

# The Lion and the Mouse

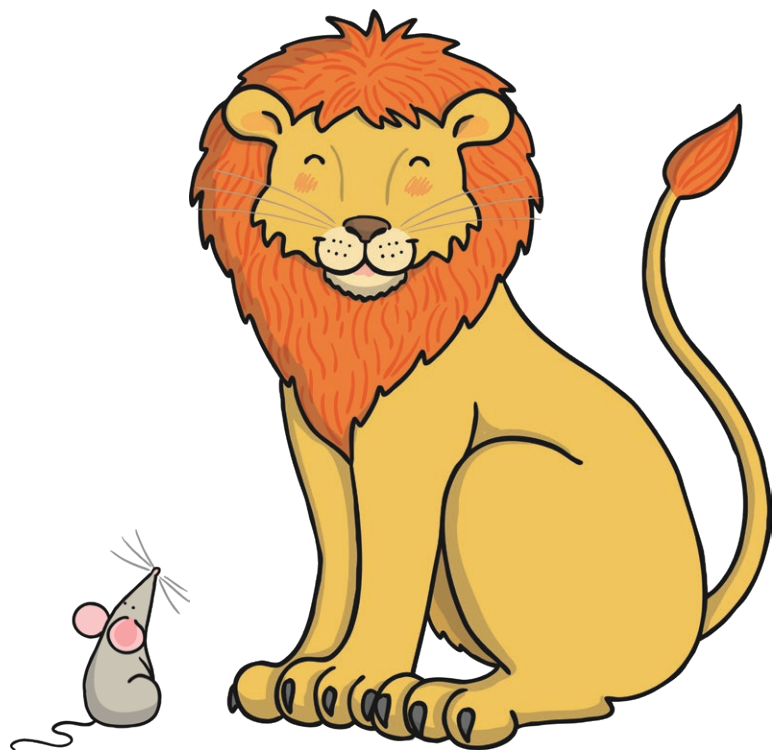
One day, a lion was asleep in the woods. A mouse came along. The mouse didn't see the lion and ran across the lion's nose. The lion woke up. He was cross with the mouse.

"You woke me up!" he roared. The mouse was scared. "Please let me go!" said the mouse. "If you let me go, I will repay you one day!" "You are funny!" said the lion. "How could a mouse help a lion?" But the lion laughed and let the mouse go home.

Some days later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He couldn't get out. The lion roared in anger. The mouse heard the lion and ran to the net. The mouse saw the lion and had an idea. She chewed on the net until it broke and the lion fell out. The lion was free.

"Even a tiny mouse can help a lion!" said the mouse. From that day on, the mouse and the lion became friends.

The moral of the story is...Kindness is never wasted.



# Questions

1. How did the mouse meet the lion?

- ☐ The mouse woke up the lion.
- ☐ The mouse nibbled the lion.
- ☐ The mouse saved the lion.
- ☐ The mouse ran and jumped on the lion.

2. How did the lion help the mouse?

- ☐ The lion saved the mouse from hunters.
- ☐ The lion let the mouse go home.
- ☐ The lion released the mouse from a net.
- ☐ The lion gave the mouse food.

3. How did the mouse help the lion?

- ☐ The mouse freed the lion from a net.
- ☐ The mouse gave the lion food.
- ☐ The mouse showed the lion a new home.
- ☐ The mouse let the lion sleep.

4. How did the lion first feel when he met the mouse?

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**Answers will vary. A sample answer is: The word “cross” means mad. I know this because the lion yelled at the mouse.**

6. How can you use this moral in your life?

**Answers will vary. A sample answer is: I can use this moral in my life by making sure I am always kind.**