gratitude grew,
The universe responded, with blessings anew.
A new and bigger burrow, just perfect for their needs,
They knew their attitude had played a role in this great deed.

So remember little ones, when life seems tough,
Focus on the good, and don't be gruff.
The universe will respond, to the thoughts that you send,
So spread joy and positivity, and watch your blessings never end.

93.
The Hasty Hound



Once there was a dog with a craving so keen,
For eggs he'd sneak into the henhouse, unseen.
But he grew so greedy, he'd swallow them whole,
Until one day, he met a new egg-like goal.

A stone shaped like an egg, he gulped it down fast,
But soon felt a pain that was destined to last.
"Oh dear," the dog cried, "I was too hasty and rash,
Not every egg-like thing is to be ate in a flash."

The dog learned a lesson he'd never forget,
To think twice before acting, to avoid regret.

94.

The Village Stargazer



Once there was an astrologer,
Who gazed at stars, oh so sure.
He thought he could see what's to come,
In the heavens, for everyone.

One night while walking down the road,
Lost in thought, thinking what the stars bestowed.
Interpreting the stars, sure the end was near,
He fell into a hole filled and was filled with fear.

Muddy water up to his ears,
He tried to climb out, filled him with tears.
The villagers heard his cries,
And quickly came, much to his surprise.

One villager said with a grin,
"You claim to know the future within,
But can't see what's right in front of you,
This lesson should teach what to do.

Pay attention to what's under your feet,

The present is here, don't let it retreat.

The future will come in its own way,
Focus on today and make the most of your day."

95.

The Three Bulls and the Lion



In an open field, three bulls grazed,
A lion nearby, on them he gazed.
He tried to attack, but they held strong,
And drove him away all day long.

The lion waited, watching their move,
Hoping one day their strength would soothe.
Finally, the bulls got in a fight,
And went their separate ways out of sight.

The lion saw this and took his chance,
Attacking one bull with a hungry glance.
He did the same with the others too,
Until all three bulls were gone, it's true.

In unity, the bulls had power and might,
But their quarrel led to their own plight.
Remember to stick together and unite,
For in strength and safety, we find our light.

96.
The Foolish Goat



Once a sly Fox fell in a well,
And found that escaping was a tough spell.
He waited and waited, but no help arrived,
Till a thirsty Goat showed up, feeling deprived.

"Is the water good?" the Goat asked, so naive,
And the Fox, with a plan, began to deceive.
"It's the finest in the land," the Fox replied,
"Jump in and try it, there's enough space inside."

The Goat jumped in without a second thought,
But the Fox, oh so clever, had already wrought
He schemed to use the Goat as a stepping stone,
And left the poor Goat in the well alone.

The Goat begged the Fox to help him out,
But the sly creature had already scurried about.
The Fox called out, "Look before you leap,"
"Or end up in a situation where you weep!"

97.

The Frog and the Mouse



In a meadow green, by the pond so clear,
Lived a young mouse, full of joy and cheer.
A frog nearby, in the water's embrace,
Invited the mouse to a friendly place.

With a hop and a skip, the frog did say,
"Come visit my pond, it's a lovely day!
We'll have so much fun, you and me,
Exploring the world, as friends we'll be."

The mouse, though excited, had a fear,
Of the pond's deep waters, not very clear.
"I'm not a strong swimmer," the mouse confessed,
"I'd love to join you, but I'm not the best."

The frog paused and thought with care,
For a solution that was only fair.
"I've got an idea," the frog then declared,
"Together in the pond, we'll both be spared."

He found a leaf, broad and wide,

And placed it gently by the pondside.
"On this leaf, my dear friend, you'll stay,
As we sail through the pond, come what may."

With the mouse on the leaf, they ventured out,
Exploring the waters without a doubt.
They laughed, they talked, shared stories and more,
A friendship so true, forever they swore.

In the end, the mouse learned a valuable rhyme,
That honest intentions stand the test of time.
With a friend like the frog by their side so grand,
They'd explore the world, hand in hand.

So, in this tale, for kids young and old,
A lesson in friendship, a story to be told.
Honesty and kindness, the moral they see,
Lead to lasting bonds, as it should be.

98.
The Ambitious Ant



Once an ant lived in a hill so small,
Dreaming of a house grand and tall.
She walked and walked till she found a place,
A field so big, an empty space.

She worked so hard day and night,
To build her house, so shiny and bright.
She dug, she built, and she adorned,
Till her house was done, and she was worn.

An owl wise came by and said,
"Tell me why you toiled till you were almost dead?"
"To have a home that's grand and new,
A place that's big and shiny too."

Said the owl, "It's good to strive,
To make your life better, to thrive.
But remember, it's not just size,
Happiness counts and brings you wise."

The ant thought and saw the light,

And realized the owl was right.
It's not just looks or grandeur that thrills,
But your hard work that brings you skills.

So the ant lived in her house so fine,
Happy, content, and feeling divine.
She knew that she could always improve,
And her skills and determination would make her move.

It's good to have dreams, it's good to aspire,
But being content brings the real fire.
The happiness you find in what you do,
Brings you success and riches anew.

99.

Fangs Beneath the Fleece



Once upon a time, in fields so green,
A Wolf was seen, looking quite lean.
The Shepherds kept a watchful eye,
So food was scarce, he couldn't deny.

One night, he found a sheepskin white,
He put it on, to his delight.
He sneaked into the pasture with glee,
And fooled the Sheep, so easily.

A Lamb soon followed, with no clue,
It didn't know, what he would do.
The Wolf led it away, out of sight,
The Lamb was gone, without a fight.

That night, the Wolf went back for more,
But little did he know, what was in store.
The Shepherd wanted mutton broth,
So he went to the fold, knife in cloth.

The Wolf was caught, it was his end,

His deceitful ways, he couldn't defend.
He paid the price for his wicked deed,
And left a lesson, for all to heed.

Deceit and lies will lead to no good,
It's always better, to do as we should.
Work hard and be honest, day by day,
And you'll find success, coming your way.

100.

The Deer Delivers



In a forest deep, where tall trees sway,
A rabbit hopped, on a sunny day.
The river ahead, so wide and strong,
The rabbit's path, oh, so wrong!

With a rush of water, the rabbit was tossed,
Down the stream, it was almost lost.
But a kind-hearted deer, by fate's sweet chance,
Jumped in to help, with a graceful dance.

On the Deer's back, they swam together,
Facing the challenge, altogether.
On the other side, safe and sound,
Friendship bloomed on solid ground.

The rabbit was grateful, it couldn't deny,
To the deer, it said with a gleam in its eye,
"Thank you for saving me, dear friend so true,
From now on, I'll be there for you."

They played in the forest, both day and night,

Chasing fireflies in the soft moonlight.
And when food was scarce, in the forest's glen,
The rabbit helped the deer, again and again.

Their friendship inspired, a lesson to share,
That helping each other is only fair.
Together they showed, in the forest so grand,
That lending a hand makes the world understand.

In this tale so sweet, for children to see,
The power of friendship and unity.
With kindness and love, their bond unfurled,
A lesson learned by all in the world.

So, kids, remember this story's bright gleam,
With friendship and help, you'll achieve any dream.
In the heart of the forest, where dreams can swirl,
Together you'll conquer, as friends of the world.

101.
The Greedy Hen



Once on a farm, in a coop so grand,
Lived some chickens, oh so bland.
But one hen found a secret stash,
Of corn so sweet, a tasty mash.

She snuck away, day after day,
And ate that corn in her own way.
The other hens did start to see,
She looked so healthy, oh so free.

They asked her what she ate,
But she refused to share what was on her plate.
That night, she snuck away once more,
And ate that corn like never before.

But as she left, a feather fell,
And in the morning, the farmer could tell.
He showed the feather to the hens,
And they knew who ate the corn, oh friends.

The greedy hen learned a lesson new,

That stealing's wrong, it's not for you.
And the other hens, they learned it too,
That greed and selfishness won't do.

So be kind, be fair, be true,
And good things will come back to you.
For even if you think you're sly,
The truth will out, it will not lie.

102.

When Perspectives Collide



In a forest green, a Lion and Man,
Were walking together as best they can.
They argued and bickered, each claiming their race
Was superior in strength and intellect, setting the pace.

They stumbled upon a statue that stood tall,
Of Heracles and the Nemean Lion's fall.
The Man boasted of humans' might and skill,
But the Lion just laughed, mocking him still.

"The statue was made by a man's hand,
If a Lion made it, it would be grand!"
The Man was speechless, not knowing what to say,
For the Lion's perspective had come into play.

The Lion showed the Man how each sees things different,
Perspective varies, and that's not insignificant.
We should respect each other's point of view,
Even if it's not the same as me or you.

So, always remember to respect and be kind,

For different perspectives are what make us all unique and find.

We can learn from each other and grow in many ways,
With open minds and hearts, we'll make the most of our days.

103.

The Donkey's Blunder



Once there was a Donkey, not much loved by his owner,
The Lap Dog lived with them, receiving more attention shown her.
The Dog got treats and pats, and the Donkey saw with envy,
He thought to change his ways, to act with more savvy.

