

## FUMC ESL 3-28-2024 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

### The Lion and the Mouse

A huge lion sitting on the grass happened to put his foot on a tiny mouse. The mouse cried, "Help! Help! Let me out from under here!" And he **tickled** the lion's paw.

1. What did the lion step on?
2. Why did the mouse tickle the lion's paw?

The lion lifted his foot, saw the tiny mouse and held her up to his face. "Grrrrr," growled the lion.

"Please, Mr. Lion," begged the mouse, "don't eat me."

"Why shouldn't I?" asked the lion. "I'm hungry."

"I'm so little," said the mouse. "I wouldn't make much of a meal for you."

"You are right," said the lion. And he put the mouse down on the ground.

"Thank you," said the mouse as he scurried away. "I'll be glad to help YOU sometime."

"YOU help ME!" roared the lion, laughing. "That is a joke."

1. How did the mouse convince the lion not to eat her?
2. What did the mouse offer to do for the lion?

Then the lion stretched out in the shade of a tree and fell asleep. But, just as he began to snore, three wolves sneaked up and threw a heavy rope around him. Before the lion had opened his eyes he was tied securely to the tree. The wolves stole what they could carry of the lion's belongings and ran away, leaving the lion still tied to the tree. No matter how hard the lion pulled, he could not get the rope off. He could not even loosen it.

1. Where did the lion fall asleep?
2. Who sneaked up on the lion?
3. What did they put around the lion?
4. What did the wolves steal?
5. Why couldn't the lion follow the wolves?

"Help! Help!" howled the lion. When the mouse heard his cry, she ran to him.

"Don't worry, Mr. Lion," said the mouse. "I'll help you." And with her sharp teeth she bit through the heavy ropes. In no time, she had set the lion free.

"Thank you so much," said the lion, and he set out after the wolves. When he caught up with them, he threw them to the ground and took back all they had stolen from him.

"And now, my dear friend," said the lion as he returned to the mouse, "you have saved my life and my fortune, too. I see that you were not at all too small to do very big deeds!"

"My pleasure," replied the mouse proudly.

1. How did the mouse help the lion?

2. What kind of teeth did the mouse have?
3. The lion learned even a small mouse could...
4. What is the moral to this story?

### Verbs from the story

tickle	growl	cry	lift	scurry	beg
roar	stretch	snore	sneak	loosen	howl

1. A noise you make with your breathing when you are asleep is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you touch a person in a way to make them laugh, you \_\_\_\_\_ them.
3. If something is tied tight and you make it looser, you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
4. When a small animal runs with short, quick steps, we say they \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If you make a deep and very loud noise like a lion, you \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ something, you raise it up.
7. If you reach out your arms and legs before you lie down, you \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A low, threatening sound an animal makes is a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. If you \_\_\_\_\_ you have tears in your eyes.. But a \_\_\_\_\_ can also be a shout to show pain or grief.
10. If you walk in very quietly so no one knows you are coming, you \_\_\_\_\_.
11. If you ask for something in a way that show you want it very much, you \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The coyotes in the woods \_\_\_\_\_ at night.

**STRETCH:** Sometimes we use the verb "stretch" with the adverb "out". EX: I **stretched out** on the floor and fell asleep.

We sometimes go on long car trips. After a few hours riding in the car, we stop, get out and "stretch our legs."

Sometimes knit blouses get "stretched out of shape" if they are washed too many times.

### Discuss

1. When I was a child, I would beg my mother for ...
2. If I was outside at night and heard an animal growl, I would...
3. Name some things you can raise.
4. Do you like to be tickled?
5. Do you like to sneak up on people and surprise them?
6. Do you cry easily? What makes you cry?