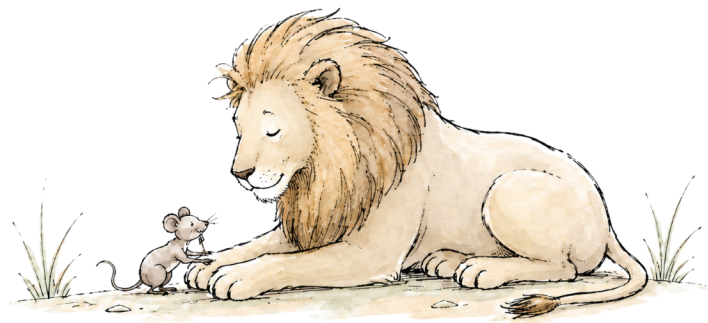


A READER'S COMPANION JOURNAL

The Lion and the Mouse

Reading Comprehension Workbook

A timeless tale to read, explore, and take to heart



Read-Aloud Friendly

A Classic Aesop Fable



Elevated Learning Lab

FABLE TWO

The Lion and the Mouse



A great lion lay sleeping in the sun when a tiny mouse scurried across his paw and woke him. Quick as a flash, the lion trapped the little creature under his claw. "Please let me go," squeaked the mouse. "One day I may help you in return." The lion laughed at the thought that such a small animal could ever help a king, but he was amused enough to lift his paw and set the mouse free. Not long after, the lion was caught in a hunter's rope net. He roared and struggled, but the more he fought, the tighter the net held him. The little mouse heard his cry and came running. With sharp, busy teeth she gnawed through the ropes, one by one, until the great lion was free. "You laughed when I said I could help you," said the mouse. "Now you see that even the smallest friend can save the strongest."

THE MORAL

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

Turn the page to begin your detective work.

STORY DETECTIVE

What Happened

1 How did the mouse wake the lion?

2 What did the mouse promise if the lion let her go?

3 Why did the lion laugh at the mouse's promise?

4 What trouble did the lion later find himself in?

5 How did the tiny mouse save the great lion?

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

THINK A LITTLE DEEPER

Big Ideas & the Moral

- 1 Why did the lion decide to let the mouse go free?

- 2 In what ways were the lion and the mouse different?

- 3 What does this fable teach us about judging others by their size?

- 4 Can you think of a time someone “small” helped in a big way?

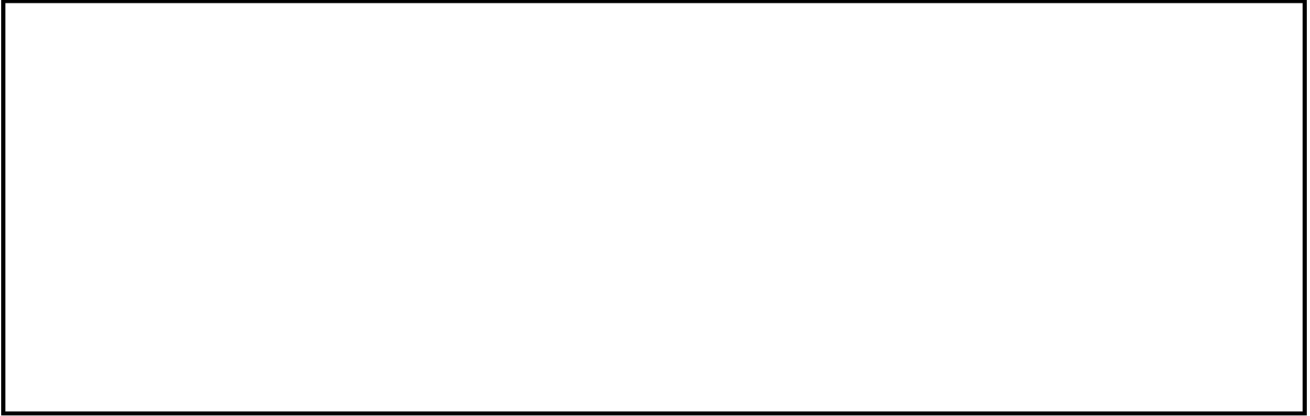


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GET CREATIVE

Make Something

Draw the mouse helping the lion get free from the net.



Write a thank-you note from the lion to the mouse.

Invent a new animal friendship like this one. Who helps whom?



THE FINE PRINT

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