So he left his stable one day, and into the house, he clattered,
He saw the Master having dinner, and his plan was all that mattered.
He kicked his heels and brayed aloud, prancing around the table so fun,
And tried to lick the Master's face, as he saw the Dog had done.

But his clumsy moves made him stumble, and the table went a-flip,
Breaking all the dishes and making the Donkey trip.
The Master called for help, and the servants came in haste,
They drove the Donkey back to the stable, his plan a huge waste.

The Donkey had learned a lesson, a mistake he'll not repeat,
Trying to be someone else brought him nothing but defeat.
He realized he should be himself, not try to be another,
For being true to who he is makes him stand out like no other.

So let this be a lesson, dear children, for you and all your friends,

Be proud of who you are, and let your uniqueness never end.

Don't try to change for others; be true to your own soul,
For being yourself is all that matters, and that's the ultimate goal.

104.
The Boastful Rooster



Once on a farm, a rooster and hen,
Were waiting for their eggs to hatch, and then,
The rooster boasted to all who'd hear,
"Wait 'til our little chick appears!"

The other animals thought him quite bold,
To count his chickens before they'd unfold.
But the rooster was too proud to see,
The wisdom in their words of plea.

Each day he strutted, his chest puffed high,
Telling everyone his chick would soon fly.
But one dark night, a fox did creep,
Into the henhouse, stealing eggs while all did sleep.

The rooster awoke to an empty nest,
Feeling foolish and quite distressed.
The other animals tried to ease his pain,
Reminding him of the wise old owl's refrain.

"Do not count your chickens before they hatch,"

The rooster learned, a hard-earned catch.
From then on, he waited patiently,
Until his chicks were there for all to see.

So children, learn from this rooster's plight,
Be patient and wait for what's in sight.
Don't count on things that are not yet true,
Or else you may end up feeling quite blue.

105.
Biting Reflections



Once in a forest, a sly wolf crept,
Near a shepherd's hut, where a feast was prepped.
The shepherd and his kin had roasted a lamb,
The wolf could smell, the aroma wafted, oh so grand!

"Aha!" thought the wolf, "how ironic, oh dear,
That they enjoy roasted meat, without a single tear.
Yet if I were caught, oh what a great fuss,
They'd shout and they'd run, nothing to discuss."

The wolf felt angry, this simply wasn't fair,
So he snarled and he growled, with a dreadful glare.
But then he paused, and he took a deep breath,
For he realized that he was no different from the rest.

He, too, hunted for his own selfish needs,
So he couldn't blame the humans for their lamb feast indeed.
The wolf learned a lesson that day in the wood,
That it's easy to judge others, but much harder to be good.

So let us be careful, and not too quick to condemn,

For we all have our faults, and we all have our whim.
People often condemn others, for what they see as wrong,
But we must look at ourselves, and sing a different song.

The moral of this story, as you might have guessed,
Is to look at our own actions, and do what is best.
Don't judge others too harshly, for we're all just the same,
And remember the wolf's lesson, and play a fair game.

106.

The Monkey's Deception Dance



Once in the forest, the animals held a meet,
To elect a new leader who was kind and neat.
Monkey was asked to speak, but instead he danced,
Making the animals laugh, clap, and prance.

The Monkey's silly faces and moves were so grand,
That he won the hearts of the animals in the land.
He was made the king, much to the Fox's dismay,
Who didn't vote for him and had something to say.

One day, the Fox found a trap with meat so fine,
He went to the Monkey, pretending it wasn't his find.
The Fox said it belonged to the Monkey, fair and square,
And led him to the trap with a grin and a glare.

The Monkey reached for the meat with great glee,
But found himself trapped and unable to flee.
The Fox laughed and taunted him, it wasn't right,
To pretend to be a king, he wasn't too bright.

The animals held another election, to choose their head,

They wanted a true leader, not one who just played instead.

The Monkey lost his throne, but learned a valuable lesson,
True leaders show their worth, through action without question!

107.
The Flies Sweet Demise



A jar got knocked over and made the table quite runny.
The sweet smell of honey was in the air,
Attracting a swarm of flies without a care.

The flies landed on the honey so sticky,
Feasting and gorging, they were not so picky.
But soon they found themselves stuck in a mess,
Their wings and feet trapped, they couldn't progress.

Their greed for sweetness was their downfall,
But we can learn from their mistake, standing tall.
Remember to enjoy life, but with moderation,
And avoid the traps of excess and temptation.

Be mindful of what you choose as your pleasure,
Don't let greed become your own sweet treasure.
For with balance and wisdom, you can achieve,
A life that's fulfilling and always sweet to receive.

108.
The Wolf's Wisdom



Once a Wolf, skinny and sad,
Found it hard to find food, it made him mad.
The Dogs of the village were wide awake,
So he had to go hungry, with an empty stomach ache.

One night, he met a House Dog, plump and fed,
The Wolf wanted to eat him but was filled with dread.
The House Dog was strong and could leave his mark,
So they spoke humbly and set aside their bark.

"You can be well-fed like me," said the House Dog,
"Leave the woods, life there is like a thick fog.
Follow my lead, and you'll live a life of ease,
Bark at beggars and chase burglars with great expertise."

"In return, you'll get all kinds of tidbits galore,
Chicken bones, delicious meats, sugar, and much more.
And don't forget kind words and affection too,
You'll be happy and content, like me, it's true."

The Wolf was pleased with the House Dog's offer,

The vision of his future feasts made his heart softer.
But then he saw the Dog's neck, chafed and worn,
"What's that?" he asked, feeling a little torn.

"Just a trifle," the Dog replied, trying to hide,
"Perhaps the collar to which my chain is tied."
"A chain?" asked the Wolf, "you can't go wherever you please?"
"No," said the Dog, "but it doesn't matter, it's just a tease."

The Wolf realized then that freedom was key,
There's nothing more valuable than being free.
"I'll keep fighting for my food, it's worth the fight,
My liberty is more precious than any delight."

So the Wolf ran away to the woods,
He wouldn't give up his freedom for any goods.
And though he would face hunger and strife,
He knew he'd be happy, living a free life.

109.

The Bat and the Weasel



Once a Bat flew into a den,
A Weasel stared, ready to win.
"You're a Mouse," the Weasel spat,
"And all Mice, I'll eat like that!"

But the Bat cried, "No, don't you see?
My wings! A Bird, I'm meant to be!"
The Weasel thought, then let him go,
The Bat's quick wit had saved him so.

Days passed, and the Bat, careless and vain,
Flew into another Weasel's domain.
This Weasel hated Birds, oh so true,
And caught the Bat, ready to chew.

"You're a Bird, and now you're done,
I'll eat you up, one by one."
But the Bat was quick, and replied,
"Mouse, I am, don't let me die!"

So, be like the Bat, my dear,

And learn to adapt, never fear.
For life is full of twists and turns,
And flexibility is what one earns.

Be quick to adjust, and you'll see,
How easy it is to be carefree.

110.
The Toad's Tall Tale



Once there was a Toad so bold,
Who claimed he was a doctor, we're told.
He boasted he could heal any ill,
But his claims the animals began to chill.

One day, a Fox came to his place,
To test his skills, and save face.
"Can you cure yourself of your blotchy green skin?"
The Fox asked, with a skeptical grin.

The Toad was stunned, and full of shame,
His boastful claims now seemed so lame.
He knew he needed to work on his own,
Before he could help others, he must atone.

The moral of this story, my friends,
Is to fix your flaws before making amends.
If you want to help others, start with yourself,
And you'll find true success and wealth.

111.
The Fox Without a Tail



Once a Fox, so proud and fine,
Got caught in a trap, it wasn't divine.
He escaped, but his tail, oh so grand,
Was left behind, in the hunter's hand.

The Fox felt sad, lonely, and blue,
For he knew what the other Foxes would do.
They'd tease and mock, laugh and jeer,
And his heart would fill with fear.

But the Fox came up with a clever plan,
To regain the respect of the Fox clan.
He called a meeting and gave a speech,
About the dangers of tails, a lesson to teach.

He said, "Tails can harm and are quite useless too,
You'd be better off without one, it's true!"
The Foxes listened, some swayed by his words,
Thinking it would make them faster than birds.

But an old Fox smiled, and with a grin,

Said, "Dear friend, kindly turn around, let us in."
The Fox Without a Tail did as he was asked,
But his plan had failed, his heart sank fast.

The other Foxes laughed and made fun,
And poor Fox Without a Tail was stunned.
He learned that to be true and kind,
Is better than a clever, deceitful mind.

So, dear child, listen well,
Don't try to trick, people can tell.
Be honest, kind, and true,
And the world will be better for you.

112.
The Mischievous Mutt



Once a Dog so mean and wild,
His owner put a bell, heavy and styled.
To keep him from bothering and biting,
Visitors and neighbors, it was so frightening.

But the Dog was quite pleased,
With his bell, he pranced and teased.
He clanged and rang it all around,
As if he were a prince crowned.

But no one was impressed with his sound,
In fact, they thought him quite a hound.
An old friend suggested he stay hidden,
Or everyone would know he's ill-bitten.

