

The Lion and the Mouse

Art Form: Drama • **Other:** Literacy

DESCRIPTION:

Have some fun reading the Fable of The Lion and the Mouse. Learn to use your facial expressions (show your feelings with your face) and gestures (show your feelings or actions with your body) as you are hearing the story.

RECOMMENDED AGE(S):

4-8 year olds

TIME TO COMPLETE:

20 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED:

▶ None

WHAT YOU DO:

1. Read the Fable Out Loud
2. As you are reading the fable, decide where you might use facial expressions and gestures to show how the characters are feeling and what they are doing. (the lion was sleeping, the mouse crawled into the cave)

The Lion and the Mouse

One day, the King of Forest, a mighty lion was sleeping in his den. A little mouse was playing nearby. The mouse quietly crawled into the cave and saw the sleeping lion. Suddenly the mouse tripped on the lion's nose. The lion woke up and was very angry the mouse had awakened him from his sleep. The lion grabbed the mouse and said, *"I'm going to eat you!"* The mouse begged the lion not to eat him and said, *"I promise one day to repay you for your kindness."* The lion laughed BUT he let the mouse go.

One day the lion went for a walk. He was hunting when a hunter's net trapped him. He struggled and roared but he could not get loose. The little mouse was nearby and heard the lion's roar. The mouse shouted, *"I will help you!"* He ran quickly and seeing the lion trapped in the net, he chewed it with his sharp teeth.

The lion was free! He told the mouse, *"Thank you for your kindness!"* Since that day he and the mouse have been the best of friends.

Moral: Whoever it is, whatever the size we should always help each other.

HOW YOU CAN SHARE:

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