

The Lion and the Mouse

From the *Pañcatantra*, a very old
collection of animal stories from India.

**Can someone
small really help
someone big?**



The *Pañcatantra* is a collection of animal stories. It teaches lessons about life.

Friendship

Behavior

Wisdom

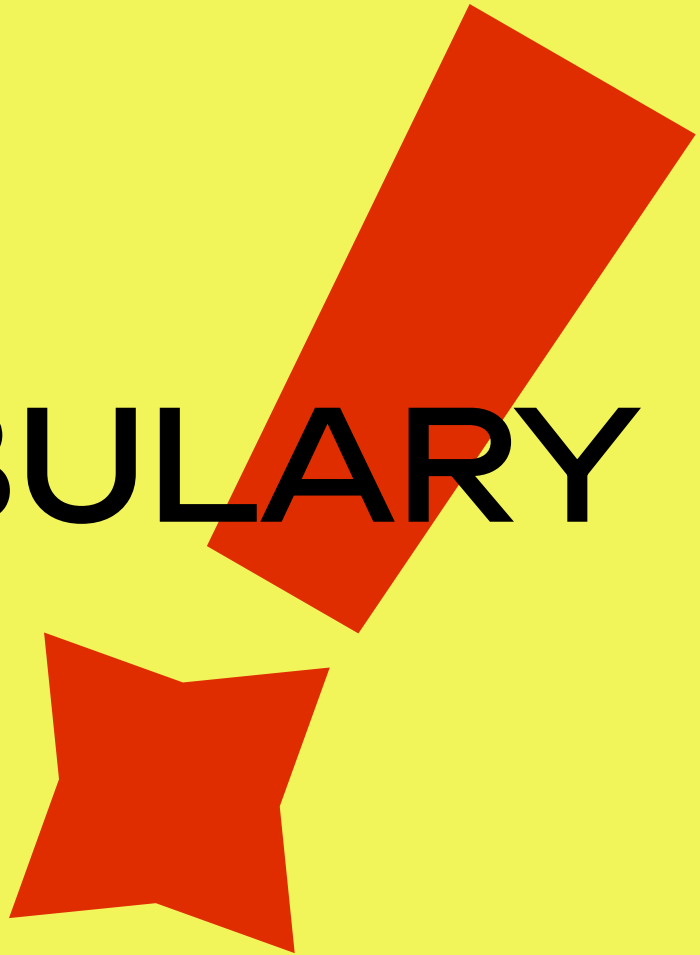
Fable with animals

Meet the Characters

What do you think
happens when they
meet?

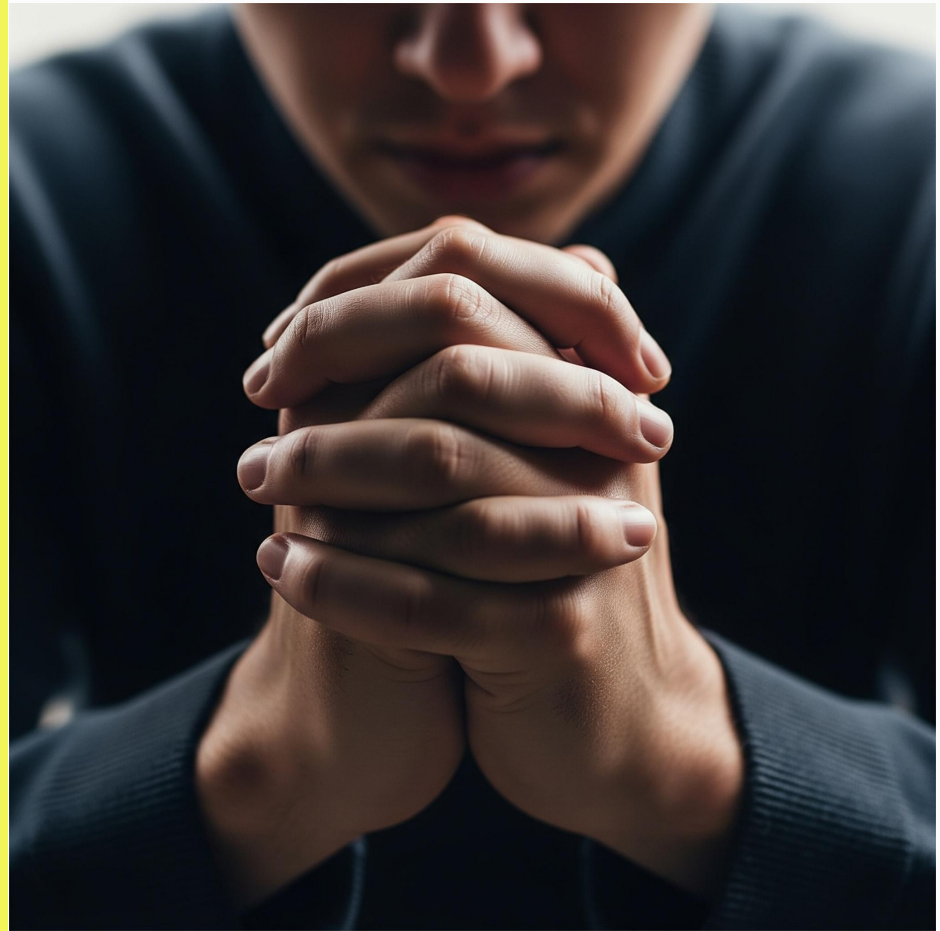
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- The Mouse

KEY VOCABULARY



Plead

To ask or beg for something



Entangled

stuck or twisted in
something like
ropes or nets



Gnaw

To chew or bite something with teeth.



Loyalty

Being faithful to a person or friend



Kindness

Being caring or nice
to others



Pre-reading: What makes someone a true friend? Have you ever made a promise that seemed hard to keep?

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During reading: Why
did the lion laugh at
the mouse at first?

During reading: Why
did the mouse come
back?

During reading: What
does the story teach
us?

Post-reading

- Why did the lion let the mouse go the first time?

Post-reading

- What lesson did the lion learn by the end of the story?

Post-reading

- How did the mouse show loyalty and courage?

Connect to Your Life

- Describe a time when you helped a friend or a friend helped you.

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- Do you think being kind can make a stronger friendship than being powerful? Why?