The Dog learned that notoriety is not fame,
Being known for bad things is not a game.
It's better to be good and kind,
And leave bad behavior far behind.

113.
The Sorrowful Spendthrift



In a town not so far, lived a lad of cheer,
Known for spending, his pockets always clear.
Brimming with flair and a love for delight,
He found himself broke, a pitiful sight.

Supposed to meet friends, his image to maintain,
Desperate for cash, no time to explain.
A bird in the sky, he thought summer's still here,
Sold coats and jackets, he was absent of fear.

Cash in his hand, he partied away,
Thinking life grand, in the sun's warm ray.
But days later, a chill did unfold,
No coats to wear, his story foretold.

In light attire, he shivered and sighed,
Realized his folly, his joy had belied.
Short-term gains through hasty affection,
Brought long-term regrets, a painful connection.

So children, heed this tale of woe,

Think twice before decisions you sow.
Patience is virtue, don't rush, don't bet,
For long-term joy do invest, to avoid short-term regret.

114.

The Great Mouse Debate



Once upon a time in a field of green,
Lived many little mice who were so keen,
To free themselves of a pesky cat,
That they had to come up with a plan to combat.

The mice all gathered to discuss a plan,
But none of them seemed to fit for the clan.
Until a young mouse, who was quite small,
Had a brilliant plan to save them all.

He said, "Let's hang a bell around the cat's neck,
So when we hear the bell, we'll have time to check,
And run away, so we can be free,
And not have to live in fear, we all agree!"

All the mice were impressed and cheered with glee,
Thinking they'd come up with the perfect plan, you see.
But then an old mouse rose and said with a frown,
"Who will tie the bell around the cat's neck, a mouse renown?"

The moral of the tale is quite plain,

It's one thing to talk, and another to gain,
So always remember all you said,
And make sure you do it all instead.

115.
The Lark's Lesson



Once a Lark built a nest in a wheat field so fine,
The wheat grew tall, and her babies, too, were just divine.
But one day, the Farmer and his son came to the field,
And said, "We'll call our friends to help with the harvest yield."

The young Larks heard this and were filled with fear,
For they knew they needed to leave before the reapers were near.
When the Mother Lark came with food, they told her their plight,
And she said, "Don't worry, my little ones, everything will be all right."

The Farmer waited for help, but it didn't come,
So the wheat ripened more, and the wind shook some.
He realized he had to do the work himself, no delay,
And the young Larks overheard him, and told their mother right away.

The Mother Lark said, "We must leave without hesitation,
When people decide to do things themselves, there's no hesitation."
The young Larks practiced flying, and by dawn they were gone,
When the Farmer came to harvest, the nest was empty, and the Larks had flown.

This fable teaches us the lesson of self-reliance,

To trust ourselves and our abilities with reliance.
Don't wait for others to do things, take charge and be bold,
And success will come to you, as this tale has foretold.

116.

The Foolish Fowls



In the woods one night, as Master Fox did roam,
He spied Pheasants perched high in a tree's dome.
To catch their attention, he found a bright spot,
And danced wildly, with moves bizarre and hot.

Round and round he spun like a top,
Jumping up and down, he didn't stop.
The Pheasants were hypnotized, didn't dare blink,
For fear of losing sight of the Fox's next trick, couldn't think.

The Fox feigned climbing a tree so high,
Then tumbled over, played dead, oh my!
Now in the moonlight, he shook his tail so bright,
Throwing out sparks that dazzled their sight.

The birds lost grip on the branch so tall,
Falling one by one, they couldn't recall,
How the Fox had tricked them with his dance,
Teaching them a lesson they'd never forget, by chance.

Don't get too caught up in what catches your eye,

Or you may fall victim to its clever disguise, and wonder "Why?"

117.
Barely Escaping Betrayal



Two friends set out on a hike,
Their friendship they did truly like,
But danger lurked within the wood,
And soon they faced a bear as big as it could.

One friend climbed a tree so high,
The other fell to the ground with a sigh,
Playing dead was his only hope,
The bear sniffed around and let him cope.

When the coast was finally clear,
The friend in the tree climbed down without fear.
He asked his friend with a laugh and a grin,
"What did the bear whisper in?"

The other replied, with a knowing look,
"He told me, you thought he was your friend, you mistook."
He left a friend in danger's way,
True friendship shines, come what may."

So, let this fable be a lesson to all,

True friends stand strong, never to fall,
In times of trouble and in strife,
True friendship lasts through all of life.

118.
A Prickly Situation



In a forest deep and green,
A Porcupine was on a quest unseen,
Searching for a cozy home,
A place to rest and call his own.

He found a cave so snug and warm,
Where Snakes lived without any harm,
He asked to stay, they agreed to try,
But soon their patience ran dry.

His quills were sharp, they pricked and hurt,
The Snakes tried to reason, to no avail, no effort.
They asked him kindly, "Please leave us be,"
But the Porcupine refused, "This is home to me."

The Snakes couldn't stay, they had to roam,
Forced to find a new place, far from their old home,
They learned the hard way, a lesson so true,
Some will take advantage, no matter what you do.

So, be careful who you let in life,

And don't give an inch to those who cause strife.

To take a mile and cause you pain,

Choose your friends wisely, again and again.

119.
The Boastful Fox



Once a Cat and a Fox went out to roam,
Picking up food, and not staying at home.
They argued while walking, as friends often do,
"I'm smart," said the Fox, "I know more than you!"

"I only know one trick," replied the Cat,
"But it's worth a thousand of yours, that's that!"
Then, out of the blue, they heard a loud horn,
And barking of dogs, making them forlorn.

The Cat ran to a tree, safe among the leaves,
"This is my trick," he said, proud as can be.
The Fox ran all over, with too many plans,
He was soon caught, by the hunting clans.

The Cat laughed and shook his head,
"You may be cunning, but common sense is worth more," he said.
So, children, remember, don't boast and don't brag,
Use your common sense, it's a valuable bag.

120.

The False Alarms of the Shepherd Boy



Once upon a time in a village so bright,
A shepherd boy watched his master's flock with delight,
The Boy and his dog were thought loyal and true,
He played on his flute to pass the time too.

But one day he thought it would be fun to start,
A prank with the villagers and make them take part,
His master had told him if a wolf should appear,
The villagers would come and drive it far from here.

So he shouted with glee "Wolf! Wolf!" in a voice so loud,
The villagers heard and ran from the village crowd,
But when they arrived they were met with a tease,
The boy had tricked them and laughed at their unease.

Days later he shouted "Wolf! Wolf!" once again,
The villagers ran to the meadow and then,
They were met with the same joke, to their chagrin,
And the boy laughed and laughed at their foolishness again.

But one night as the sun was setting low,

A wolf from the woods did come to show,
He attacked the sheep and the boy in dread,
Ran to the village and shouted ahead.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he cried, but the villagers knew,
That the boy was a liar, so no one would go,
The wolf killed many sheep and then ran away,
The boy had been punished for his foolish play.

This taught the boy a lesson that night,
That liars will never be trusted even if they speak right,
So if you plan to tell a lie,
Be ready to face the consequences by and by.

121.

The Gossiping Rooster



On a farm, there lived some animals bright,
Who loved to chat and share the latest news and sight,
One day, the rooster crowed a tale so sad,
Saying the farmer planned to sell, which made them all mad.

The animals were distraught and filled with woe,
They didn't want to leave the farm they called home so,
But the rooster claimed to have heard it all,
On the farmer's phone, a conversation that would make them fall.

The animals packed up and got ready to go,
Until the wise old owl told them to take it slow,
She investigated and found the truth so pure,
The rooster's story was false, and it was only a rumor.

The animals were shocked, their hearts filled with dread,
They had believed in the rooster's words and had been misled,
They learned a lesson so valuable and dear,
To not believe everything they hear.

So, if you hear something that sounds too good or bad to be true,

Take a step back and verify if it is real or just a rumor that's new.
Do not believe everything you hear, for it might not be the case,
And it is always wise to check the facts before making a hasty embrace.

122.

The Hawk's Tall Tale



Perched up high on an oak tree tall,
Sat an Eagle, looking quite small.
A passing hawk asked, "Why so sad?
Are you lonely and feeling bad?"

The Eagle replied, "I seek a mate,
One who can provide and not be late.
But I haven't found one yet,
And it's making me quite upset."

The Hawk then said with great pride,
"Choose me, Eagle, I won't hide.
I'm stronger than you, that's for sure,
I can carry an ostrich, that I assure!"

The Eagle agreed, happy at last,
But when the Hawk flew off, it happened fast,
He returned with a tiny mouse to eat,
The Eagle felt cheated, her heart did beat.

"This is not what you promised me,

You said an ostrich, not a flea!"
The Hawk hung his head in shame,
He knew he had lied to win the game.

The Eagle left, feeling betrayed,
By the promises that the Hawk had made.
The moral of the story is to be true,
Honesty is the best thing to do.

Don't make false promises, be honest and kind,
And you'll find happiness, peace of mind.
So always be true, don't tell a lie,
And trust and love will come your way by and by.

