THE TIGER AND THE TORTOISE
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The hunter is chasing the tiger through the mountains.
The tiger reaches a river and begs a tortoise to carry him across the river on his back.
The tortoise, being kindhearted, carries the tiger across the stream.
Arriving on the other bank, the tiger says, “Friend, since there is no food here and I am hungry, let me eat you.”
The tortoise withdraws into his shell and no matter how hard the tiger tries he can’t crack it open.
As each day passes, the tiger becomes hungrier. Finally, he pleads with the tortoise, “Please carry me back across the river.”
The tortoise agrees but upon reaching midstream the tortoise pushes the helpless tiger into the river.
Conceited Swallow
It is Phoenix’s birthday and birds from far and wide have come to his birthday party.
During dinner, Peacock displays his beautiful tail and invites Lark to sing a song.
Lark sings a beautiful tune. Phoenix praises him, "Lark really is a superb singer!"
This ruffles Swallow’s feathers. He says, “I am good at arithmetic. No one can count faster than me.” And following these words, he counts quickly from one to ten.
Swallow is feeling proud of himself when Sparrow steps forward and says, “Let’s have a competition and see who is the fastest.”
“One, two, three....” Swallow begins. When he reaches five, Sparrow says, “Two times five is ten.” Sparrow gets to ten first.
All the birds burst into laughter and embarrassed Swallow hides away in the bushes.
The Camel and the Wolf
The wolf has lost his way in the desert so he sits down on a dune. He is very hungry and groans desperately.
Ah, he sees a camel coming towards him. “Brother Camel, I am dog-tired. Will you please carry me across the desert?”
The wolf climbs onto the back of the camel and off they go.
Before long, the wolf has an evil thought. “Big camel, everyone knows that you are kind. I am dying of hunger so please let me eat your humps.” With these words, the wolf opens his greedy mouth.
Aware of the wolf’s intention, the camel quickly says, “But I am just now going to a fancy dinner party given by little gazelle.”
“Oh, why didn’t you mention this earlier? Old chap, let’s hurry up,” says the wolf.
The camel pretends to speed up, then suddenly he falls to the ground and rolls over, tossing the wolf into a sand pit. “Now, be patient and wait here,” says the camel as he stands up and moves away.