

Little Bashu is Frightened

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Bashu the lion cub, Mittu the monkey and Sunny the sparrow were playing catch and run. Bashu was the denner. He



had to catch Mittu and Sunny, who were running, flying and jumping all across the playground.

Naughty little Mittu jumped onto a tree and Sunny flew up to join him. They started teasing Bashu. Little Bashu did not know how to climb trees. He would be the



denner for the whole day if he did not catch Mittu or Sunny. Oh! It would be so boring. So Bashu tried hard and somehow climbed the tree. But as soon as he reached the tree top, Mittu jumped and Sunny flew down. Bashu also tried to jump but the tree was very tall. Little Bashu was frightened and he started crying loudly.

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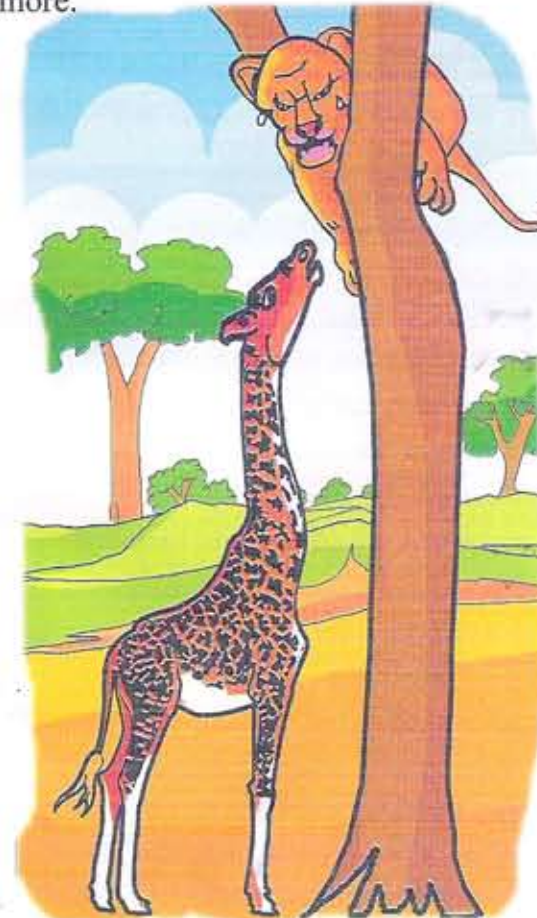


1. A watch has hands, but no fingers.
2. Rivers can run, but they have no feet.
3. A pin has a head, but no hair.
4. A clock has a face, but no mouth.
5. Needles have eyes, but they cannot see.
6. A hill has a foot, but no knee.



Mittu monkey and Sunny sparrow forgot all about the game and rushed to help Bashu. "Hold my hand Bashu and we will climb down together," said Mittu and Sunny, but Bashu would not listen. He wailed and wailed.

Sunny sparrow felt very bad. "Mittu, you be with Bashu," he said flapping his wings hard. "I will fly around quickly and get some help," he said and off he went. He met Sittu giraffe and told her about Bashu. She came to the tree on which Bashu was and tried to get him down. "I will put my neck on the branch and you slide down on it Bashu," she said, but Bashu would not listen. He wailed even more.



"Mittu, go and bring Bunny elephant," said Sittu at last. So off went Mittu jumping as fast as he could, from tree to tree. Bunny elephant came immediately. She asked Bashu to come down, but he was frightened. So Bunny elephant thought for a while and then, gently put her trunk around Bashu, lifted him off the tree and put him on the ground. Everyone cheered loud for Bunny. Bashu felt really glad to be on the ground once more. Mittu and Sunny hugged Bashu and all of them went home happily. ●

A Little Prayer



Reema Maggo,
Haryana

Oh God, make me like a flower
So silent yet so fragrant,
Oh God, make me like an ant,
So small yet so hardworking,
Oh God, make me like an elephant,
So big yet so humble,
Oh God, make me like a star,
So far yet so near,
Oh God, make me like a butterfly,
So beautiful yet so simple. ●