123.
The Sharp Sheep



In a meadow green and bright,
A Deer and Sheep came into sight.
The Deer asked for a measure of wheat,
But the Sheep was cautious, oh so neat.

"Do you have someone to vouch for you?"
The Sheep asked the Deer, wanting a clue.
"I have the Fox," the Deer replied with glee,
"He'll make sure you get back your fee."

"The Fox? Oh no!" the Sheep cried out,
"He'll trick and deceive, there's no doubt.
And with your speed, you'll be long gone,
Leaving me with no wheat to feed upon."

Remember, dear child, to be wise and true,
Don't trust just anyone who comes to you.
Do your research and make your own decision,
And you'll avoid getting caught in a tricky situation.

124.

The Resilient Rabbit



Once upon a time, in a forest so green,
Lived a bunny named Fluffy, eager to learn, oh so keen.
He often stumbled and fell, making others chuckle and grin,
But he never gave up, he'd always get up again.

One day, Fluffy tried to jump over a log so high,
But he tripped and fell, and let out a sigh.
Feeling embarrassed and small, he sat on the ground,
But a wise old owl came and turned things around.

"Falling and failing is a natural part of learning," said the Owl,
"It takes practice and perseverance to truly excel and howl."
Fluffy listened closely and then began to understand,
That mistakes and failures help you grow, that's what life has planned.

So Fluffy kept practicing, each and every day,
He still stumbled and fell, but he never lost his way.
He persevered and learned, until he could finally soar,
And the other animals watched, admiring him more and more.

And so we learn that failing is not something to fear,

It's an opportunity to grow, to persevere and steer.
Just like Fluffy the bunny, let's keep trying our best,
And we'll achieve great things, if we don't give up and rest.

125.
The Fallen Lion King



Once a Lion, fierce and grand,
Roamed the forest, ruling the land.
But time marched on, and he grew old,
His teeth were gone, his strength turned cold.

Lying on the ground, gasping for air,
A pitiful sight, beyond compare.
Then came a Boar, tusks so yellow,
Charging at the Lion, now a pitiful fellow.

Next came a Bull, with hooves so heavy,
Trampling the Lion, acting unsteady.
Even a Mule, small and low,
Kicked the Lion, dealt a mighty blow.

Attacking the weak, friend or foe,
Is cowardly and wrong, let it go.
For in the end, it's what we do,
That defines our character, me and you.

So be kind and brave, stand up tall,

Help the weak and small, one and all.

126.

The Dog and His Reflection



There once was a Dog with a bone,
A prize he could call his own.
He hurried back home, oh so fast,
But on the way, his greed was cast.

On a bridge, he gazed, reflection caught,
A Dog with another bone, a tempting thought.
Bones to chew and play with for fun,
He wanted that bone, his mission begun.

He dropped his bone and jumped right in,
But soon realized he couldn't win.
It was just his reflection he saw,
Yet swim and claw he did with awe.

He reached the shore at last,
But his bone was gone, he was aghast.
He realized how foolish he had been,
To lose his bone for greed, it seemed.

The Dog learned a lesson, that's for sure,

Greed leads to loss, there is no cure.
He walked back home with an empty space,
But in his heart, he found some grace.

He promised himself to not be so blind,
Left greed and foolishness behind.
Now he was wiser, as we can see,
A better Dog, he learned to be.

127.

The Tortoise's Triumph



Once a Hare laughed at Tortoise's pace,
"Can you even go anywhere in this race?"
The Tortoise said, "I may be slow, but don't underestimate,
I'll race you and show you, don't you wait."

The Hare agreed to the race with glee,
The Fox marked the path and said, "Ready, set, go!" with glee.
The Hare zoomed ahead like a shooting star,
While the Tortoise went steadily, though not very far.

The Hare took a nap, thinking he had plenty of time,
But the Tortoise kept moving, taking one step at a time.
The Hare woke up and saw Tortoise had passed him by,
But he thought he could catch up, he was surely spry.

The Hare ran and ran, but the Tortoise was close to the end,
With one final step, the Tortoise, the race he did transcend.
It's not always the quickest who comes out on top,
But those who keep going and don't let their pace drop.

128.

The Bees Sticky Situation



In a forest, where the trees grew tall,
A store of honey was found by all.
The Wasps claimed it was theirs to keep,
But the Bees knew it was theirs to reap.

The argument grew louder each day,
And a fight seemed to be on the way.
So, they decided to bring the case
To a judge who could bring some grace.

The Hornet was the judge in the land,
And he listened to their case firsthand.
Witnesses testified, but no one knew
Which side the honey really belonged to.

The judge thought long and thought so hard,
But he couldn't decide with this regard.
So, he adjourned the court for six weeks,
To give himself some time to take peeks.

When the trial resumed, both sides were ready,

With many witnesses, some were quite heady.
An Ant took the stand, but before he could say,
A wise old Bee spoke up, he had something to say.

"Your honor," said the Bee, "we must decide fast,
Or the honey will spoil, and it won't last.
Let's tell the Wasps and the Bees to build,
A honeycomb, so the mystery will be killed."

The Wasps protested, but the judge knew,
They couldn't build, no matter what they do.
"It's clear," said the judge, "who could make the comb,
And who couldn't, it's the Bees who made it their home."

So, the Bees got the honey they knew was theirs,
And the Wasps learned a lesson with glares.
Actions speak louder than words they learned,
And true ability is how things are earned.

129.

The Shepherd's Shaky Promise



Once upon a time, a Shepherd counted his flock,
But he noticed some Sheep were missing, oh what a shock!
The Shepherd declared he would catch the thief,
And make him pay for causing him such grief.

He suspected a Wolf was the culprit to blame,
And set out towards the hills, his eyes filled with flame.
He made a promise to Heaven up above,
When the culprit caught, to offer a fat Calf as a sign of his love.

As the Shepherd searched among the rocky caves,
A giant Lion appeared, carrying one of his strays.
Terrified, he fell to his knees and cried,
"Dear Heaven, please make the thief hide!"

He realized that his promise was too big to keep,
And he must be careful of the promises he speaks.
He learned that we must think before we vow,
And be mindful of the promises we allow.

So remember, my friends, be wise with what you ask,

And never make a promise that's too great a task.
For in the end, you'll be glad you thought twice,
And avoid unintended consequences or a hefty price.

130.
Feathers of Flattery



As the sun began to rise one day,
A Fox went on his merry way,
Through the woods he did roam,
Looking for some food to take home.

Soon he saw a Crow on a tree,
With a piece of cheese, oh so tasty!
The Fox approached her with great delight,
And said, "Good morning, such a lovely sight!"

He praised her feathers and her wings,
Said, "I'm sure your voice is fit for kings!"
The Crow, pleased by what she heard,
Forgot her cheese, without a word.

She opened her beak to let out a sound,
But the cheese fell and hit the ground!
The Fox ate it up with such glee,
And said, "You should have been more wary."

The Crow felt silly for falling for the Fox's trick,

But the lesson she learned would surely stick.
Beware of flattery, for it often comes with a cost,
And those who believe flattery may find themselves lost.

131.

Lessons from the Cunning Cat



Once upon a time, in a house so clean,
A cat was the deadliest predator seen.
The mice quivered in fear at the sight,
Of the watchful cat, ready to bite.

The cat was clever, oh so sly,
He knew how to catch those mice nearby.
He climbed up high on a coat hook,
Holding on tight with just one paw to look.

The mice peeped out and saw him there,
Hanging so still, as if in despair.
They thought he was dead, a sight to behold,
And cautiously ventured out, oh so bold.

But the cat let go and pounced on his prey,
Before the mice could scamper away.
He caught three or four, with a satisfied purr,
And left the rest with fear to incur.

The mice stayed put, in their tiny dens,

Hoping the cat would soon meet his ends.
But the cat was cunning, with tricks up his sleeve,
And soon another plan, he did conceive.

He rolled in flour, and covered his fur,
And waited for the mice to stir.
Sure enough, they came out to play,
And the cat was ready to seize the day.

He almost had a plump young mouse,
Under his claws, in his house.
But an old rat, with wisdom so bright,
Sat up at a distance and gave a fright.

"Be careful, my friends," the rat said with care,
"That heap of flour, it might be a snare.
Keep a safe distance, and don't be lured,
By that crafty cat, so slick and secured."

The mice listened and stayed away,
From the cat in the flour bin, where he lay.
The cat realized he couldn't win,
And left the mice to live within.

Once you've been fooled, you must take heed
And learn from past mistakes indeed
Don't be fooled by those who deceive,
And always be wise, always perceive.

132.

The Donkey and His Shadow



Once a traveler set out on his way,
With a donkey to join him, day by day.
The donkey's owner, too, came along,
Guiding the path, singing a merry song.

Across the plain, under the sun's blazing glare,
The heat was too much for the traveler to bear.
Seeking respite, he looked around with dismay,
No shade in sight on this scorching day.

But lo and behold, a plan took form,
He sat under the donkey to escape the warm.
The driver spoke up, his demand was clear,
"I want the donkey's shadow, it's only fair!"

The traveler protested, defending his plight,
"The shadow's part of the deal, day or night!"
Their voices grew louder, tempers aflame,
Forgetting the purpose, caught in the blame.

In the midst of their quarrel, they failed to see,

The donkey, wise creature, wanted to be free.
With a swift dash, it galloped away,
In search of water, a peaceful bay.

Dear child, listen closely to this tale,
Let unity and compromise never fail.
Don't get caught up in disputes, big or small,
Work together, rise above and stand tall.

For in pursuit of dreams, on any day,
Remember the donkey who ran away.
Cooperation and understanding, let them grow,
To overcome challenges and reach where you go.

133.
The Building Beaver



In a lively forest where the tall trees stand,
Lived Benny, a beaver with a dam-building plan.
Day and night, tirelessly, he worked with glee,
Dreaming of a dam where all creatures could be.

News of Benny's dam spread far and wide,
Animals flocked to see it; their joy couldn't hide.
The bear wanted more, a deeper fishing space,
The deer sought a path, a clear crossing grace.

Requests overwhelmed Benny, a daunting task,
Adjusting his dam became a relentless ask.
Deepening the pool, widening the way,
Creating burrows, day after day.

Yet, discontent rose with every change made,
The bear, the deer, the rabbit's serenade.
Benny, exhausted, realized with a sigh,
He couldn't please all, no matter how hard he'd try.

Reflecting on this, a lesson he'd find,

To build with purpose, a vision aligned.
Benny decided, with a heart full of grace,
To build his dam true to his own embrace.

Focused on shelter, and water supply,
Benny worked with a renewed gleam in his eye.
His dam stood tall, a testament to his might,
A structure that shimmered in the soft moonlight.

The bear found a fishing spot, the deer a crossway,
The rabbit, a burrow where he'd happily stay.
Word spread of Benny's incredible feat,
Craftsmanship praised by every creature he'd meet.

In that forest, Benny's dam became the lore,
A tale of staying true, forevermore.
For if you try to please all under the moon's soft light,
You'll find that you please none, a lesson shining bright.

134.

The Farmer's Lesson in Self-Help



In a countryside where the raindrops fell,
A farmer faced a challenge, oh what a spell.
His wagon stuck, the mud so deep,
Complaining loudly, he began to weep.

Hercules heard, from the skies so high,
Offering wisdom, as he drew nigh.
"You must make an effort, my dear friend,
Help yourself, and your troubles will mend."

The farmer pondered, then took the lead,
Shoulder to the horse, a determined deed.
With Hercules' guidance, he urged the horse,
Soon, the wagon moved with a powerful force.

Through the muddy ruts, the wheels did churn,
A valuable lesson, the farmer did learn.
Self-help prevailed, a mantra so true,
Heaven's aid follows the effort you pursue.

So, in bedtime tales, under the moonlit gleam,

Remember the fable, like a cherished dream.

Effort and help, hand in hand,

In the heart of self-help, you'll firmly stand.

135.

Lucky the Squirrel



In a forest serene, two friends lived in glee,
Lucky the squirrel and Grumble, the rabbit, you see.
Lucky believed in fortune, her mindset so bright,
While Grumble doubted luck, with thoughts filled with spite.

One day as they foraged, a gust made a sound,
A swaying tree branch, they looked all around.
Lucky, alert and ready, leaped up high,
Discovering acorns, a treasure from the sky.

But Grumble, lost in his thoughts, continued his search,
With pessimism consuming, his luck in a lurch.
As night fell, rain showers began to pour,
The forest grew damp, a chill at its core.

Lucky, still happy from earlier delight,
Found a cozy hollow, a refuge from the night.
While Grumble, in darkness, stumbled with gloom,
Missing sheltered spots that could ward off his doom.

Lucky believed in her luck, her spirit ablaze,

Attracting serendipity, through life's twisting maze.
Grumble, in negativity, his fortune unseen,
Missed out on blessings, a dismal routine.

The forest animals, observing with care,
Learned from Lucky's readiness, a lesson so rare.
Cultivating positivity, opening their hearts wide,
They embraced the universe's gifts, side by side.

And so, the forest flourished, with joy and with glee,
Grateful for Lucky's wisdom, in everything to be.
Children, remember this tale, the power it brings,
Stay ready for luck, and witness how it sings.

136.

The Wise Kid's Watchful Wits



Once upon a time, a tale we'll share,
Of Mother Goat, who had a little Kid in her care.
Off to market, she went one fine morn,
Leaving behind her child; she asked him not to be forlorn.

"Keep the house safe," she lovingly said,
"Open not to anyone, unless this password's spread:
'We stand against the Wolf and all his kind,
Only then shall the door be unconfined.'"

Curiously, a Wolf eavesdropped with delight,
Plotting mischief under the veil of the night.
As Mother Goat vanished from view,
The crafty Wolf approached; his wicked plan grew.

Knock, knock! He whispered the password with glee,
"We stand against the Wolf and all his kind, I decree."
But the vigilant Kid, through a crack, he did peep,
Sensing danger, his guard he would keep.

"A white paw, show me," the Kid firmly spoke,
"Else this door shall remain firmly locked."

Wolves, you see, don't boast of such a hue,
Caught off guard, the Wolf knew what to do.

Hungry and defeated, he slunk away,
His schemes thwarted, no mischief more to play.
"Stay cautious," the Kid said, learning the truth,
Trust your instincts, seek evidence; that's the proof.

137.

The Swallow and the Crow



In a realm where creatures spread their wings,
Sparrow and Crow, two lively beings.
Feathers and quarrels, their tales unfold,
A dispute in the skies, a story to be told.

Sparrow declared, with pride so high,
"See my plumage, bright in the sky!
Vibrant and fluffy, oh so grand,
Yours, Crow, dull and not worth a strand!"

Crow, with wit and a clever eye,
Replied in a tone both sharp and sly,
"Indeed; your feathers shine in spring,
But in winter, it's my time to sing.

I soar and play in frosty delight,
While you seek warmth in distant flight."
Sparrow pondered, lost in thought;
Considering what the Crow had brought.

Appearances may fade, she soon found,

But endurance, in all seasons, is profound.
Let this tale in your heart reside,
True worth, beyond looks, is where we shall abide.

138.

The Monkey Mother's Love



In a forest glade, a baby showcase so grand,
Council of Elders, judges in the land.
Mammas near and far, with pride did they bring forth,
Their precious babies, in the hope they'd sing forth.

Mother Monkey, with confidence in her stride,
Presented her baby, nowhere to hide.
Flat-nosed, hairless, and pop-eyed; you see,
A unique little monkey; as unique as can be.

Animals gathered; some laughter ensued,
At the sight of the baby, so different, so crude.
Unfazed was the Mother Monkey, strong and bold,
To skeptics, her story she firmly told.

Laugh if you will, judge if you might,
But in my heart, he's a gem, a pure delight.
Beauty, sweetness, and love, he does embody,
An irreplaceable darling, my pride and glee.

True love, she knew, goes beyond the facade,

A mother's love, boundless and broad.
Superficial judgments, they quickly dispel,
For her baby's uniqueness, she'd proudly tell.

In the forest glade, under the moon's soft glow,
A tale of acceptance, a story to sow.
No matter the looks, the laughter, or jest,
A mother's love shines as the best.

139.

The Quick Thinking Fox



Once upon a time, in the forest so wide,
A Lion, Donkey, and Fox embarked side by side.
Together they hunted, their spirits full of glee,
To capture game for all, a prize for them to see.

The Donkey, fair and just, with a heart so kind,
Divided the spoils, equal shares to find.
But the Lion grew furious, consumed by rage,
He lashed out in anger, on a wild and untamed stage.

The Donkey fell victim, his fate was unkind,
Added to the pile, left behind by lion's mind.
The Lion then turned, fixing his gaze so stern,
To the cunning Fox, his lesson to learn.

"Divide it now," the Lion roared, his voice so loud,
The Fox's mind raced, his wits became a shroud.
Quickly he gathered the game, oh so fast,
Creating a heap, a plan soon to be cast.

With slyness, the Fox chose the least desirable part,

Leaving behind what the other sought in his heart.
The Lion, intrigued by the Fox's clever play,
Inquired politely, wanting to know the way.

"Who taught you fairness?" the Lion queried with grace,
The Fox, ever cautious, backed away from that place.
"I've learned from the Donkey," he replied with a grin,
Wisdom gained from others, a tale to take in.

140.

The Tortoise's Sky-High Vanity



In a world where creatures crawl and fly,
A Tortoise lived, with dreams in his eye.
To explore the world, beyond his shell,
He longed for adventures, stories to tell.

One day, he met Ducks, wise and free,
Who offered help to let him see.
A stick in his teeth, in the sky they soared,
Ducks, on either side of him, as one accord.

"Keep hold of the stick, or doom you'll meet,
A cautionary show, yet quite a treat."
Up they soared, a majestic flight,
The Tortoise felt kingly, oh, what a sight!

A passing Crow hailed him as a king,
His ego soared, a magnificent thing.
"I am the King," the Tortoise declared,
His vanity soared, leaving him ensnared.

As he spoke, his grip did part,

The stick fell away, breaking his heart.
Falling down to pieces, a lesson so clear,
Foolish pride brings tragedy near.

So remember, dear ones, in your nightly rest,
Vanity's trap, in it, do not invest.
For in humble hearts, true greatness you find,
A lesson learned by the Tortoise, in his kind.

141.

The Gentle Triumph of the Sun



Once in a realm, the North Wind and Sun,
In a contest, their strength to be won.
As they quarreled with clamor, causing quite a stir,
A Traveler strolled by, coat snug, reassured.

The Sun proposed a test, a challenge to face,
"Who can remove that coat from the Traveler's embrace."
The North Wind agreed, growling with might,
Summoning a chilling gust, cold as the night.

The Wind did attack, with force and might,
Yet the Traveler clung tight, in that challenging light.
No matter the Wind's persistent try,
The Traveler's grip held strong, refusing to comply.

Then came the turn of the Sun so bright,
With gentle rays, radiating warmth and light.
The Traveler felt the pleasant heat embrace,
Unfastening his coat, feeling a sense of grace.

As the Sun's rays grew warmer, brighter by the hour,

The Traveler felt comfort, relieved from the Wind's power.
He removed his cap, wiping away the sweat,
Basking in the Sun's glow, no longer upset.

The Sun's heat grew intense, scorching the land,
The Traveler sought shade, a tree by the roadside, sheltering, grand.
He shed his coat, finding solace, feeling free,
In the coolness and shade, beneath the sheltering tree.

This fable teaches a lesson, simple and true,
That aggression and force may not see us through.
With kindness and warmth, challenges we can face,
Achieving our goals with compassion and grace.

142.
The Sheep's Sell-Out



In a meadow where the Sheep did graze and play,
Wolves skulked nearby, plotting their sly way.
Dogs guarded with vigilant might,
Protecting the Sheep through day and through night.

Yet the Wolves, sly and cunning in their way,
Devised a plan to lead the Sheep astray.
A message constantly repeated, a deceptive song,
To convince the Sheep that something's wrong.

"Why do you need Dogs?" the Wolves did plead,
"If they were gone, how happy we'd be!
Send them away, let friendship start,
And witness the peace within your heart."

The gullible Sheep, in trust, eventually believed,
By Wolves' deceit, the Sheep were deceived.
Convinced the Dogs should take their leave,
They bid farewell on a fateful eve.

The Wolves rejoiced, their plan complete,

A feast laid out, a treacherous feat.
Under the moon, they celebrated high,
While Sheep realized the Wolves' sly lies.

A lesson learned in the pale moonlight,
To question words, be wary, hold your insight.
Just because you hear it often, think for yourself, don't be led about.

143.
The Vigilant Rooster



In a meadow bright, one sunny morn,
A cunning Fox, by hunger torn,
Approached the Farmer's hen house near,
A trap he triggered, caught in fear's snare.

The Rooster, awake with watchful eyes,
Spied the Fox in his captive guise.
He ventured close, with caution keen,
To glimpse the enemy he had seen.

The Fox, seizing a chance to deceive,
Pleaded with words, hoping to relieve.
"Dear friend," he said, with a pitiful face,
"I'm bound by string, in this tangled space."

"I was on my way to a sick one's side,
When this string ensnared me in a stride.
Please keep this secret, my dear fellow,
I loathe causing sorrow, I truly bellowed."

But the Rooster, wise and ever alert,

Knew the Fox's words were a treacherous flirt.
He roused the hens with a mighty cry,
Summoning help, as danger drew nigh.

The Farmer, alarmed by the clatter and sound,
Rushed to the scene, his presence profound.
The Fox's deceit was exposed that day,
As the Farmer's swift actions ended his way.

So, children, remember the lesson we learn,
To be attentive and wise at every turn.
So even the cleverest lies will fail,
When vigilance attention prevails.

144.

The Donkey's Deception



Once in a forest, not so far away,
A Donkey found a skin where it lay.
With curiosity sparked, he had a thought,
To wear it and play, his plan well-thought.

Dressed as the Lion, the King of the land,
He hid in the thicket, his trick carefully planned.
From the shadows he'd leap, animals would flee,
Startled and scared, as if faced by true royalty.

The Donkey's joy grew, he couldn't keep quiet,
He let out a bray, a sound not so quiet.
But among the fleeing creatures, a Fox so sly,
Stopped in his tracks, with a gleam in his eye.

"If only you stayed silent," the Fox said with glee,
"You might have fooled me, as cunning as can be.
But your foolish braying gave it all away,
Your true identity revealed, no more trick to play."

Remember, dear child, appearances can deceive,

But words plus actions, you'll always perceive.
So be true to yourself, let kindness guide your way,
For they reflect your character, day by day.

145.
The Fox's Folly



In a forest green, so lush and wide,
Lived Fox Felix, and Owl Olivia by him side by side.
Felix was clever, his tricks well-known,
While Olivia, wise, her knowledge brightly shone.

One sunny morn, Felix, out for a roam,
Found a tree hollow, his new forest home.
Within it, he spied a feather of gold,
A promise it whispered, a story to be told.

"Dear Fox," it said, "please spare me, I pray,
I'll bring you fortune, each and every day.
Though I'm small and simple, don't let me go,
Great riches and wonders, I'll help you to sow."

Felix's eyes sparkled, greed took its place,
Dreams of grandeur played in his embrace.
He plucked the gold feather, held it so tight,
Believing its promise, throughout day and night.

But days turned to weeks, and weeks to a year,

No fortune appeared; no riches came near.
Felix, frustrated, felt the weight of his scheme,
The golden feather's promise was nothing but a dream.

To Owl Olivia, he sought his way,
To her wise counsel, he'd humbly say,
"I was tricked by a feather, so bright and so bold,
Gave up what I had for illusions unfold."

Olivia, with kindness, her wisdom did share,
"A small gain, my friend, is worth more, I declare.
Don't chase empty promises, don't let them beguile,
Value what's real, and you'll find your true smile."

Felix learned his lesson, his heart now at ease,
No more fooled by false hopes or a crafty sleaze.
In the forest, he treasured each moment anew,
For the small gains in life were his treasures, it's true.

So, children, remember, as you go on your way,
In the bright light of truth, and the joys of each day,
Value what's real, don't be fooled by a pretense,
For a small gain in hand is a true recompense.

146.

The Cracked Pot's Hidden Beauty



In a countryside quaint, where the sun would beam so bright,
Lived a farmer with pots, a daily, faithful sight.
Two pots he bore each day, on his neck so strong and spry,
One perfect, one cracked, under the open sky.

The perfect pot, it gleamed, with pride so full and tall,
Carried water without spill, never missed a single haul.
The cracked pot, it wept, each step along the lane,
Half full it would return, filled with sorrow and pain.

For two long years, this tale, like a song, did replay,
One perfect, one cracked, they journeyed every day.
The perfect pot stood tall, bathed in self-esteem's ray,
While the cracked pot's heart sank, in shadows of dismay.

One day by the stream, where waters gently flowed,
The cracked pot found its voice, with courage it bestowed.
"I'm ashamed," it softly spoke, voice trembling like a sigh,
"Leaking water, flawed am I, as days pass me by."

The farmer, wise and kind, with empathy so deep,

Listened to the pot's tale, as it poured out in a weep.
"Did you ever take heed," he asked with knowing grace,
"To the flowers that bloom along your water-spattered space?"

"For years, I've known your flaw, embraced it all the way,
I sowed seeds on your side, where your drops would lay.
Each day, you watered them, with love, I must confess,
Magnificent blooms you've brought, to grace our home, no less."

The cracked pot's eyes widened, a new light shining bright,
In its flaws and imperfections, it found a source of light.
For this simple countryside tale, so true and pure,
Revealed a profound lesson, in hearts that will endure.

Dear child, remember this, in your own unique way,
Just being you, brightens up the day.
Embrace even your flaws with love, let your heart take flight,
For in your own unique self, you'll discover pure delight.

In this tale of cracked and perfect, let your heart confess,
Your differences, your quirks, can bring joy, no less.
So find value in yourself, in others, too, it's understood,
Even with our imperfections, we can create what's truly good.

147.

The Snail's Sweet Surprise



Once in a forest, calm and serene,
A group of snails set out; a journey so keen.
Night was falling, they needed a place,
To rest their shells, find a friendly space.

In the distance, a beehive they did see,
Nestled among the trees, where they'd like to be.
With hope in their hearts, they ventured near,
To ask the Queen Bee if they could stay here.

With kindness in their voices, they asked with a grace,
"May we stay the night in this lovely place?
A bit of honey, if you please, we'd share,
For a taste of your nectar, a meal so rare."

The Queen Bee, gracious, with a regal air,
Agreed to their request with utmost care.
She called her workers, diligent and true,
To fetch some honey for this snailish crew.

With gratitude, the snails enjoyed the treat,

The honey was so sweet, it couldn't be beat.
Their hearts filled with joy, they felt truly blessed,
In the Queen Bee's hive, they could peacefully rest.

But as night deepened, a darkness grew,
In the hearts of the snails, temptation they knew.
Driven by greed, they hatched a plan,
To sneak back for more, as much as they can.

Chaos erupted, the hive was in strife,
The baby bees were disturbed, in the midst of life.
Honey was wasted, in this careless spree,
The snails' actions causing misery.

The Royal Guard bees sensed trouble, it's true,
Awakening the Queen Bee, their duty they'd pursue.
Upon seeing the havoc and the honey's decline,
The Queen Bee felt disappointment in her heart, like a sign.

She decided to teach them a lesson, quite stern,
For the snails' actions, they needed to learn.
In the quiet of night, while the snails were asleep,
The worker bees toiled, their secret to keep.

A waxen wall they built, sturdy and tall,
To trap the snails within, to teach them all.
The Queen's intention was clear as day,
To show them the price of their greedy display.

Days passed, the snails cried, their voices in plea,
Trapped behind the waxen wall, no way to break free.
They begged for mercy, they begged for release,
Their hearts heavy with guilt, seeking peace.

On the third day, a change in the Queen's decree,
She saw in the snails that they'd learned, you see.
She ordered the wall dismantled, setting them free,
Though hungry and thirsty, their lesson they'd decree.

As the snails departed, lessons in their core,
Kindness must shine, forevermore.
For sometimes in life, as it may seem,
Mistaking kindness for weakness, a misguided dream.

So approach with a kind heart, you will well manage,
But be ready to handle those who might take advantage.
In the end, the snails left with wisdom to share,
True kindness and gratitude are beyond compare.

148.

The Thirsty Forest



In a forest green, where creatures dwell,
Lived owls, squirrels, and Felix the clever as well.
A river flowed through their vibrant abode,
Their lifeline of water, where stories were told.

One scorching summer, the sun blazed so bright,
The river ran low, a pitiful sight.
Panic spread through the animals with dread,
Their water source shrinking, they feared what loomed ahead.

Felix, the fox, called a meeting that day,
Said, "Our river is vanishing, slipping away.
We must find a solution, together we stand,
Or our home will be lost, and life won't be grand."

Wise Olivia, the owl, shared a tale she'd been told,
Of a magical well, where water flowed bold.
"It quenches all thirst," she said with a smile,
"Let's seek out this well, it might help for a while."

They journeyed through woods, climbed hills high and steep,

Challenges faced, but their resolve ran deep.
With unity and determination, they'd find a way,
To save their dear forest, come what may.

Days turned to nights, hope starting to wane,
Until they stumbled upon the well, free from stain.
Its waters sparkled with an enchanting blue hue,
Reviving their spirits, strength renewed.

Yet Olivia, wise owl, noticed a thing,
The well's water source, like their river, did spring.
"It's not endless," she said, thoughtful and keen,
"Our actions, my friends, must stay in between."

"We've learned from this well, a valuable grace,
To conserve, not waste, in this beautiful place.
Let's return to our forest, teach what we've seen,
Preserve our dear river, keep our waterways clean."

They built dams and ponds, rainwater they'd store,
Taught the young ones, shared wisdom galore.
Time passed, the river once dwindling regained,
The forest thrived, as water's importance remained.

Their tale of the Thirsty Forest spread far and wide,
A lesson for all, a source of great pride.
For water is life, a treasure so grand,
A shared responsibility, hand in hand.

149.

Guardians of the Grove



In a forest deep, where the tall trees sway,
Lived foxes happy, in nature's ballet.
Their lives were peaceful, their hearts so light,
A family of foxes, eyes shining bright.

But change crept in, a shadow cast,
Trees were felled, their home fading so fast.
Air turned hazy, the cruel art of pollution,
Foxes knew they needed a solution.

With noses keen, they sniffed the trail,
To the beavers' den, they set their trail.
"We must speak up," the foxes knew,
To save their home, for skies so blue.

The beavers were busy, with projects immense,
Building a dam, a task of great consequence.
Foxes approached, with eyes full of care,
"Listen, dear beavers, let's all be aware."

"The trees you cut, the damage done,

Harms every creature, harms everyone.
Let's join our paws, hearts intertwined,
Heal the forest, leave no soul behind."

Beavers were startled, by foxes' plea,
To hear of the harm they caused, not carefree.
With humble hearts, they lowered their heads,
"We're sorry, dear friends, for all the bad we spread."

Together they toiled, side by side,
New saplings planted, nature's guide.
Cleaning the streams, the skies painted clear,
Foxes and beavers, quelling their fear.

Animals watched, amazed and true,
As foxes and beavers, their shared mission grew.
Protectors they became, of the forest so grand,
Hand in paw, healing the land.

In every heart, a duty to keep,
Guarding our planet, promises deep.
With unity's power, and nature's grace,
We'll make a difference, protect this space.

150.

The Curiosity of Lila



Once upon a time, in a land far away,
There was a tribe who lived day by day.
Their tools were made of rock and stone,
But a curious girl found something unknown.

Lila was her name, and she loved to explore,
She found a river and walked along the shore.
She saw a shiny rock and picked it up,
And brought it back to her village, without a hiccup.

The tribe saw the rock, and they all said nay,
They said, "We don't need it, we're fine this way."
But Lila was determined, and she did not quit,
She worked for months, bit by bit.

She learned that by heating the rock in a fire,
And then cooling it quickly in water, it would not tire.
It became much harder, stronger, and new,
The tribe was amazed, they knew what to do.

With this new knowledge, the tribe made new tools,

Hunting and gathering became easier, no more fools.

They became famous for their innovative ways,

Other tribes traded with them, and for days and days.

The tribe leapfrogged out of the Stone Age, into a new dawn,

Progress and advancement, a bright future was drawn.

All because of Lila, who dared to explore,

And found something new, something they'd never seen before.

So when you feel stuck, and things seem tight,

Remember Lila's discovery, take flight.

Challenge the old ways, try something new,

Who knows what you'll find, what you'll discover, too

151.

The Whiskered Imposter



Once a skinny cat, so lean and thin,
It seemed he couldn't find enough to win.
One day he heard some birds were sick,
He thought, "Aha! My chance to trick!"

He wore a grin and grabbed a bag,
Knocked on doors, his spirit not lag.
The birds peered out, astonished at the cat,
Unsure of his act, they pondered that.

"Doctor here, how are you feeling?"
The cat asked, his tone concealing.
"We're doing fine," the birds replied,
Now laughing, "No quacks needed, step aside."

So, don't believe those who deceive,
Even if they dress up, tales they weave.
Their lies and tricks may seem sincere,
Stay wise and shun what isn't clear.

152.
The Smiling Mirror



Once upon a time, in a village far away,
Lived a family with children who couldn't play.
The boy and girl were always bickering and fighting,
Their mother, at wit's end, tired and sighing.

One day, Uncle Rico came to their home,
Saw the children's unhappiness, their hearts turned to stone.
He led them to the living room, where a mirror stood,
Asked them to make it smile if they could.

The boy asked politely for the image to grin,
But it stayed expressionless, not a flicker within.
The girl offered a cookie to sweeten the deal,
But the image remained cold, refusing to feel.

Uncle Rico suggested they try something new,
"Smile at the mirror, and it'll smile back at you."
They smiled big and wide, to their surprise,
The image in the mirror beamed with a grin, oh so wise.

"Remember, kids," Uncle Rico then explained,

"The Universe reflects your energy, unstrained.
For a happy and loving life, you must first be,
Kind, loving, and positive, for the Universe to see."

The siblings started smiling at each other with glee,
Their mother felt relieved, finally at peace, oh so free.
The family grew closer and happier each day,
The village noticed the change, inspired to join the play.

So the moral of this story, dear child to learn,
Is to be kind and loving, always yearn,
For positivity and happiness in all you do,
The Universe will reflect it back to you.

153.

The Man Who Learned From a Boy



Once upon a time, on a sunlit day,
A couple sat down, ready to play.
Eating lunch and chatting away,
Happy and content in every way.

But then a boy appeared on the scene,
Selling scarves, so pretty and clean.
He approached the man, so kind and keen,
But met with anger, not what he'd seen.

The boy walked away, feeling sad and blue,
While the woman scolded the man anew.
But fate had a lesson for them, it's true,
As the man choked on his food—oh, what to do?

The woman cried out in despair,
As the boy rushed over, showing he cared.
He saved the man without a single glare,
Proving kindness is always there to share.

The man learned his lesson that very day,

To treat others kindly in every way.
For we never know when we'll need help, they say,
So let's be kind to others in every single way.

154.

The Thoughtful Transformation



Once in a land of dreary days,
A young woman named Maya had lost her ways.
Her job was dull, her routine the same,
Yearning for more, life less mundane.

One day she met a wise old sage,
Who spoke of thoughts as a compass on a page.
By changing her thinking, she could chart a new course,
And set herself free, with renewed life force.

Maya was skeptical at first,
Thinking change would be too hard to burst.
But the sage encouraged her to try,
So, she did, reaching for the sky.

With each passing day, Maya grew stronger,
Shifting her thoughts, waiting no longer.
Focused on the good, not the bad,
Opportunities came; no longer she felt sad.

Maya's job left behind,

A new business she started, her own design.
Her life was full, with new friends and new things,
And her heart was full, as her spirit sings.

Maya learned that thoughts hold power,
By changing them, she could grow like a flower.
With a smile and a sense of purpose in her heart,
She knew she could live a life that was smart.

So, dear children, remember this tale,
Let your thoughts be positive, and you shall prevail.
The world is full of possibilities galore,
Open your mind, let life's adventures soar.

155.
The Kind Squirrel



Once upon a time, in a peaceful forest glade,
Lived a diligent Squirrel and a curious Jade.
The Squirrel was prepared for any surprise,
With acorns and nuts hidden, he was wise.

Jade the Rabbit, carefree and quick,
Hopped around, playing a playful trick.
She never bothered to plan or prepare,
Thinking life's surprises were quite rare.

One day, as the forest was covered in snow,
A fierce blizzard arrived, a tempest to show.

The Squirrel, snug in his cozy nest,
Had food to sustain him, truly blessed.

Jade, however, found herself in distress,
No food, no shelter, just a state of mess.
She realized her mistake, too late to mend,
With nowhere to go, she couldn't pretend.

As the storm raged on, Jade grew cold,

Hungry and shivering, feeling quite old.
But the Squirrel, with his stored supplies,
Stayed warm and fed, watching the snowflakes.

In the morning, when the blizzard had passed,
Jade, weak and tired, came up to the Squirrel at last.

"I see now the value of readiness," Jade said,
"Your preparedness saved you, while I was misled."

The Squirrel nodded, offering a friendly smile,
"Being ready for the unexpected is worthwhile.
In life's ever-changing game, it's wise to prepare,
To face any challenge, to show we care."

From that day on, Jade learned a new way,
To plan ahead, to be ready every day.
And together, they thrived in the forest so grand,
With readiness as their guiding hand.

So remember, dear children, this fable's decree,
To be prepared for what may be,
Embrace readiness, be ready for strife,
For it brings strength and a better life.

156.

The Young Mouse



Once a young Mouse, innocent and green,
Ventured out to sights unseen.
He stumbled upon two creatures strange,
One gentle, the other deranged.

The gentle one had velvety fur,
His face meek, his eyes a lively stir.
He smiled and waved his tail so grand,
While the other creature was truly so bland.

With raw meat on his head and neck,
He stomped the ground with fearsome effect.
He opened his mouth to eat the Mouse,
Roaring fiercely, as if to pounce.

The young Mouse fled, heart pounding fast,
Escaping the monster's deadly grasp.
His mother listened to his tale with care,
And explained the truth with a loving stare.

"The gentle creature was the Cat," she said,

"Though his looks appear kind, he seeks to shed,
Our blood and prey on us all,
While the bird poses no threat at all."

So remember, dear child, appearances may deceive,
And things are not always what they seem to conceive.
Never trust solely on what meets the eye,
And you'll always be safe, by and by.

157.

The Pencil Maker and the Pencil



Once upon a time, in a pencil-maker's place,
A new pencil emerged with a tiny, eager face.
The old man spoke kindly, with a smile so bright,
"Four things to remember before your worldly flight."

"From time to time, you'll face sharpening's sting,
But it's a chance to grow, like a bird taking wing.
Mistakes can be fixed, that's the second decree,
Learn from them, dear pencil, and wiser you'll be."

"Your outer shell's important, that's undeniably true,
But it's what's inside, the heart that's in you.
And remember this lesson, as you journey afar,
On every canvas, leave behind a shining star."

The little pencil nodded, its tip held up high,
Promising to remember, reaching for the sky.
With a heart full of purpose and a spirit so free,
It set out to create, as happy as can be.

So, children, take heed, from this tale so sweet,

Embrace challenges, and let your dreams take the lead.

Learn from your stumbles, shine from deep within,

Leave a mark of kindness, and let your journey begin.

158.

The Wise Sparrow and the Lost Seed



Once in a forest, full of trees so tall,
Lived Sammy Sparrow, known to help us all.
His feathers ruffled in the morning sun's ray,
He saw a lost seed, a bit sad that day.

"Dear Seed," said Sammy, with a friendly tweet,
"Why are you here, in this lonely seat?"
The seed replied, with a tiny voice, so meek,
"I've fallen, I'm lost, my future looks bleak."

"Don't fret," said Sammy, with wings so light,
"I'll find you a spot that's just right."
He picked up the seed, oh, so small,
Promising it'd grow strong and tall.

To the soil they went, by a gentle stream's flow,
Sammy planted the seed, with care to bestow.
"With water and sunshine," he cheered with delight,
"You'll become a plant, a beautiful sight!"

Months passed by, and the little seed's dream,

Blossomed and flourished, a colorful gleam.
The forest was filled with a fragrant sensation,
A flower so lovely, a grand transformation.

Animals gathered, their eyes shining bright,
They marveled at Sammy's kindness and might.
He smiled and said, with a heart so fair,
"It's helping those in need that makes life so grand."

In this tale of Sammy, the sparrow so kind,
We find that true greatness is in the heart we find.
With small acts of kindness, we light up the day,
Helping others grow, in our own special way.

159.
The Elephant King



Once in a forest, two friends did stroll,
A donkey and tiger, each with a goal.
They looked up above at the sky so wide,
But they disagreed on its color with pride.

The donkey declared, "The sky is green!"
The tiger retorted, "No, it's blue, I've seen!"
Their discussion turned heated, no solution in sight,
So they sought the wise King, full of might.

To the Elephant King, they made their plea,
To settle the matter and set them both free.
But before they reached the royal lair,
The donkey began to loudly declare.

"Your Highness, the sky's color is true,
Green it is, no doubt, just as I view!"
King Elephant replied with a knowing face,
"You're right, my dear donkey, green is the case."

With delight, the donkey danced away,

Thinking he'd won on this fine day.
He complained about the tiger, his rival,
And asked for punishment most uncivil.

King Elephant declared, "Silence for a year,
Is the punishment for the tiger to bear."
The donkey rejoiced, feeling quite proud,
As he proclaimed again, "The sky's green!" aloud.

The tiger, though silent, was perplexed inside,
For he knew the sky's hue was blue, no lie.
He approached the King, seeking clarity,
"Your Majesty, the sky's blue color is no rarity."

"Indeed, you are right," the wise King replied,
"But the lesson is not in the sky's true side.
It's about arguing with a closed-hearted soul,
A waste of time that takes a heavy toll."

"Fools and fanatics won't listen to reason,
They crave victory, no matter the season.
They ignore the truth, blinded by their pride,
Their minds are closed, shut tight and tied."

When ignorance screams, intelligence keeps quiet.
It's better to keep your inner peace, no denying it!
Don't let futile arguments bring you down,
Focus on those who are open and astound.

So the tiger learned a lesson that day,
To let go of debates that led astray.
He embraced the peace that silence brings,
And found joy in the company of wise things.

And so the fable teaches us all,
To rise above disputes, however small.
In the realm of wisdom and tranquility,
We find harmony and joy with humility.

160.

The Boy Who Grew a Dream



In a village small, a tale we'll unfurl,
Of a boy who saw magic in a barren world.
With eyes that gleamed, he ventured one day,
To transform a wasteland in his own special way.

Dry cracked earth stretched far and wide,
No signs of life, just emptiness inside.
Others had abandoned this desolate place,
But the boy, undeterred, brought a smile to his face.

He collected seeds from trees so tall,
And wildflowers that bloomed, both big and small.
With bags full of hope, he set forth with grace,
To scatter those seeds in that vast empty space.

He watered them patiently when raindrops were rare,
Nurturing dreams with love, tender care.
Six long months passed, no progress in sight,
Yet the boy held his vision, his heart shining bright.

At school, his friends mocked, couldn't comprehend,

Why he'd persist in a task with no apparent end.
But the boy, undeterred, held a vision so grand,
In his mind, he could see, the forest's green strand.

Then, a miracle happened, a tiny sprout did appear,
Breaking through the ground, a sign that was clear.
The boy knew his forest wasn't too far away,
His belief in transformation unswayed.

Neighbors and friends, they all took part,
Joining in with the planting, each played their part.
The whole community, united they'd stand,
Breathing life into the earth, shaping dreams hand in hand.

Thirty years swiftly flew by, as time tends to do,
Saplings became trees, the barren transformed into new.
A lush tapestry of life, colors bright in the day,
Animals found homes in the forest's green array.

One traveler passing, in awe, had to say,
"This forest's a wonder in every single way."
Proudly they told of the boy's steadfast devotion,
To the power of change and a heartfelt emotion.

Seeking the boy out, this traveler did roam,
Found him with family, in a place he called home.
When asked of his secret, he simply did grin,
"I believed in potential deep within."

"With patience, with love, and with tender care,
The impossible becomes possible, I'm willing to share.
So, dear one, remember this tale each day,
In challenging times, let your hope shine bright."

With these words of wisdom, the story did end,
A lesson of persistence, to every heart, it did send.
In rhyme, we've shared this tale of delight,
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